



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 positive test results for COVID-19 associated with the Kodiak Island Borough.

Seven (7) new cases have been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough.

Two resident cases were identified on the afternoon of Friday, October 2nd. Transmission of these cases is being investigated.

Four cases were identified on Saturday, October 3rd. Of these four cases, three were close contacts of a positive case announced last week. These three individuals had been in quarantine prior to testing positive, and will remain in isolation. The fourth was a resident community spread case.

One additional case was identified this morning, and is a resident close contact of a previous case.

All seven individuals are in isolation. Close contacts of these individuals have been identified and contacted by Public Health. Staff from the Department of Public Health will remain in contact with the individuals to ensure self-isolation and care. **This brings the case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to ninety (90); sixteen (16) cases are currently classified as active locally.**

Wear a mask/face covering when out in public.

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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