



BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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FOURTEEN (14) COVID-19 CASES IN DILLINGHAM CENSUS AREA

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation reported 14 new positive cases of COVID-19 to the State of Alaska the week of January 29-February 3, 2021.

Seven (7) Dillingham Census Area residents tested positive after experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19. Individuals and their households are all in one village and are in isolation.

Seven (7) City of Dillingham residents tested positive for COVID-19. All cases are suspected to be travel related. Due to possible exposure at the school, BBAHC will be hosting a mass testing event for students and staff on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at the Dillingham High School Gym. The testing time will be as follows:

Kindergarten – 3rd Grade: 10 am
4th – 5th Grade: 11 am

6th-8th Grade: 12 pm
High School Students: 1 pm

If you have students in multiple grades, they will be tested upon arrival. BBAHC will prioritize testing for those with possible exposures. Close contact is defined as being within approximately 6 feet of a person with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes cumulatively within a 24-hour period.

As per normal procedure, Alaska State Epidemiology Public Health Team has been notified and is beginning contact tracing and follow up for these positive individuals.

Travel continues to be a high-risk activity. BBAHC asks that residents take the best care that they can in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the region by quarantining after travel and 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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