



## BRISTOL BAY AREA HEALTH CORPORATION – INCIDENT COMMAND

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### CITY OF DILLINGHAM COVID-19 CASES: 6 INDIVIDUALS

DILLINGHAM, ALASKA – Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation reported 6 new positive cases of COVID-19 to the State of Alaska on February 5, 2021.

Six (6) individuals tested positive for COVID-19 in the City of Dillingham. Source of infection is currently unknown and appears to be unrelated to earlier cases. Individuals and their households have been tested and were advised to isolate. 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.

The Alaska State Epidemiology Public Health Team has notified close contacts of the cases related to Dillingham City School Districts. Staff, students, and families will receive communication about how and when to test, which will be separate from the general mass testing. BBAHC mass testing will perform a Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test that is then sent out to a reference lab. Results will be available in the middle of next week. Please make sure to wear a mask and social distance while participating at the event.

Individuals who received the COVID-19 vaccine from either of the recently authorized and recommended vaccines **cannot** cause you to test positive on viral tests, which are used to see if you have a current infection. There is a possibility you may test positive on some antibody tests. Antibody tests indicate if you had a previous infection and that you may have some level of protection against the virus. Experts are currently looking at how COVID-19 vaccination may affect antibody testing results.

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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We provide quality healthcare with competence, compassion, and sensitivity to all residents of the 28 villages it serves within the Bristol Bay Region of Alaska.

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