



Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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Valdez, AK – The community of Valdez received confirmation of one new resident case of COVID-19 on Tuesday.

The new resident case is an adult with symptoms. The patient is in isolation and following the guidance of their medical provider and public health officials. The contact investigation is complete. All close contacts have been notified and are in quarantine. The source investigation remains ongoing. Preliminary investigation indicates this new case is linked to a previously announced Valdez case.

Two Valdez resident cases are considered recovered as of Tuesday. 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.

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

VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT					
	Last updated 12.01.2020 @ 9:00 p.m.				
	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	CUMULATIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	54	8	45	2*	1
NON-RESIDENT (NON-ALASKANS)	31	1	30	1*	0

*Valdez cases hospitalized in ANC.

Important Note Regarding Future Valdez Unified News Releases & Case Count Reporting The process below begins Wednesday, December 2, 2020.

New Process for Updates to Local Case Count Dashboard

Beginning Wednesday, December 2nd, Unified Command news releases and PIO distribution emails will no longer be issued every time case counts change, unless there is a significant, time-sensitive situation that requires notification to the community prior to the weekly summary described below.

When new cases, recoveries, hospitalizations, and deaths occur, the local case count dashboard will be updated on the Unified Command website (<http://www.valdezak.gov/COVID-19>) and pinned to the top of the Unified Command Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/ValdezUCRG>). These two locations will continue to be the primary source for the most up-to-date local case count information.

Mirroring the model established by the Alaska Department of Health & Social Services, the local case count dashboard will now be updated by noon covering case count changes for the previous calendar day. Changes to local case counts occurring on holidays or weekends will be reported on the dashboard the following business day.

The school district will continue to be briefed when local cases are anticipated to impact school operations or phasing thresholds.

Valdez Weekly Summary News Release

On Friday afternoons, a “Valdez Weekly Summary” news release will be issued covering case counts and trends for the previous week, details about contact/source investigations, recommended community mitigation measures, and other important information.

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