



BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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TWO (2) INDIVIDUALS TEST POSITIVE

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – Two new positive cases of COVID-19 was reported by the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation in the Dillingham Census area on October 14, 2020.

The COVID-19 positive individuals are residents of the Dillingham Census area. They traveled out of the region recently. The two residents are on quarantine at home. As per normal procedure, Alaska State Epidemiology Public Health Team has been notified and is beginning contact tracing and follow up for this positive individual.

As we have recently seen more COVID-19 case counts, it is an important reminder to remain diligent in our practices of continued protections to reduce exposures to COVID-19. Remember, the most important ways to protect yourself and your family include: to quarantine for 14 days after travel; continue wearing masks, especially when having close contact with others; practice social distancing that includes maintaining six feet distance from others if and when possible; avoid unnecessary interactions with others outside your home when possible; and practice frequent hand washing.

Additionally, BBAHC continues to encourage individuals requiring COVID-19 testing, including travelers or those needing to comply with local travel mandates to use state public testing. Some walk-up testing options include:

- Dillingham airport, seven days a week from 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm;
- Anchorage International Airport; or
- Camai Community Health Clinic – Leader Creek testing site in Naknek on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

COVID-19 rapid testing at Kanakanak Hospital and village clinics with testing capabilities is prioritized on a risk-based methodology for patients with the following:

- urgent medical situations;
- state confirmed high risk exposures; or
- prior to medical procedures requiring negative COVID-19 results.

The rapid testing capacity provides a result within 24-48 hours, which allows BBAHC's medical providers to deliver the best care possible for those with urgent medical needs.

We appreciate the continued collaboration with the Alaska State Epidemiology Public Health Team, City of Dillingham, local village leadership, and the village health clinics within the Bristol Bay region to provide quality care to all.

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