Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization

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The Kodiak Emergency Operations Center has been notified 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 (2) cases are Kodiak Island residents who are close contacts of previously announced cases.**

> **Five (5) cases are Kodiak Island residents whose contraction of the virus is general community spread.**

Contact tracing investigation is underway. Healthcare staff will remain in contact with the individuals to ensure continued self-isolation and care. **This brings the case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to one hundred and ninety-two (192); forty-five (45) cases are currently classified as active. A review of case records revealed one travel related case form October 27ᵗʰ that was not previously announced and is now reflected in the total case count.**

If you aren't feeling well, please stay home!

When planning travel, please also plan for a couple days off at home and testing before returning to normal activities in case you become ill.

Remember to limit social gatherings and maintain six feet of distance between yourself and others who are not in your household.

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

- Wear as mask/face covering when out in public
- Keep your social circles small and gatherings limited.
- Maintain social distancing (six feet of distancing between you and others) who are not in your household.
- 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.

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