



BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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DILLINGHAM & DILLINGHAM CENSUS AREA: Two COVID-19 CASES

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – Two (2) new positive cases of COVID-19 were reported by the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation on November 30, 2020.

There is one Dillingham resident case as well as one Dillingham Census Area resident case. Both individuals were experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 when they tested positive. The households have been notified and are in quarantine. The cases are in two different villages. The last few cases in the Bristol Bay region have been related to community spread, meaning that the origin of infection is unknown. If you were informed of being a close contact of a COVID-19 case positive, please call BBAHC at 907-842-9440.

Average infections in the state continue to rise and travel remains a high-risk activity. The health care infrastructures throughout the state and nation are limited and are struggling to keep up with the rise of hospitalizations related to COVID-19. According to the State of Alaska DHSS, two out of three Alaska adults have underlying health conditions that increase their chances of serious illness from COVID-19. In an effort to help alleviate the pressure on healthcare system, BBAHC recommends everyone limit gatherings that place people from multiple households together, that includes schools. BBAHC asks that residents take the best care that they can in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the region by practicing **all 3 W's** to be safe:

- Wear a mask
- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Watch your space – keep 6 feet apart and limit group activities.

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

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