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The Kodiak Emergency Operations Center has been notified of new positive COVID-19 test results within the Kodiak Island Borough.

Sixty-three (63) new cases have been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough.
  - One (1) new case not previously reported was tested on 11/30/20 and is a close contact of a previously reported case
  - Five (5) new cases not previously reported were tested on 12/2/20
    o Four (4) cases are close contacts of previously reported cases
    o One (1) case is considered community transmission
  - Six (6) new cases not previously reported were tested on 12/3/20 and are close contacts of previously reported cases
  - Seven (7) new cases not previously reported were tested on 12/4/20
    o Five (5) cases are close contacts of previously reported cases
    o Two (2) cases are considered community transmission
  - Eight (8) cases not previously reported were tested on 12/5/20
    o Four (4) cases are travel-related
    o One (1) case is a close contact of a previously reported case
    o Three (3) cases are considered community transmission
  - One (1) case not previously reported was tested on 12/6/20 and is considered community transmission
  - Thirty-five (35) new cases were tested on 12/7/20
    o Two (2) case are travel-related
    o Twenty-three (23) cases are close contacts of previously reported cases
    o Ten (10) cases are considered community transmission

This brings the case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to five hundred and forty-one (541); two hundred and twenty-four (224) cases are classified as active locally.

To date, locally, there have been a total number of nineteen (19) hospitalizations and two (2) deaths associated with COVID-19; six (6) patients are currently hospitalized in Kodiak, and one patient was transported off-island yesterday for a higher level of care.

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.

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