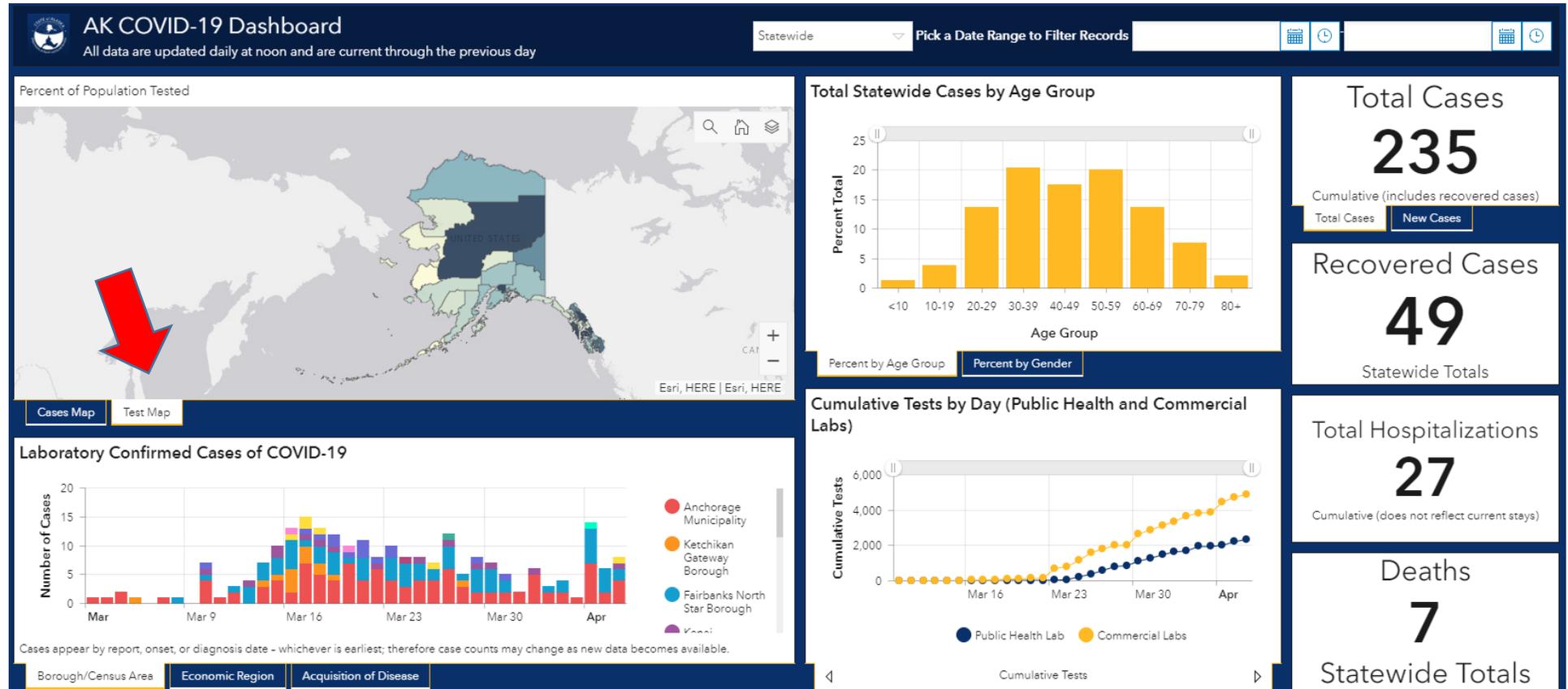


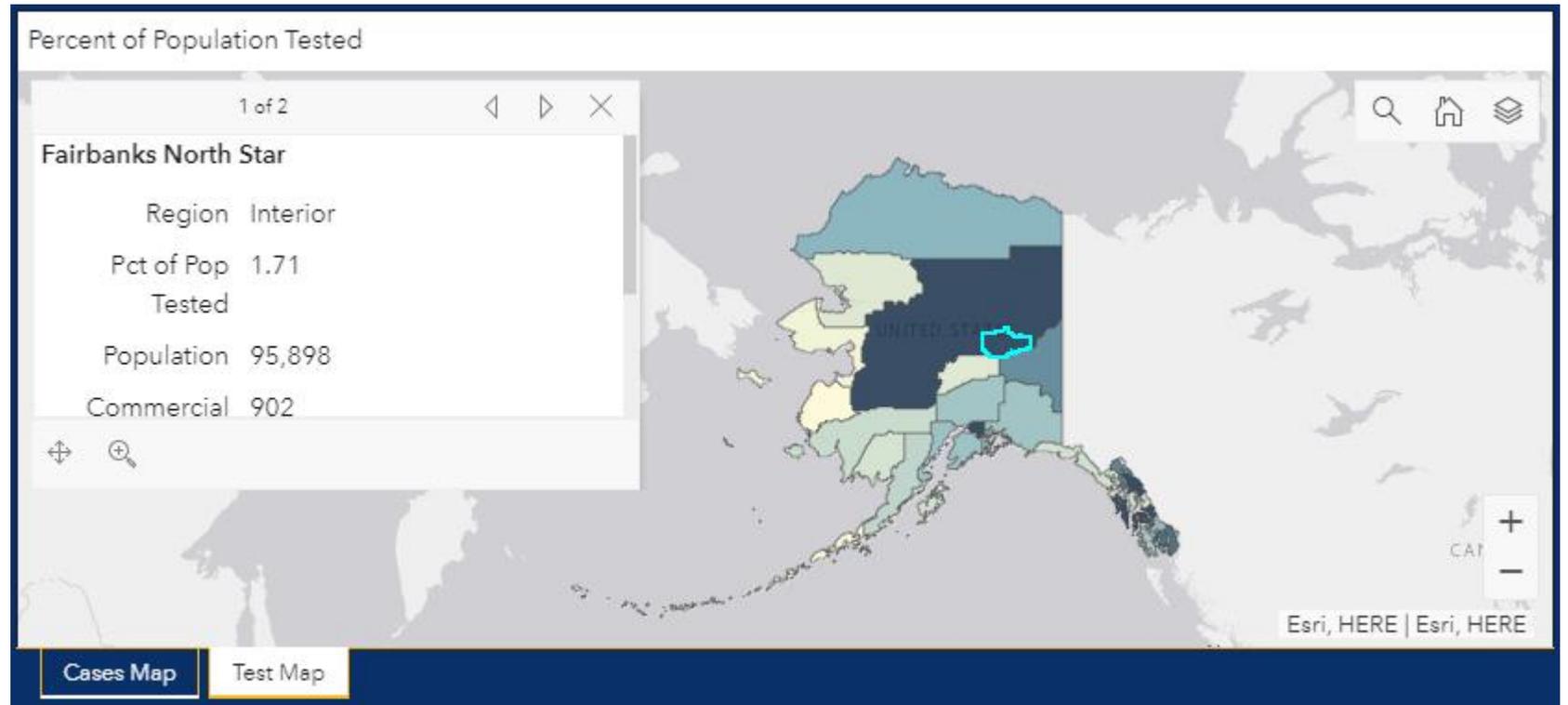
# New testing data on the COVID-19 Dashboard

- New 4/9: The Map now features a second tab with testing coverage data
- Data concerning point-of-care testing at facilities statewide will be added soon



# Percent of population tested by area

- Clicking on a borough/ census area will show the number of tests done at both commercial labs and ASPHL as well as the percent of the population tested
- Raw data downloads are also available from the dashboard



# Updated COVID-19 Testing Procedures

## Old criteria

Priority Level	Patient Criteria	Send Specimens to
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitalized</li> </ul>	ASPHL*
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lives in a long-term care facility</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health care worker or first responder (e.g., police, fire, paramedic)</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Known close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Travel in the past 14 days to a location where community transmission of COVID-19 is occurring<sup>‡</sup></li> </ul>	
<i>Individuals not meeting any of the above criteria:</i>		
Medium <sup>†</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outpatient who is at increased risk for serious illness (i.e., age ≥60 years or has one or more <a href="#">select chronic medical conditions</a>, such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, immunocompromised)</li> </ul>	Commercial laboratory
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other patient as determined by clinical discretion</li> </ul>	
DO NOT TEST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymptomatic persons</li> </ul>	DO NOT TEST

\*ASPHL laboratory supplies are limited, so please follow the preferred laboratory guidance closely.

±This situation is rapidly changing, please refer to [CDC](#), [WHO](#), and other online resources to make this determination.

†Clinical discretion required.

## New criteria

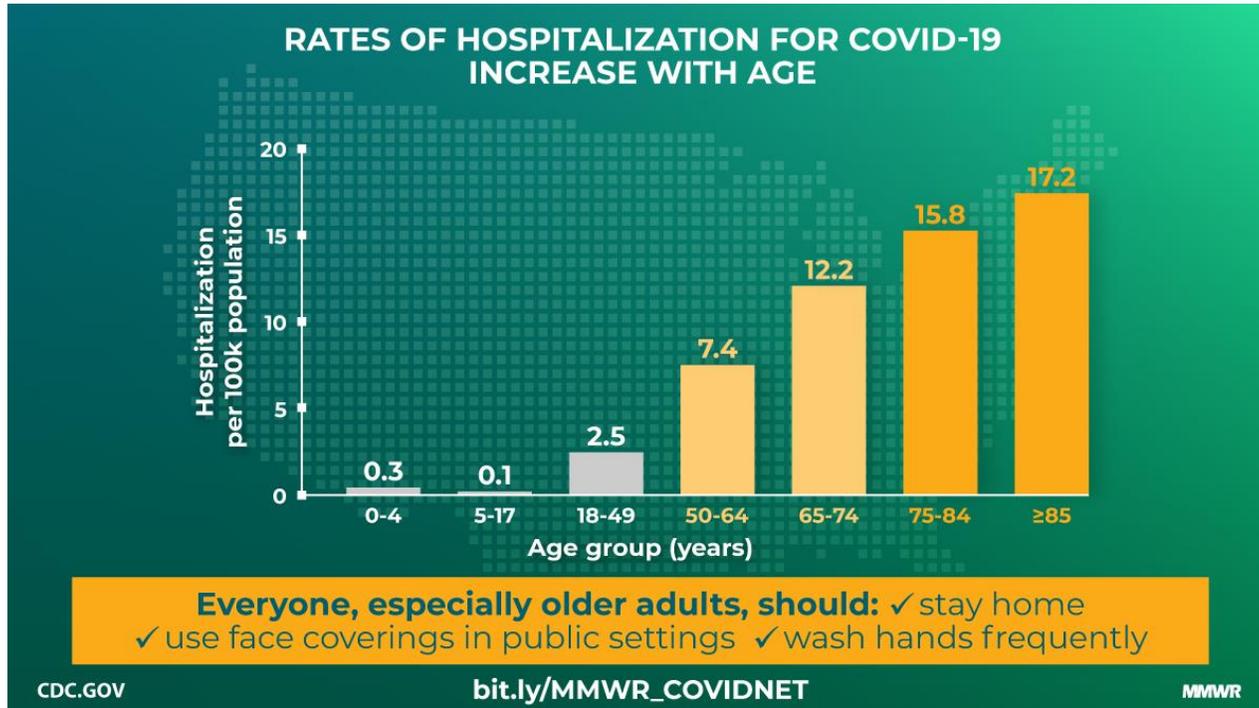
Patient Criteria	Send Specimens to
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hospitalized</li> </ul>	ASPHL*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patients, residents, and staff in any setting where healthcare services are delivered (e.g., hospital, department of corrections, mental/behavioral health clinics, long-term care facilities, assisted living facilities)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons and staff in other institutional or congregate settings (e.g., corrections, juvenile detention centers, homeless shelters)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First responder (e.g., police, fire, paramedic)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Household member of a health care provider</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Known close contact to a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An outpatient who is at increased risk for serious illness (i.e., age ≥60 years or has one or more <a href="#">select chronic medical conditions</a>, such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, or immunocompromised)</li> </ul>	Other Laboratory (e.g., Commercial)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Out-of-state travel in the past 14 days</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons working in critical infrastructure occupations (e.g., grocery stores, pharmacies, restaurants, gas stations, public utilities, etc.)</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any other patient as determined by clinical discretion</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asymptomatic persons</li> </ul>	DO NOT TEST

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Consider testing persons who meet the following characteristics:

- New onset of any one of the following: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, OR
- New onset of two or more of the following: chills, diminished sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, fatigue, fever (measured or subjective), headache, muscle/joint aches, nausea, rigors, runny nose, sore throat, or sputum production.

# Rates of hospitalization increase with age



- Hospitalization rates increase with age and are highest among older adults;
- Majority of hospitalized patients have underlying conditions.
- Data from March 2020, the first month of U.S. surveillance.
- Among 1,482 patients hospitalized with COVID-19, 74.5% were aged ≥50 years, and 54.4% were male.
- The hospitalization rate among patients identified through COVID-NET during this 4-week period was 4.6 per 100,000 population.
- Rates were highest among adults aged ≥65 years.
- Among 178 (12%) adult patients with data on underlying conditions as of March 30, 2020, 89.3% had one or more underlying conditions; most common were hypertension (49.7%), obesity (48.3%), chronic lung disease (34.6%), diabetes mellitus (28.3%), and cardiovascular disease (27.8%).

# Questions?

Questions regarding DHSS COVID response, including mandates and alerts, can be sent to [covidquestions@alaska.gov](mailto:covidquestions@alaska.gov).

**COVID 19**  
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

## STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)

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