

City of Dillingham Press Release

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COVID related death in Dillingham resident; DHSS notified by BBAHC.

November 25, 2020 – The City of Dillingham is saddened to report a Dillingham resident in their 80's passed away early November 21, due to complications from COVID-19.

The City of Dillingham sends our prayers and deepest condolences to the family and friends mourning the loss of their loved one. The individual's next of kin have been notified.

By national and state of Alaska convention, deaths are coded to the residence of the person who passed away. This means in some instances, the location and residence where the death occurred may not be where a person acquired COVID, isolated, or were released from isolation.

The symptoms and impacts of a COVID infection of a person can vary widely. People are considered to be non-infectious 10 days after symptom onset or date of test collected if they have no symptoms. However, some people may continue to experience the health consequences of a COVID infection for a longer time.

Free testing is available to the community through a partnership between Public Health Nursing, BBAHC, the City of Dillingham, and Capstone Clinic. Testing facilities are located in the Freshwater Adventures hangar at the Dillingham Airport and at BBAHC.

Non-urgent, asymptomatic screening is recommended for the Capstone Clinic at the Dillingham Airport and walk-ins are welcome. BBAHC is prioritized for symptomatic, or urgent situations, and patients must call the hospital to speak with a nurse prior to arrival. If you are experiencing any symptoms, call your healthcare provider, or call the question line at the hospital, (907) 842-9440. The helpline is also available to support anyone in Dillingham who has questions or concerns.

For more information on the State of Alaska's new Health Orders visit <https://covid19.alaska.gov/faq/>

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