



# Valdez COVID-19 Unified Command

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**Valdez, AK** – The community of Valdez received confirmation of two additional resident cases of COVID-19 on Sunday evening.

The two new resident cases are adults traveling outside Alaska. They completed testing in preparation to return home. Both tested positive and developed symptoms shortly thereafter. They are currently in isolation out of state, awaiting clearance from public health to travel home. Although both patients are physically outside Alaska, they are included in the Valdez case count under CDC and DHSS guidelines based on their residency.

To read State of Alaska Health Mandate 010 regarding testing and quarantine requirements for interstate and international travelers, visit: <https://bit.ly/3kvDqxC>.

Please continue to monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms which include a fever, cough, sore throat, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or smell, and any new onset of illness. If you believe you have even mild symptoms, contact your healthcare provider for screening and closely follow their instructions. Remember to call ahead before you go to the doctor’s office, public health clinic, or hospital. The local medical team will continue to provide the best possible care for you and our community.

Asymptomatic testing is currently available in Valdez for select high risk populations, including those who interact with the public at work, those with state of Alaska travel vouchers, and those who need pre-procedure testing. If you feel you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 or participated in a recent high risk social activity, please contact your medical provider for guidance. Timeline for testing in these situations will vary depending upon your possible exposure date. Visit [www.valdezak.gov/COVID-19](http://www.valdezak.gov/COVID-19) for additional information and to learn more about different local testing options.

The Valdez Unified Command and public health officials continue to closely monitor the rapidly changing course of COVID-19. We ask the community to practice compassion and remember that behind every case count number is a person dealing with a difficult diagnosis. We remain committed to providing information, support, and resources to protect the health, safety, and well-being of Valdez during this unprecedented time.

# VALDEZ COVID-19 CASE COUNT

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	CUMULATIVE CASES TO DATE	ACTIVE CASES	RECOVERED CASES	HOSPITALIZATIONS	DEATHS
VALDEZ RESIDENT	7	5	2	0	0
NON-RESIDENT	27	23	4	1*	0

\*Valdez case hospitalized in ANC.

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