



# Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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

The new resident case is an asymptomatic adult identified during routine employer directed screening. The patient is in isolation and following the guidance of their medical provider and public health officials. All close contacts of the patient have been notified and are in quarantine. The source investigation remains ongoing. Public health officials believe the risk to the Valdez community from this new case is low.

Valdez 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, avoiding high risk activities, being extra cautious during travel, and staying home when you are sick all make a big impact towards keeping our community safe.

If you believe you have even mild COVID-19 symptoms, please 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.

Both symptomatic and asymptomatic COVID-19 testing are currently available in Valdez. Visit the Valdez Unified Command website ([www.valdezak.gov/COVID-19](http://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 the local public health nurse or 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 COVID-19 situation. 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

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	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	CUMULATIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	12	1	11	0	0
NON-RESIDENT	27	0	27	1*	0

\*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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