



Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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Valdez, AK – The community of Valdez received confirmation of three new resident cases of COVID-19 on Sunday.

All three new resident cases are adults with symptoms. The patients are in isolation and following the guidance of their medical provider and public health officials. The contact investigation for these cases is complete. All close contacts have been notified and are in quarantine. The source investigation remains ongoing. Preliminary investigation results indicate two of the new cases are linked to each other and another recent Valdez case. The third new resident case appears to be linked to a separate recent Valdez case. None of the three new cases appear to be linked to the recently announced cases within the local K-12 school system.

One Valdez resident case is also considered recovered as of Saturday. The term “recovered” in this context means the patient has been released from public health isolation monitoring and is no longer considered contagious. Please note, even following release from isolation, the patient may continue to experience after effects of the disease.

Public health officials continue to believe community spread is occurring in Valdez. Most identifiable transmissions appear to be happening between family, friends, and co-workers. Small social events and other gatherings where people let their guard down continue to be a specific area of concern. Riding in vehicles with those outside your household should also be considered a high risk activity.

We must work together to help protect our community, our medical workers, and our healthcare system. Please remain extra cautious and make thoughtful decisions as you go about your day. Please wear a mask which covers your mouth AND nose when you are around anyone outside your household, even if you are outdoors or can maintain six feet of distance. Keep your social circles small and consistent. Try to limit your time traveling outside Valdez to only that which is necessary. Prevent additional strain on our local medical community by avoiding high risk activities which could result in injury.

If you think you've been exposed to COVID-19, reach out to the Valdez Public Health Nurse (835-4612) or your medical provider for guidance on next steps. Stay home and arrange to get tested if you have even one mild symptom of COVID-19.

The Valdez Unified Command and public health officials continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation. We remain committed to providing information, support, and resources for our community.

VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT

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	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	CUMULATIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	52	10	41	2*	1
NON-RESIDENT (NON-ALASKANS)	31	1	30	1*	0

*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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