



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.

Thirteen (13) new cases have been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough.

- **One case tested on 11/18/20, and not previously reported, is classified as community spread**
- **One case tested on 11/21/20 and is classified as community spread**
- **Eleven cases tested on 11/23/20**
 - **Five cases are close contacts of previously reported cases**
 - **Five cases are classified as community spread**
 - **One case is travel related**

This brings the case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to two hundred and forty-six (246); seventy-two (72) cases are classified as active. Eight individuals have completed their isolation period and been removed from the active list.

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has announced that the surge in COVID-19 cases has strained the public health response, creating a backlog in case and contact investigations. **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.**

The COVID-19 virus is been spreading quickly in our community, please take appropriate precautions to keep yourself and our community healthy.

- **Wear a mask when in public!**
- **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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