



Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization



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The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services has notified the Kodiak Emergency Operations Center of a positive test result for COVID-19 associated with the Kodiak Island Borough.

One (1) new case has been reported for the Kodiak Island Borough. This case is a resident and close contact of a previously reported case. This case was reported to the Kodiak Emergency Operations Center in the late evening of Friday, September 4, 2020. Following established reporting procedures, and in light of the Federal Holiday on Monday, this case is being reported to the public today. Staff from the Department of Public Health have conducted a contact investigation and will remain in contact with the individual to ensure self-isolation and care. **This brings the case counts associated with the Kodiak Island Borough to seventy (70); five (5) cases are currently classified as active locally.**

Due to an error in test reporting, the State has incorrectly designated Kodiak as being in the red “high risk” category. Local Public Health officials are working with staff from the State Department of Health to correct this error.

Please be reminded: IF YOU ARE FEELING SICK OR SUSPECT THAT YOU MAY BE INFECTED WITH THE VIRUS that causes COVID-19, you should remain at home and contact your health care provider; you should also take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community.

If you are not sick, please continue to take precautionary measures to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles) using a regular household detergent and water.
- Keep your circles small and social gatherings limited
- Wear a mask/face covering when out in public
- Maintain social distancing (keep six feet of distance between you and others) when out in public.

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