



Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization



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

Twelve (12) new cases have been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough.

- **One (1) new case was tested on 12/9/20**
 - **One (1) case is a close contact of a previously reported case**
- **One (1) new case was tested on 12/15/20**
 - **One (1) case is a close contact of a previously reported case**
- **Six (6) new cases were tested on 12/17/20**
 - **Two (2) cases are travel related**
 - **Three (3) cases are close contacts of previously reported cases**
 - **One (1) case is considered community transmission**
- **Four (4) new cases were tested on 12/18/20**
 - **One (1) case is travel related**
 - **Three (3) cases are close contacts of previously reported cases**

Sadly, one new death has been reported for the Kodiak community. Our hearts go out to their family and loved ones.

This brings the current case count associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to seven hundred eighty-three (783); one hundred and fifty-eight (158) cases are classified as active locally.

To date, there have been a total number of thirty-three (33) local hospitalizations and five (5) deaths associated with COVID-19; six (6) patients are currently hospitalized in Kodiak.

As we move into the holiday season, take a moment to consider how you might modify your plans to help keep your friends, family, and fellow community members safe. Be mindful of the people included in your social bubble, limit gatherings to only members of your household if possible, consider small socially-distanced outdoor gatherings, and remember to wear a mask.

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. Once notified, close contacts should immediately quarantine and follow CDC guidance for quarantine options.

The COVID-19 virus continues to spread in our community; please take appropriate precautions to keep yourself and our community healthy.

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