

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 October 1-7

NEW CASES	89
HOSPITALIZATIONS	0
MEDEVACS	0
DEATHS	0
ACTIVE CASES (on day of report)	97

COVID-19 Level

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](#).

Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

- Aniak
- Atmautluak
- Crooked Creek
- Emmonak
- Grayling
- Holy Cross
- Kipnuk
- Kwigillingok
- Scammon Bay

New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

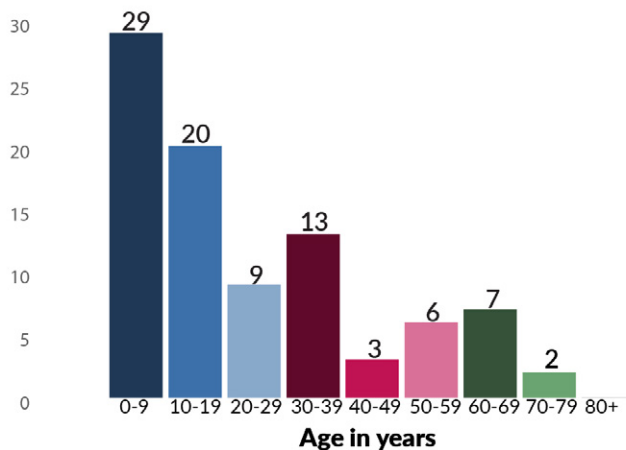
Sub-region	New cases
BETHEL	28
ANIAK	25
EMMONAK	8
HOOPER BAY	22
ST. MARY'S	3
TOKSOOK BAY	3

Cases by Community

The 89 new cases were identified in the following communities:

- Alakanuk, 2
- Aniak, 23
- Atmautluak, 7
- Bethel, 8
- Chevak, 1
- Crooked Creek, 1
- Emmonak, 6
- Kasigluk, 1
- Kipnuk, 4
- Kongiganak, 3
- Kwethluk, 2
- Lower Kalskag, 1
- Marshall, 1
- Mountain Village, 1
- Quinhagak, 1
- Scammon Bay, 21
- St. Mary's, 1
- Toksook Bay, 3
- Tuluksak, 1
- Tuntutuliak, 1

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
18,675	54	176	48	18,673

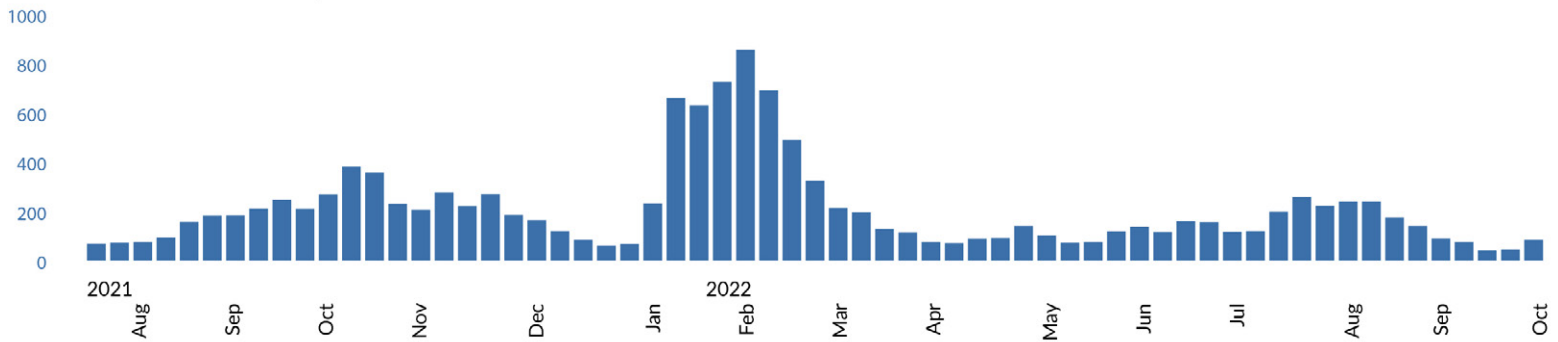
Vaccination rates by region and community available at www.ykhc.org/covid-19.

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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 your local clinic 907-543-6420. **In Bethel**, call 907-543-6949 or visit the Wellness Clinic on the second floor of the hospital.



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

YKHC recommends staying [up to date](#) with your COVID-19 vaccines, *including the new bivalent booster which offers greater protection against newer variants of COVID-19*, to ensure you have the greatest protection.

Children 6 months to 11 years are eligible to receive their primary series of COVID-19 vaccinations. Children ages 5 and older may also be eligible for a monovalent booster.

Everyone ages 12 years and older should receive their primary series of COVID-19 vaccinations, as well as the updated bivalent booster, as long as it has been at least two months since their last COVID vaccine dose of either primary series or original (monovalent) booster. Even people who have received an earlier (monovalent) booster should receive the bivalent booster.

People who are moderately or severely immunocompromised have different recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines. See CDC guidance for immunocompromised individuals [here](#).

To schedule an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccination or booster in villages, call your local clinic or 907-543-6420

In Bethel, call 907-543-6949, or visit the Wellness Clinic on the second floor of the hospital. (Pfizer boosters offered Mon., Wed. and Fri. Moderna available Tues. and Thurs.)



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