



## **BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND**

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### **THREE (3) COVID-19 CASES: DILLINGHAM & DILLINGHAM CENSUS AREA**

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – Three (3) new positive cases of COVID-19 were reported by the Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation between November 15-16, 2020.

Two individuals in the Dillingham Census Area were experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 as well as identified contacts of a positive case when they tested positive. The third individual who tested positive is a Dillingham resident who was also suffering COVID-19 symptoms after traveling outside of the region. These individuals are currently in quarantine. The three cases are in two different villages.

The exponential increase of COVID-19 infection is straining the healthcare infrastructure: there are limited healthcare workers and beds available here, in the region, as well as throughout the state. In an effort to help decrease the rate of COVID-19 infection, Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy has issued a series of COVID-19 Outbreak Health Orders effective November 16, 2020, you can see them at: [https://covid19.alaska.gov/?elementor\\_library=health-mandates](https://covid19.alaska.gov/?elementor_library=health-mandates). As the State of Alaska recommends, please remember the 3 W's to help do our part:

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

Don't just do one; do all three together!

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

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