



Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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Valdez, AK – The community of Valdez received confirmation today that a non-resident patient hospitalized in Anchorage has been recorded as a Valdez hospitalization by Alaska Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS).

The patient, a previously identified Valdez non-resident case, was transported to Providence Valdez Medical Center for emergency medical treatment earlier this week. The patient was then transported by medivac and admitted to a hospital in Anchorage. Although the patient was hospitalized outside Valdez, the hospitalization was recorded in the Valdez case count by DHSS Section of Epidemiology. Silver Bay Seafoods reports the patient has been released from the hospital and will complete the remainder of their isolation monitoring in Anchorage.

Valdez must continue making thoughtful and careful decisions as long as COVID-19 remains present in Alaska and beyond. Taking small, individual actions like hand hygiene, physical distancing, wearing a cloth face covering around others, avoiding large group gatherings, and staying home when you are sick all make a big impact towards keeping our community safe.

Please continue to monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms which include a fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, and any new onset of illness. If you believe you have even mild symptoms, contact your healthcare provider for screening and closely follow their instructions. Remember to call ahead before you go to the doctor’s office, public health clinic, or hospital. The local medical team will continue to provide the best possible care for you and our community.

Asymptomatic testing is currently available in Valdez for select high risk populations, including those who interact with the public at work and those with state of Alaska travel vouchers. Visit www.valdezak.gov/COVID-19 for additional information and to learn more about different local testing options.

The Valdez Unified Command and public health officials continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing course of COVID-19. We ask the community to practice compassion and remember that behind every case count number is a person dealing with a difficult diagnosis. We remain committed to providing information, support, and resources to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Valdez during this unprecedented time.

VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT

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	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	2	0	2	0	0
NON-RESIDENT	26	24	2	1*	0

*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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