



Kodiak Area Emergency Services Organization



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COVID-19 | POSITIVE CASE IN KODIAK

We have received information from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that there has been a positive test result for COVID-19 in Kodiak. The individual is not acutely ill and is staying at home.

Kodiak Public Health officials have made contact with this individual and will continue to monitor the condition to ensure continued self-isolation. Public Health officials will initiate a contact investigation and reach out to any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and isolate additional persons as appropriate.

We want to assure the public that we are working closely with Kodiak Public Health to identify anyone who may be at risk for having contact with this individual. We will keep the public informed of any information that is needed for community health and safety.

We also want to encourage our citizens to continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for precautionary measures such as handwashing, social distancing and mask wearing in public which can be found at www.CDC.gov.

If you are 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. Additional information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.coronavirus.alaska.gov.

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 going to 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.
- Avoid visiting public places as much as possible
- Wear a mask when out in public
- Maintain social distancing (keep six feet of distance between you and others) when out in public.

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