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**50 new cases of COVID-19 recorded in Alaska for July 1 and 60 cases for July 2;
85 resident, 25 nonresident, one new death**

July 3, 2020 ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) today announced 110 new cases of COVID-19 in Alaska for the period of July 1-2. On July 1 there were a total of 50 cases; 39 resident and 11 nonresident. On July 2 there was one new death plus a total of 60 cases; 46 resident and 14 nonresident.

85 are residents of these communities:

- Anchorage (32) – 13 on 7/1 and 19 on 7/2
- Bethel (1) – 1 on 7/2
- Big Lake (1) – 1 on 7/1
- Chugiak (1) – 1 on 7/1
- Eagle River (3) – 1 on 7/1 and 2 on 7/2
- Fairbanks (12) – 1 on 7/1 and 11 on 7/2
- Houston (1) – 1 on 7/2
- Juneau (1) – 1 on 7/2
- Kenai Peninsula Borough North (1) – 1 on 7/1
- Kodiak (1) – 1 on 7/1
- Kusilvak Census Area (1) – 1 on 7/2
- Nome (1) – 1 on 7/2
- North Pole (1) – 1 on 7/1
- Palmer (4) – 4 on 7/1
- Seward (6) – 3 on 7/1 and 3 on 7/2
- Sitka (1) – 1 on 7/1
- Soldotna (1) – 1 on 7/2
- Tok (2) – 2 on 7/1
- Valdez Cordova Census Area (1) – 1 on 7/2
- Wasilla (12) – 9 on 7/1 and 3 on 7/2
- Willow (1) – 1 on 7/2

25 are nonresidents identified in these regions:

- Aleutians West Census Area (1) – 1 in seafood industry on 7/1
- Municipality of Anchorage (1) – 1 unknown industry on 7/1
- Bristol Bay and Lake & Peninsula boroughs combined (8) – 1 seafood industry on 7/1 and 7 seafood industry on 7.2
- Dillingham Census Area (3) – [2 seafood industry on 7/1](#) and [1 visitor on 7/2](#)
- Fairbanks North Star Borough (2) – 2 unknown on 7/2
- Haines Borough (1) – 1 other industry on 7/1
- Kenai Peninsula Borough (5) – 3 unknown industry on 7/1 and 2 tourism, other on 7/2
- Kodiak Island Borough (1) – 1 unknown industry on 7/1
- Petersburg Borough (1) – [1 unknown industry on 7/1](#)
- Unknown (2) – 2 unknown industry on 7/2

This brings the total number of [nonresident cases](#) to 223.

This brings the total number of [Alaska resident cases](#) to 1,063.

The person who died was a male Anchorage resident in his 80s who passed away in early June. COVID was listed as a contributing cause of death.

Of the new Alaska cases, 42 are male and 43 are female. One is under the age of 10; 6 are aged 10-19; 21 are aged 20-29; 22 are aged 30-39; 14 are aged 40-49; 10 are aged 50-59; 8 are aged 60-69; 1 is aged 70-79 and 2 are aged 80 or older.

There have been a total of 69 hospitalizations and 15 deaths with 1 new hospitalization (7/2) and 1 new death (7/2) in this reporting period. Recovered cases now total 539, with 11 new recovered case recorded. A total of 120,208 tests have been conducted. The average percentage of daily positive tests for the previous three days is 1.26%.

“We are thinking of the loved ones of the person who died,” said Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska’s Chief Medical Officer. “We are concerned about Alaska’s sharp rise in cases and hope everyone takes this as a warning call to limit contacts this weekend, stay six feet apart from non-household members, wear a face mask and wash your hands often. If you are sick, even with mild COVID-19 symptoms, please isolate yourself and seek testing. We need all Alaskans working together to break infection chains.”

This report reflects data from 12:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. for July 1-2 and is posted daily on the [Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub](#). Also note that upon further investigation and interviews, data points for cases – such as the date and residence – may on occasion change on the data dashboard after they are announced.

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