

# 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 24 – 30

<b>New Cases</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>Hospitalizations</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Medevacs</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Deaths</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Active Cases On day of report</b>	<b>57</b>

### COVID-19 Level



**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. Learn more at the CDC's website [here](#).

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

Sub-region	New cases
Bethel	37
Aniak	0
Emmonak	0
Hooper Bay	2
St. Mary's	1
Toksook Bay	0

### Community Spread

The communities listed below are experiencing widespread community transmission.

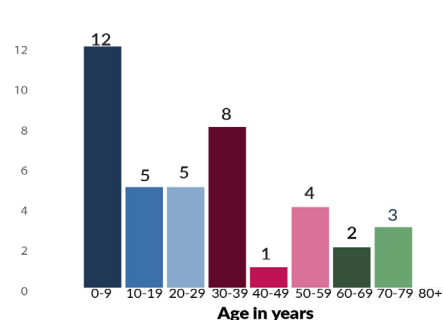
- Akiachak
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- EEK
- Kasigluk
- Kongiganak
- Kwethluk

### Cases by Community

The 40 new cases were identified in the following communities:

Akiachak, 13	Kwethluk, 10
Atmautluak, 1	Nunapitchuk, 1
Bethel, 2	Pilot Station, 1
EEK, 1	Quinhagak, 1
Kasigluk, 4	Scammon Bay, 2
Kipnuk, 2	
Kongiganak, 2	

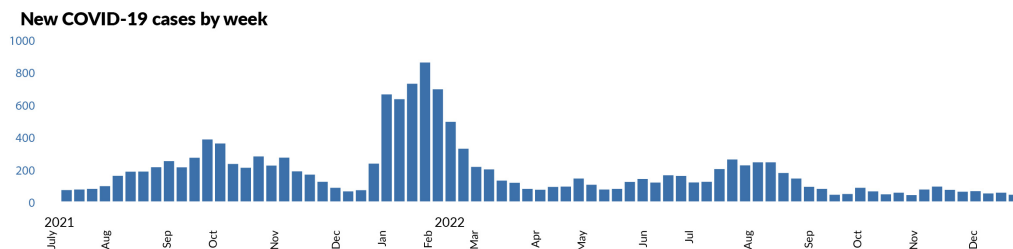
### New cases in prior 7 days, by age



## Since the start of the pandemic:

<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>19,364</b>
<b>Deceased</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>Hospitalizations In region at YKDRH</b>	<b>182</b>
<b>Medevacs To out-of-region hospital</b>	<b>48</b>

## Since the start of the Delta wave:



### Announcements

**Stay boosted!** In September 2022, 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](http://www.ykhc.org/covid-19)
- State of Alaska COVID-19 page: [covid19.alaska.gov](https://covid19.alaska.gov)
- CDC COVID-19 page: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov)



### Contact

- YKHC Public Relations: [publicrelations@ykhc.org](mailto:publicrelations@ykhc.org)
- COVID-19 response line: 907-543-6949
- Currently staffed Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.