



NEWS RELEASE

Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update – No. 1

Emergency Services Director Urges Kodiak Residents to Be Informed about Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Kodiak, Alaska —As of March 2, 2020, there are no confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19 in Kodiak or the State of Alaska.

Currently, the best defense against COVID-19 is proper hygiene and calling your health care provider if you have concerns about you or a family member being ill.

Everyday preventative actions that Kodiak residents can take to stay healthy include:

- Stay home when you are sick
- If you develop a fever and cough/ shortness of breath, call a health care provider or the Emergency Department for instructions
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of tissue immediately
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds – Use at least a 60% alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects
- Stay current with influenza vaccination

The Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization is working with federal, state, and local partners including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We urge the public to remain calm, stay informed by reputable new sources, and we will share more as we are updated at the state and federal level.

For the most updated information on this outbreak please visit: [CDC COVID-19](https://www.cdc.gov/covid-19)

For further information, contact Francis De la Fuente, Public Information Officer at 486-8000.

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