



Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization



KODIAK, ALASKA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 21, 2020

The Kodiak EOC is unable to report new cases at this time, as local Public Health staff are working to compile new case information received over the weekend. Updated information will be provided in the EOC report tomorrow, December 22, 2020.

To date, there have been a total number of thirty-four (34) local hospitalizations and five (5) deaths associated with COVID-19; five (5) patients are currently hospitalized in Kodiak, and one individual was recently transported off island for a higher level of care.

The Kodiak Pandemic Plan Phase 5 – Kodiak Island Borough Businesses and Activities Restrictions limiting indoor capacity to 25% has been extended, and will remain in effect through January 15, 2021.

This holiday season, take a moment to consider how you might modify your plans to help keep your friends, family, and fellow community members safe. Be mindful of the people included in your social bubble, limit gatherings to only members of your household if possible, consider small socially-distanced outdoor gatherings, and remember to wear a mask.

DHSS is urging anyone who receives a positive test result to notify their own close contacts as soon as possible so individuals can quarantine without delay. Once notified, close contacts should immediately quarantine and follow CDC guidance for quarantine options.

The COVID-19 virus is highly contagious and continues to spread in our community; please take appropriate precautions to keep yourself and our community healthy.

- **Wear a mask when in public; there is a mask mandate in effect.**
- **Stay home if you are not feeling well!**
- **When planning travel, plan for a few days off at home and testing before returning to normal activities in case you have carried the virus with you.**
- **Limit social gatherings and maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others who are not in your household.**

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