

COVID-19

Situational Report

Customers, partners, and employees: YKHC is here for you and your family. YKHC is making decisions related to COVID-19 based on guidance from the CDC, the State of Alaska and other experts. We are erring on the side of caution and in the best interests of our employees, customers and communities. YKHC publishes a situational report to provide accurate, timely data that communities and individuals can use to better understand the current COVID-19 conditions in the YK Delta.

During the week of September 3-9

NEW CASES	90
HOSPITALIZATIONS	1
MEDEVACS	1
DEATHS	0
ACTIVE CASES (on day of report)	122

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MEDIUM

At medium risk, individuals and communities may choose additional measures to protect people at high risk for severe illness or death, such as wearing a well-fitting mask outside your household, and screening testing to detect infection before gathering with persons at high risk for severe disease. Learn more at the CDC's website [here](https://www.cdc.gov).

Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

- Alakanuk
- Aniak
- Atmautluak
- Chefornak
- Hooper Bay
- Kasigluk
- Kongiganak
- Kwethluk
- Kwigillingok
- Mtn. Village
- Scammon Bay
- St. Mary's
- Toksook Bay

New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

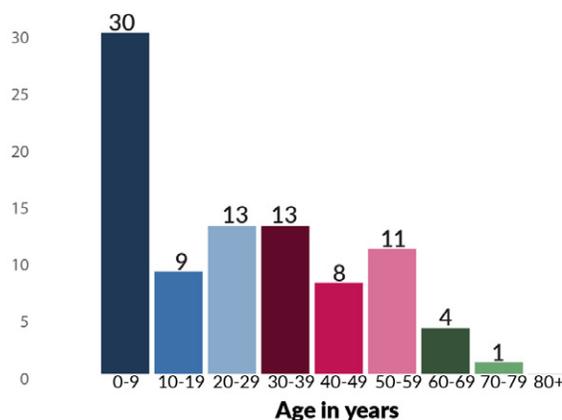
Sub-region	New cases
BETHEL	43
ANIAK	3
EMMONAK	10
HOOPER BAY	17
ST. MARY'S	11
TOKSOOK BAY	5

Cases by Community

The 90 new cases were identified in the following communities:

- Akiachak, 2
- Alakanuk, 6
- Aniak, 1
- Anvik, 1
- Atmautluak, 6
- Bethel, 23
- Chefornak, 1
- Emmonak, 4
- Hooper Bay, 14
- Kasigluk, 6
- Kipnuk, 1
- Kwethluk, 5
- Mt. Village, 7
- Nunapitchuk, 1
- St. Mary's, 4
- Toksook Bay, 4

New cases in prior 7 days, by age



Since the start of the pandemic:

TOTAL CASES	DECEASED	HOSPITALIZATIONS In-region at YKDRH	MEDEVACS To out-of-region hospital	INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED INITIAL VACCINE SERIES
18,425	52	174	48	18,673

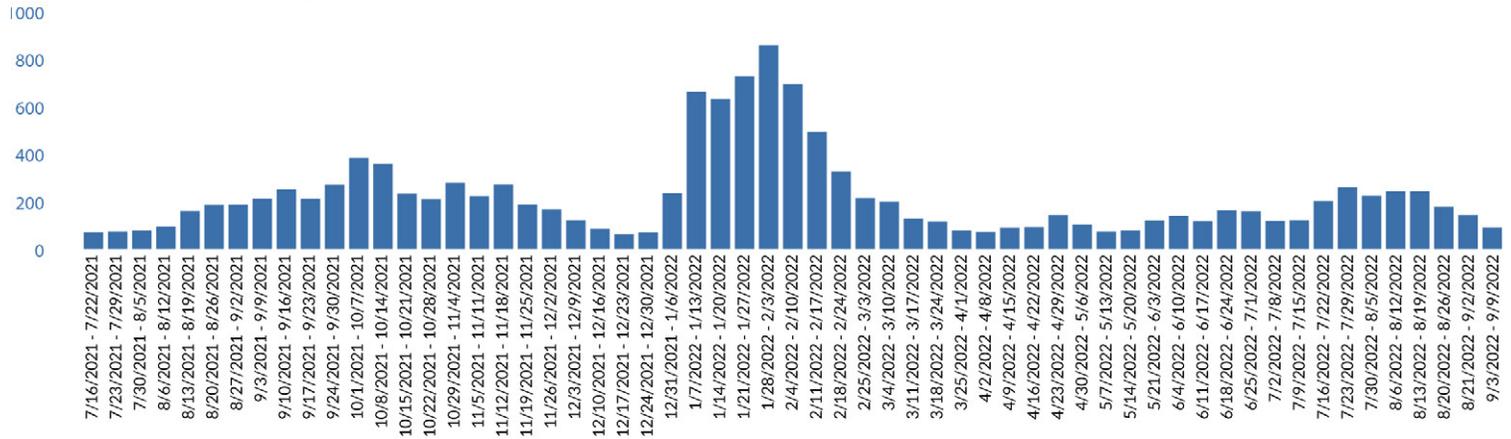
Vaccination rates by region and community available at www.ykhc.org/covid-19.

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Since the start of the Delta wave:

New COVID-19 cases by week



Vaccinations

COVID-19 vaccinations offer the most powerful protection against serious illness, hospitalization and death due to COVID-19.

YKHC strongly encourages everyone 6 months and older to get vaccinated against COVID-19 and everyone ages 5 and older to stay up-to-date on their COVID-19 vaccinations. To learn more, visit www.ykhc.org/vaccine.

To sign up for a vaccine or booster: **In villages**, call 907-543-6420. **In Bethel**, call 907-543-6949.



Testing

If you tested positive for COVID-19 on an at-home test, please call YKHC Contact Tracing team at 907-543-6420, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, to report your positive result.

For COVID-19 testing **in villages**, call your clinic.

In Bethel, testing is available without an appointment on the first floor of the hospital. Binax tests are offered 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. PCR tests are available in the same location by request only during the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Please enter through the main entrance of the hospital.

Announcements

On September 1, the CDC approved the use of updated, bivalent boosters to protect individuals from severe illness caused by COVID-19.

YKHC was approved to receive both the Pfizer and Moderna bivalent boosters. These vaccines can only be used for boosters; they cannot be used for a primary vaccination series. The Pfizer bivalent booster is recommended for people ages 12 and older and the Moderna bivalent booster for people ages 18 and older. Individuals are eligible for a bivalent booster if they received the last dose of a primary vaccine series or a prior booster at least two months ago. It is also recommended individuals get boosted three months after their most recent COVID-infection.

Pending receipt of our vaccine order, YKHC will begin a COVID-19 bivalent booster clinic in Bethel on Tuesday, September 13, running through September 27. Vaccinations will be available by appointment in our Wellness Center Monday-Friday between 2:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday between 2:00-5:00 p.m. Customers can make an appointment by calling 907-543-6949.

Pfizer bivalent boosters will be offered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Moderna bivalent boosters will be offered Tuesday and Thursday. Both types will be available on Saturdays.



Resources

YKHC COVID-19 page: www.ykhc.org/covid-19

State of Alaska COVID-19 page: covid19.alaska.gov

CDC COVID-19 page: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov



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