



BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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DILLINGHAM CENSUS AREA: 18 COVID-19 CASES

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation reported 18 new positive cases of COVID-19 to the State of Alaska the week of January 4-7, 2021.

All 18 cases are located in one village in the Dillingham Census area. Individuals and their households have been notified and advised to isolate. Some cases are suspected to be due to community spread, which means that there is unknown source of infection. The rest is due to known close contact with an individual who has tested positive for cOVID-19 previously. As per normal procedure, Alaska State Epidemiology Public Health Team has been notified and is beginning contact tracing and follow up for this positive individual.

Administration of the COVID-19 vaccine has started, and a bigger roll out is in process. It continues to be important to take precautions to prevent any spread cOVID-19. BBAHC continues to ask 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 with people outside of your household.

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

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