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First Covid-19 Test Reported

Yakutat Incident Command received confirmation from Yakutat Community Health Center (YCHC) reporting its first positive test results for COVID-19 on Thursday July 23, 2020. The YCHC wants to inform the Yakutat Citizens that they are working the contact tracing of the positive Covid-19 patient.

If anyone is showing signs and symptoms of the Covid 19 please self-quarantine and contact YCHC on directions of when you will be seen. If you are a person of contact by the Covid-19 patient you will be contacted by the YCHC and informed when you can come to the Clinic for testing. Any person that has been in contact with the positive Covid-19 Patient: WILL BE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW THE CDC & STATE OF ALASKA GUIDELINES. TESTED AND QUARANTINE UNTIL RESULTS OR SELF QUARATINE FOR UP TO 14 DAYS or any other guideline.

Please see Attached YCHC Press Release for Directions

Health authorities are working cooperatively to complete contract tracing of the patient.
Residents and visitors are encouraged to monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms which include a fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, and any new onset of illness.
If you believe you have even mild symptoms, contact YCHC for screening and closely follow their instructions.
If anyone is showing signs or symptoms of the coronavirus, please self-quarantine and immediately contact
YCHC
Remember to call ahead before going to the health clinic.
The local medical team will continue to provide the best possible care for you and our community.
Please be aware that if you have had direct contact with any person who tests positive for covid-19, you are required to follow the State of Alaska mandate and guidelines that require you to quarantine until you have received two subsequent negative tests.
We recognize this latest development may create additional stress and uncertainty among local residents.

The Unified Command and public health officials continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing course of COVID-19. We remain committed to providing information, support and resources to protect the health, safety and well-being of Yakutat residents and visitors.
Please remain respectful and kind to one another during this time

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PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Thursday July 23, 2020 at 12:00 PM

Yakutat Community Health Center Limits Outpatient Services in Response to First Confirmed COVID-19 Case:

YAKUTAT, AK (July 23, 2020) – The Yakutat Community Health Center (YCHC) confirmed today Yakutat's first positive case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Yakutat Community Health Center is coordinating closely with the Incident Command center to continue preventive efforts. The individual has not been hospitalized and is isolating at home. We are asking everyone to please take all precautions and to isolate and maintain a six feet distance from persons not in your household. **Health Officials at YCHC and DHSS are investigating the case to identify a source and conduct contact tracing. A Health Official representative will notify persons who may have come in close contact with the individual. If you are contacted you will be asked to complete a rapid test at the clinic location (outside in the parking lot). Please note that a COVID hotline has been created, please call 784-3010 with questions.**

YCHC will continue hosting COVID testing in the clinic parking lot. Please watch for notices as we will begin community testing today.

Due to this positive case, our health center is returning to the urgent care model. **This means that providers are still available on-call 24 hours per day for emergent needs, however regular outpatient visits will be canceled.**

Please continue to take precautionary measures to stay healthy:

- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.**
- **Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough or sneeze into your elbow.**
- **Clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and objects frequently (tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, cabinet handles) using soap and water to clean; and bleach water to disinfect (use 4 tsp bleach to 1 quart of water)**
- **Wear a mask when out in public when you cannot ensure six feet of social distancing as this could minimize the spread of COVID-19.**
- **Continue to socially distance. This means protecting you and your household members from getting sick. Avoid breaking your home bubble of protection.**
- **Monitor your health and that of your household members and call the COVID hotline with any questions.**

YCHC encourages the community to continue following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations, such as handwashing, social distancing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces daily.

If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, you should take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through DHSS at coronavirus.alaska.gov

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YCHC COVID HOTLINE: ***784-3010***
YCHC COVID News: www.yaktuathealth.org/covidnews
Center for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/events-as-they-happen
AK State Infections Disease Program: http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/default.aspx

YTHB President Cathy Bremner and YCHC Executive Health Director Rhoda Jensen approved this message.

Our Mission is to empower our community to thrive physically, mentally and spiritually.

Our work is guided by traditional values of: Listening with respect, Working together, Responsibility and Care of Self, Inclusivity and Fairness, and Living in Peace and Harmony.