



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.

Fifteen (15) new cases have been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough.

- **These 15 cases were tested on 11/25/20**
 - **Two cases are travel related**
 - **Nine cases are close contacts of previously reported cases**
 - **Three cases are classified as community spread**
 - **One case is under investigation for contraction of the virus**

This brings the case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to two hundred and seventy-one (271); ninety-four (94) cases are classified as active.

There are currently three patients hospitalized for COVID-19 and the hospital has activated their surge plans, including standing up additional beds for COVID-positive patients, and cancelling most outpatient services.

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 spreading quickly 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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