



Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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Valdez, AK – The community of Valdez received confirmation of the first Valdez resident death due to COVID-19 on Wednesday.

The individual who passed away was a female Valdez resident in her 80's, receiving treatment at an Anchorage hospital. The patient tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27th. The case was previously reported in Unified Command Release # 024.

“Words fail to describe the loss of such an amazing spirit and tenacious heart,” said Jeremy O’Neil, incident commander for the Valdez Unified Command. “As we mourn as a community, with family and loved ones, there is no doubt that she left an indelible mark on her hometown of Valdez and the enumerable lives she so lovingly impacted.”

The Valdez Unified Command extends our condolences to the patient’s family and the many members of our tight-knit community who are grieving.

“We have lost an active community member who fought valiantly until the end, virtually surrounded by loved ones,” added Dr. Angela Alfaro, physician consultant for the Valdez Unified Command. “We are all fighting this pandemic together the best way we know how. As she would have wanted, we will keep fighting, supporting each other, and above all else, showing kindness to all.”

The Valdez Unified Command and public health officials are closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation. We ask the community to practice compassion and remember that behind every case of COVID-19 is a person, along with their family and friends, dealing with difficult news. We remain committed to providing information, support, and resources for our community.

Additionally, one other resident case was reported as recovered as of Wednesday evening. The term “recovered” in this context means the patient has been released from public health isolation monitoring and is no longer considered contagious. However, the patient may continue to experience negative effects from the disease.

VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT					
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	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	CUMULATIVE HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	21	6	14	1*	1
NON-RESIDENT	28	0	28	1*	0

*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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