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Twelve new cases of COVID-19 reported in four Alaska communities; two nonresident cases identified

June 6, 2020 ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) today announced 12 new cases of COVID-19 in four communities/areas: Eagle River (2), Homer (2), Anchor Point (2) and small (<1000 population) communities in the Kenai Peninsula Borough (6). This brings the total number of Alaska cases to 536.

Two new nonresident cases were identified yesterday in the Municipality of Anchorage, both in the seafood industry. This brings the <u>total nonresident cases</u>, which are listed separately from the Alaska cases, to 45.

"COVID-19 activity is rising in Alaska, especially in Anchorage and the Kenai Peninsula. We need to consider that anyone we interact with could have COVID-19," said Alaska's Chief Medical Officer Dr. Anne Zink. "All Alaskans and visitors to our state should take personal responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19. It's extremely important to continue with our prevention measures – stay 6 feet apart from others, wash hands often, avoid touching your face, wear cloth face coverings when out in public, keep social circles small and stay home when you are sick."

Of the new Alaska cases, six are male and six are female. One is aged 10-19; two are aged 20-29; one is aged 30-39; four are aged 40-49; one is aged 50-59 and three are aged 70-79. There have been a total of 48 hospitalizations and 10 deaths with no new hospitalizations or deaths reported yesterday. Recovered cases now total 382, with two new recovered cases recorded yesterday. A total of 63,901 tests have been conducted.

This report reflects data from 12:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on June 5 that posted at noon today on the <u>Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub</u>. Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub. Also note that upon further investigation and interviews, data points for cases – such as the dates of onset or residence – may on occasion change on the data dashboard after they are first announced.

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