

**Situation Report 014**

Bethel EOC > Level 3, Bethel, Alaska

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**EOC Activated to Level 3**

Incident Commander Vinny Corazza activated the Emergency Operations Center to Level 3 from 8 am to 5 pm every Wednesday, beginning July 22, 2020. Level 3 activation was prompted by the rapid rise in Alaska cases and rise in Southwest region cases. Total in YK Delta region: 28 (18 residents or non-residents/10 residents elsewhere); 8,000 tests done in the region. YKHC has a 64-bed capacity for COVID-19 patients with zero hospitalized thus far.

**EOC Recruitment**

The City of Bethel posted eleven position announcements for individuals to run the City's Emergency Operations Center. CARES Act funds will be used to pay these wages.

**Airport COVID-19 Test Incentive Program**

The City of Bethel is using some of its CARES Act funds to implement an incentive program to encourage airplane passengers who arrive in Bethel from Anchorage to get a COVID-19 test. City-paid personnel will staff a booth in the Alaska Airlines parking lot to provide one \$25 gift certificate per passenger who agrees to be tested on-site by Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) personnel. Gift certificates will be purchased from local Bethel businesses. The City's effort is meant to assist YKHC in achieving its goal of 100% testing of arriving passengers.

**COVID-19 Lodging Transit Personnel**

The City of Bethel initiated a COVID-19 Lodging Program for all travelers who arrive in Bethel by air from Anchorage, but cannot make a connecting flight the same day and must overnight in Bethel. The City is using CARES Act funds to provide transportation, personnel, lodging, and food to layover travelers. Each traveler(s) must be tested for COVID-19 at the airport and then agree to be quarantined at the lodging facility until departure. In this way, travelers from Anchorage who may have COVID-19 are not mingling with the Bethel populace. Public flyer attached.

To date, the City has assisted 8 travelers with the longest hotel stay being 3 days.

The Lower Kuskokwim School District is currently marshalling travel of its teachers to villages outside Bethel. LKSD is providing airport-hotel transportation and food for teachers coming in from Anchorage who must overnight in Bethel. The City agreed to cover the cost of lodging with its CARES Act funds.

End of Report

# Laying over in Bethel?

**\*COVID-19 Lodging\***



**Need lodging while waiting  
for your flight connection?**

The Bethel  
Emergency  
Operations Center  
can help you get  
layover lodging! Just  
call 907-543-2083 to  
check for availability!

**NO Cost to you!!** **We will provide food  
and transportation!!**



**What you need to do:**

- 1. Test for COVID-19**
- 2. Don't leave your room (isolate)**
- 3. Have no visitors**
- 4. Follow the rules of your hotel**

**Call us at 543-2083!!**