

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 24-30

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| NEW CASES | 45 |
| HOSPITALIZATIONS | 1 |
| MEDEVACS | 0 |
| DEATHS | 0 |
| ACTIVE CASES (on day of report) | 48 |

COVID-19 Level

LOW

At low risk, individuals should stay up to date on vaccinations, including booster doses, and get tested for COVID-19 if they exhibit symptoms. Individuals should follow CDC guidance on isolation and precautions. Those who are at high risk of getting severely ill should talk with a healthcare provider about additional preventative measures they can take. Learn more at the CDC's website [here](https://www.cdc.gov).

Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

- Atmautluak
- Crooked Creek
- Emmonak
- Grayling
- Holy Cross
- Hooper Bay
- Kipnuk
- Kwethluk
- Scammon Bay

New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

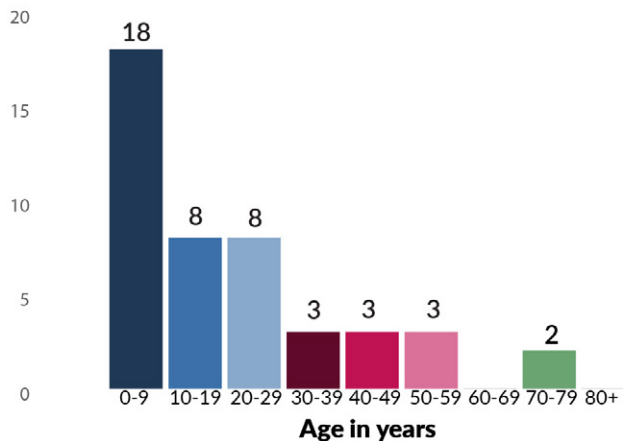
| Sub-region | New cases |
|-------------|-----------|
| BETHEL | 12 |
| ANIAK | 11 |
| EMMONAK | 5 |
| HOOPER BAY | 14 |
| ST. MARY'S | 3 |
| TOKSOOK BAY | 0 |

Cases by Community

The 45 new cases were identified in the following communities:

- Alakanuk, 2
- Aniak, 1
- Atmautluak, 5
- Bethel, 9
- Holy Cross, 2
- Hooper Bay, 7
- Kalskag, 1
- Kasigluk, 1
- Kipnuk, 1
- Kwethluk, 6
- Napakiak, 2
- Quinhagak, 2
- Scammon Bay, 1

New cases in prior 7 days, by age



Since the start of the pandemic:

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| TOTAL CASES | DECEASED | HOSPITALIZATIONS In-region at YKDRH | MEDEVACS To out-of-region hospital | INDIVIDUALS COMPLETED INITIAL VACCINE SERIES |
| 18,586 | 53 | 176 | 48 | 18,673 |

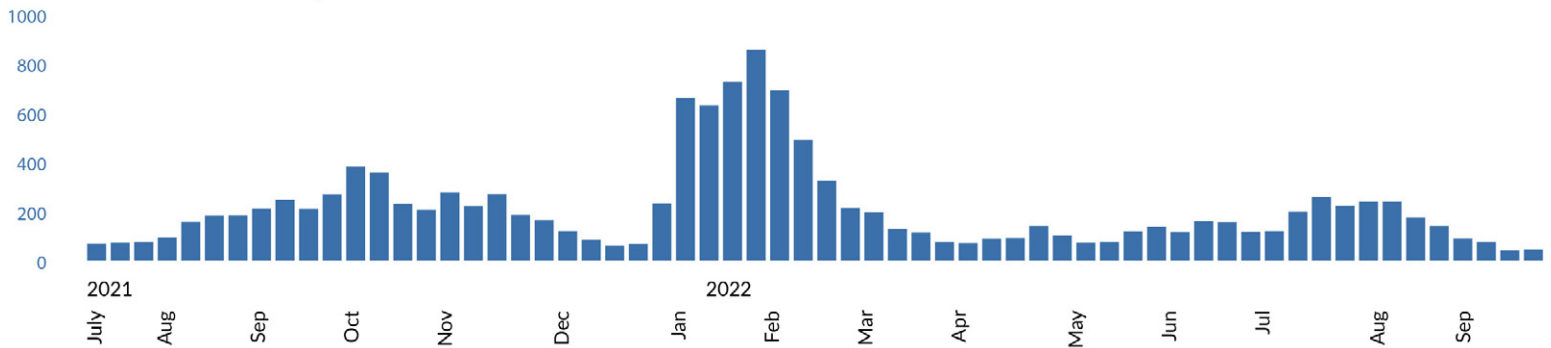
Vaccination rates by region and community available at www.ykhc.org/covid-19.

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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.



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



Contact

YKHC Public Relations: publicrelations@ykhc.org

COVID-19 response line: 907-543-6949

Currently staffed Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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.

To get a bivalent booster in Bethel, call 907-543-6949 to schedule an appointment. Appointments are recommended and available Monday through Friday 2–7 p.m. Primary series vaccinations for unvaccinated individuals are available from 1–2 p.m.

Pfizer bivalent boosters will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday for ages 12 and older. Moderna bivalent booster will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday for ages 18 and older.

In villages, call your local or sub-regional clinic to get your name on the list for a bivalent booster, to ensure your clinic orders the right amount of vaccine for your community. If your local clinic does not have staff at this time, call 907-543-6420.