



## Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization



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### **KODIAK, ALASKA, FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: June 3, 2020**

We have received information from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that there has been a positive test result for COVID-19 in Kodiak. This is the second known case in Kodiak.

The individual is a non-resident traveler who arrived in Kodiak on Monday, June 1, 2020. This individual followed all appropriate precautions by wearing a mask while traveling, isolating and testing upon arrival.

Kodiak Public Health officials have made contact with this individual and will continue to monitor their condition to ensure continued self-isolation and care. Public Health officials have also performed a contact investigation and reached out to any person who may have come into close contact with this individual. If you have not been contacted it means that any contact you may have had with the patient does not pose a significant risk to your health.

We would like to assure the public that we are closely monitoring the spread of COVID-19 in our community and will re-issue a Hunker Down proclamation should the spread be too much for the local health providers to manage. At this time, we do not see a need to issue the Hunker Down proclamation.

We continue to encourage our citizens to follow the Centers for Disease Control ([www.CDC.gov](http://www.CDC.gov)) recommendations for precautionary measures.

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. Additional information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at [www.coronavirus.alaska.gov](http://www.coronavirus.alaska.gov).

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 going to 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.
- Avoid visiting public places as much as possible
- Wear a mask when out in public
- Maintain social distancing (keep six feet of distance between you and others) when out in public.

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