



Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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Valdez, AK – The community of Valdez received confirmation of its ninth resident case of COVID-19 on Saturday evening.

The new resident case is an adult who experienced symptoms prior to testing. They are in isolation at home and following the guidance of their medical provider and public health officials. All known close contacts of the patient have been notified and are in quarantine. The public health contact investigation indicates no apparent link between this patient and the resident case announced in news release 018. The DHSS Section of Epidemiology source investigations for both recent resident cases are ongoing.

The Valdez community must continue making thoughtful and careful decisions as long as COVID-19 remains present in Alaska and beyond. Taking individual actions like hand hygiene, physical distancing, wearing a cloth face covering around others, keeping your social circle small, 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, 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, those with state of Alaska travel vouchers, and those who need pre-procedure testing. Visit www.valdezak.gov/COVID-19 for additional information and to learn more about different local testing options. If you feel you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, please contact your medical provider for guidance. Timeline for testing will vary depending upon your possible exposure date.

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 of Valdez.

VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT					
Last updated 08.22.2020 @ 9:00 p.m.					
	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	CUMULATIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	9	2	7	0	0
NON-RESIDENT	27	0	27	1*	0

*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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