



NEWS RELEASE – UPDATE

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SIXTH Confirmed COVID-19 Case

On Sunday, June 21, Wrangell’s Unified Command was notified of a sixth confirmed COVID-19 case. The non-resident individual arrived on Alaska Airlines from out of state and was immediately referred to the adjacent site for required COVID-19 testing. They were instructed to quarantine while awaiting results.

Public Health Officials are in the process of contacting the individual and will be investigating the case to identify a source and conducting contact tracing. A Public Health representative will notify persons who may have come in close contact with the individual. Questions about close contact should be directed to Public Health in Petersburg at 907.772.4611.

Please continue to take precautionary measures to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles) using a regular household detergent and water.
- Wear a mask when out in public when you cannot ensure six feet of social distancing as this could minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Continue to socially distance. This means protecting you and your household members from getting sick. Avoid breaking your home bubble of protection.
- Monitor your health and that of your household members and call the COVID hotline with any questions.

COVID-19 testing is available in Wrangell to all individuals who meet current symptomatic criteria. Please call the SEARHC COVID-19 Hotline at 907.966.8799 to schedule an appointment.

Individuals with chronic illnesses, or considered high-risk, should contact their provider immediately if they show symptoms. Low-risk individuals should self-isolate, should they become sick. Continued adherence to virus preventive practices, as well as State and local health mandates, is highly recommended.

Visit covid19.alaska.gov, wrangellcovid19.org, and covid19.searhc.org for the latest coronavirus information, or contact the Wrangell COVID Hotline at 907.874.2684.