

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 15–21

NEW CASES	43
HOSPITALIZATIONS	3
MEDEVACS	0
DEATHS	0
ACTIVE CASES (on day of report)	53

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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](#).

Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

- Akiachak
- Alakanuk
- Aniak
- Eek
- Kalskag
- Kipnuk
- Kwethluk
- Lower Kalskag
- Scammon Bay

New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

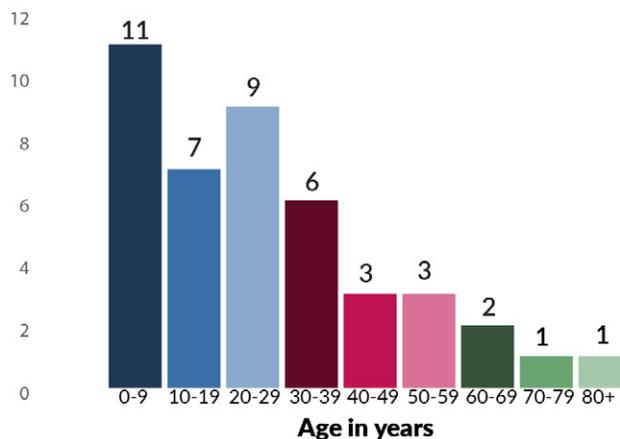
Sub-region	New cases
BETHEL	22
ANIAK	7
EMMONAK	3
HOOPER BAY	6
ST. MARY'S	5
TOKSOOK BAY	0

Cases by Community

The 43 new cases were identified in the following communities:

- Akiachak, 5
- Alakanuk, 1
- Aniak, 3
- Atmautluak, 1
- Bethel, 8
- Chuathbaluk, 1
- Emmonak, 2
- Holy Cross, 1
- Kalskag, 2
- Kasigluk, 1
- Kwethluk, 4
- Marshall, 2
- Nunapitchuk, 1
- Quinhagak, 2
- Scammon Bay, 6
- St. Mary's, 3

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
18,779	54	179	48	18,673

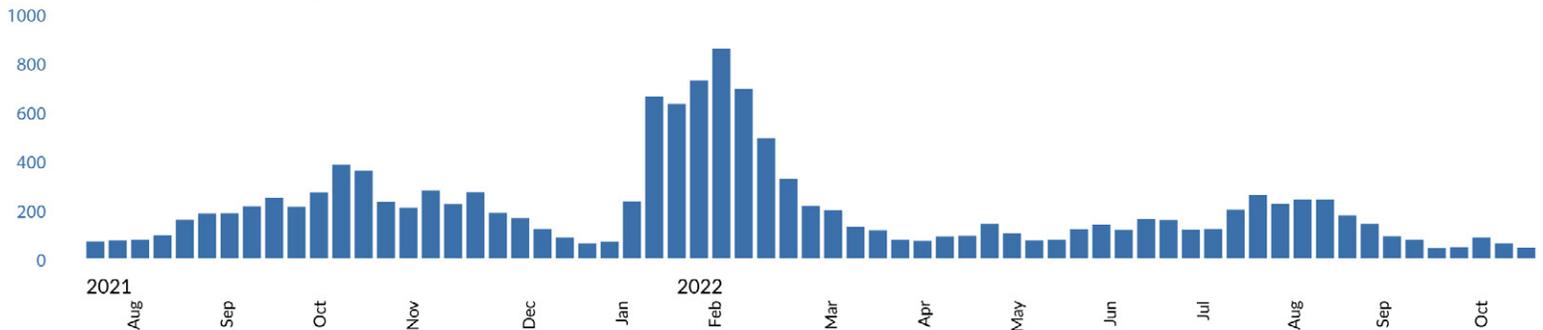
Vaccination rates by region and community available at www.ykhc.org/covid-19.

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Since the start of the Delta wave:

New COVID-19 cases by week



Vaccinations

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](#) with their boosters, including the bivalent booster if eligible. For more information, please visit the [CDC website](#).

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 1-7 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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 noon. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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

* A children's version of the new bivalent COVID-19 booster is now available for kids 5 to 11 years old who are at least two months past their last dose of their primary series vaccine or booster.

This new booster, which was authorized for people ages 12 and up in early September, offers protection against both the original virus that causes COVID-19 and newer variants. Children who have already received an earlier booster should also get this booster to ensure they have the most up-to-date protection.

YKHC will be offering the booster by appointment only to children 5 to 11 in Bethel starting Monday, October 24. Call 907-543-6949 to schedule an appointment.

YKHC is developing plans to offer the bivalent booster to kids 5 to 11 years old in villages. Parents and guardians of eligible children in villages should call their clinic to sign up children to receive the booster when it is available. In villages with clinics that are currently without staff, call 907-543-6420.