

# 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 November 5 – 11

NEW CASES	72
HOSPITALIZATIONS	1
MEDEVACS	0
DEATHS	0
ACTIVE CASES (on day of report)	66

### 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.

- Akiachak
- Hooper Bay
- Kwethluk
- Kwigillingok
- Napakiak
- Napaskiak
- Pilot Station
- Quinhagak
- Scammon Bay
- St. Mary's
- Upper Kalskag

### New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

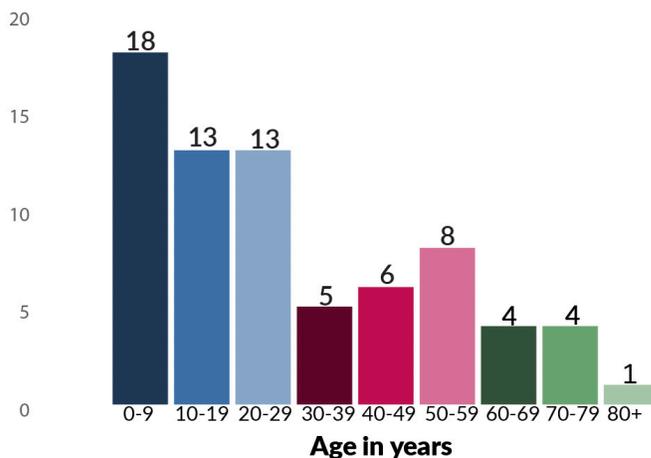
Sub-region	New cases
BETHEL	53
ANI AK	2
EMMONAK	0
HOOPER BAY	9
ST. MARY'S	7
TOKSOOK BAY	1

### Cases by Community

The 72 new cases were identified in the following communities:

- Akiachak, 1
- Ani ak, 1
- Atm autluak, 1
- Bethel, 24
- Hooper Bay, 5
- Kongiganak, 1
- Kwethluk, 3
- Kwigillingok, 8
- Lower Kalskag, 1
- Napakiak, 4
- Napaskiak, 6
- Pilot Station, 4
- Quinhagak, 5
- Scammon Bay, 4
- St. Mary's, 2
- Toksook Bay, 1
- YKHC Service Area Village, 1

### New cases in prior 7 days, by age



### Since the start of the pandemic:

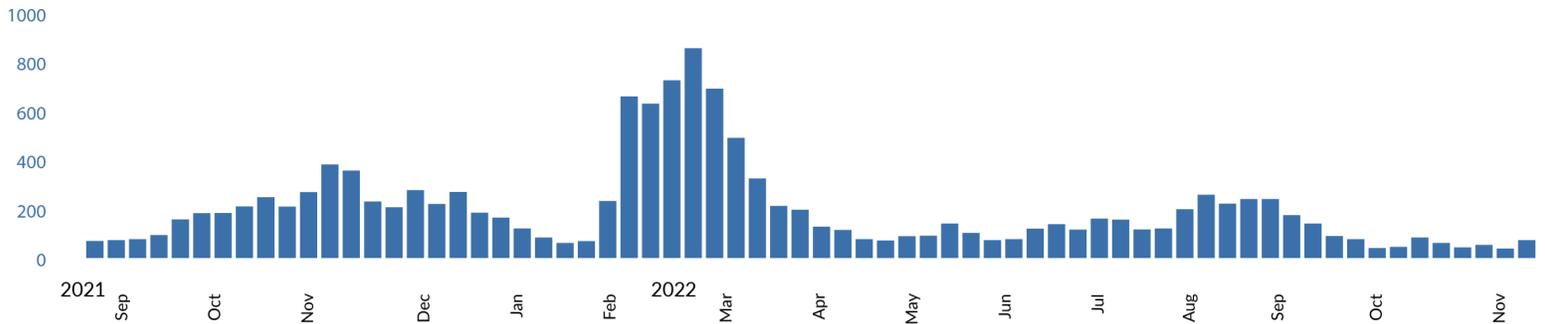
TOTAL CASES	DECEASED	HOSPITALIZATIONS In region at YKDRH	MEDEVACS To out-of-region hospital
<b>18,942</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>49</b>

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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

Effective October 31, YKHC has closed the in-hospital COVID-19 binax testing clinic. Instead, home tests are available upon request at both hospital entrance desks. Please note, certain in-clinic COVID-testing requirements continue.

For testing in villages, please call your clinic.

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

### Announcements

Following updated [CDC guidelines](#), YKHC ended in-person COVID-symptom screening at all Bethel hospital entrances. In lieu of this screening, YKHC will post signage that announces current community transmission risk level and related masking recommendations and requirements while in the facility. To learn more about COVID Community Levels, visit the CDC site [here](#).

Also, per CDC guidelines, masks will be required for all persons who have:

- 1) a positive test
- 2) symptoms of COVID-19, or
- 3) are a close contact with someone with COVID-19 or a higher-risk exposure for health-care personnel (HCP).



### Resources

YKHC COVID-19 page: [www.ykhc.org/covid-19](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19)

State of Alaska COVID-19 page: [covid19.alaska.gov](http://covid19.alaska.gov)

CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)



### Contact

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