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.

Twenty-seven (27) new cases have been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough.

- **Fifteen (15) were tested on 11/28/20**

- **Twelve (12) cases were tests results that were sent off-island to be processed and were received back today, 11/30/20**

- **Due to the holiday weekend, detailed information on these cases is still being obtained. A further update will be provided as soon as the information is available.**

This brings the case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to three hundred and three (303); eighty-two (82) cases are classified as active. Forty-four individuals have completed their isolation period and been removed from the active list.

The total number of local COVID-19 hospitalizations to date is seven (7); four (4) patients are currently hospitalized. 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 <u>notify their own close contacts</u> 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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