



BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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DILLINGHAM RESIDENT TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 & BBAHC STATUS

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – One (1) positive case of COVID-19 was reported by the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation on November 22, 2020.

The Dillingham resident was experiencing symptoms related to COVID-19 when they tested positive. At this time, the case is suspected to be community spread. This individual and known close contacts are in isolation at this time.

BBAHC Incident Command Team and Administration is taking specific precautions to ensure the safety of our community as well as the safety of our employees by limiting some services provided by the corporation. We encourage patients to call the Outpatient Department at (907) 842-9440 prior to coming in for a visit. All scheduled non-urgent medical appointments will be canceled. These safety measures will be re-evaluated and updated weekly or sooner as conditions change.

Due to the exponential increase in COVID-19 cases regionally and statewide, BBAHC strongly recommends that Thanksgiving celebrations be limited to those only within your household. In-person gathering that bring family and friends from different households pose a risk of spreading COVID-19 between families and community. To protect our family, friends, neighbors, and elders, we need to work together to slow the spread of COVID-19. It is not the time to let our guard down. Remember to always:

- Wear a mask;
- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitizer often; and
- 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.

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