



Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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Valdez, AK – The community of Valdez received confirmation of its fourth resident case of COVID-19 on Wednesday.

The new resident case is an adult with mild symptoms. The patient has been in isolation at home since the day they began feeling ill. They are following the guidance of their medical provider and public health officials. All close contacts of the patient have been notified and are in quarantine. Contact investigation indicates no apparent link between this patient and the resident case announced in news release 013. The DHSS Section of Epidemiology source investigations for both active resident cases remain ongoing.

To learn more about the DHSS public health contact tracing process in Alaska, visit <https://bit.ly/2BgsnXr>.

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	4	2	2	0	0
NON-RESIDENT	26	22	4	1*	0

*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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