

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 December 17 – 23

New Cases	53
Hospitalizations	0
Medevacs	0
Deaths	1
Active Cases	71
On day of report	

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](#).

New cases in prior 7 days, by sub-region

Sub-region	New cases
Bethel	48
Aniak	2
Emmonak	0
Hooper Bay	0
St. Mary's	3
Toksook Bay	0

Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

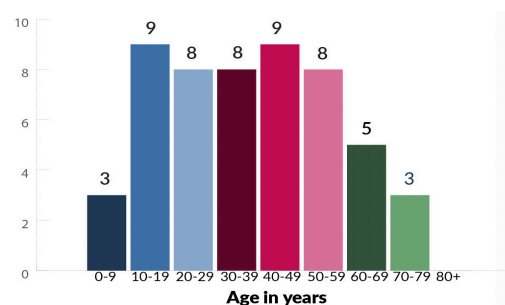
- Akiachak
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- Eek
- Kasigluk
- Kipnuk
- Kongiganak
- Kwethluk

Cases by Community

The 53 new cases were identified in the following communities:

Akiachak, 10	Kongiganak, 3
Akiak, 4	Marshall, 1
Aniak, 1	Pilot Station, 1
Bethel, 1	St. Mary's, 1
Eek, 14	Tuntutuliak, 1
Kasigluk, 13	YKHC service area village, 1
Kipnuk, 2	

New cases in prior 7 days, by age

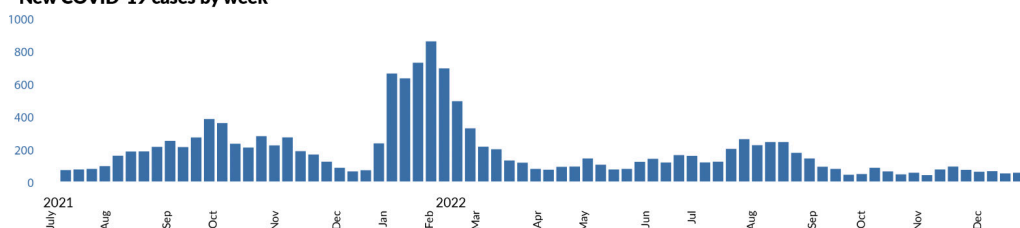


Since the start of the pandemic:

Total Cases	19,324
Deceased	55
Hospitalizations	182
In region at YKDRH	
Medevacs	48
To out-of-region hospital	

Since the start of the Delta wave:

New COVID-19 cases by week



Announcements

Stay boosted! In September, the CDC authorized a new COVID-19 booster, intended to better protect individuals from newer variants. This shot is recommended in addition to previous boosters. Most people ages 5 and older now qualify to receive this new booster and the extra protection it provides against serious illness.

Testing

If you have symptoms of COVID-19, including coughing, fever, body aches, new loss of taste or smell, you should be tested for COVID-19.

For testing in villages, please call your clinic.

In Bethel, at-home tests are available upon request at both hospital entrance desks. Please note, certain in-clinic COVID-testing requirements continue.

If you test 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.

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.



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 Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.