Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization

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The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has notified the Kodiak Emergency Operations Center of a positive test result for COVID-19 related to the Kodiak Island Borough.

One (1) new case has been reported of a Kodiak Island resident who is currently off island. Staff from the Department of Public Health are conducting a contact investigation and will remain in contact with the individual to ensure self-isolation and care. **This brings the case count to 61 for Kodiak Island; one case is classified as active locally.**

Update: Investigation into the recent outbreak of COVID-19 cases among seafood industry workers in Alitak revealed that four (4) of those people were residents of the Kodiak Island Borough; all of those cases have been removed from isolation status and the Kodiak dashboard has been updated to reflect this data.

Please be reminded: IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK OR SUSPECT THAT YOU MAY BE INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS that causes COVID-19, you should remain at home and contact your health care provider; you should also take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

If you are not sick, please continue to take precautionary measures to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles) using a regular household detergent and water.
- Keep your circles small and social gatherings limited
- Wear a mask/face covering when out in public
- Maintain social distancing (keep six feet of distance between you and others) when out in public.

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