



Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization



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The Kodiak Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has announced over 30 positive COVID cases in the past week, some of those cases were contracted through travel and many are classified as community spread.

Due to the number of cases recently announced and the potential for community spread of this virus to become out of control, the Kodiak Emergency Services Council met to assess the community risk level. With the information available the determination is to change the community risk level to **Yellow**, which is described by low to medium levels of community spread. **While in yellow status, there are to be no gatherings of more than 20 people without the ability to maintain social distance; and face coverings are highly recommended.**

The EOC will continue to monitor our community's health and report any significant changes. We are hopeful that community members will be cooperative in taking extra precautions to put the brakes on this community spread so that we can go back to green.

We ask the community of Kodiak to continue to take the following steps to help prevent the disease from further spreading to people in your home and our community:

- **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.**
- If you are not sick, please continue to take these precautionary measures to stay healthy:
 - **Wear a mask/face covering when out in public**
 - **Keep your circles small and social gatherings limited**
 - **Maintain social distancing (six feet of distance between you and others) when out in public**
 - **If you travel off-island, you should quarantine for a few days after you return and test before resuming normal activities to make sure you are not carrying the virus.**
 - 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.
 - Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles) using a regular household detergent and water.

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