



## A Message from the President & CEO Required Testing & Health Protocols for All Staff

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Dear Team,

On Thursday, June 25, in partnership with the Napaskiak Tribal Council and City of Napaskiak, YKHC issued a statement about the strong likelihood that sporadic community spread of the novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, is occurring in the YK Delta village of Napaskiak. The following testing and employee health protocols are being put in place to protect the health and safety of our customers and colleagues. These protocols must be followed until an additional update is provided to all staff.

**Any** YKHC employee who has traveled to or from Napaskiak for personal or business purposes, or who has been in or around Napaskiak fish camps, beginning June 8 to present date **must be tested** for COVID-19. To schedule testing, employees can call 543-6949 and advise of their recent travel to or from Napaskiak.

Until further notice, any staff who commute to or from Napaskiak must be tested weekly. These employees should plan to be tested every Wednesday, between noon and 4 p.m., at the drive-thru testing tent in Bethel. Napaskiak-based staff must also be tested weekly for COVID-19. They will be swabbed and tested at the Napaskiak clinic. Until further notice, all Napaskiak-based employees must monitor and record their temperature twice daily and complete daily attestation of symptoms. The form to complete is available on Policy Manager [HERE](#). Completed forms must be submitted via email to your manager and [Employee Health](#) regularly.

If a YKHC employee has attended any gathering in the region within the past week, such as a funeral or wedding, they must also be tested for COVID-19. As noted above, to schedule testing, employees should call 543-6949 and advise of their recent attendance at a gathering in the region.

Finally, until further notice, YKHC employees who travel to Napaskiak for personal or business purposes must adhere to the same employee health protocols as those who recently traveled in-state, but out-of-region. [These protocols](#), upon return, are:

**Employees in non-patient care positions**

- Call 543-6949 to schedule a COVID-19 test upon return
- Complete a 5-day quarantine
- Complete a 14-day Temperature Monitoring Form and Daily Attestation for Symptoms

**Employees in direct-patient care positions**

- Call 543-6949 to schedule a COVID-19 test upon return
- Complete a 5-day quarantine
- Receive a second COVID-19 test by the end of the quarantine period (the day before you are scheduled to return to work, or if you get even the slightest bit sick).
- Complete a 14-day Temperature Monitoring Form and Daily Attestation for Symptoms

Although the State of Alaska has eased restrictions on travel and moved to reopen Alaska's economy, the pandemic and the public health risks it poses is not over. We do not know when someone will have a serious reaction to a COVID-19 infection, that requires hospitalization or could lead to death.

Thank you for doing your part in ensuring we keep those around us healthy and safe during this time.

Yours Sincerely,



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