

# **COVID-19 in Alaska**

# **Daily Case Counts**

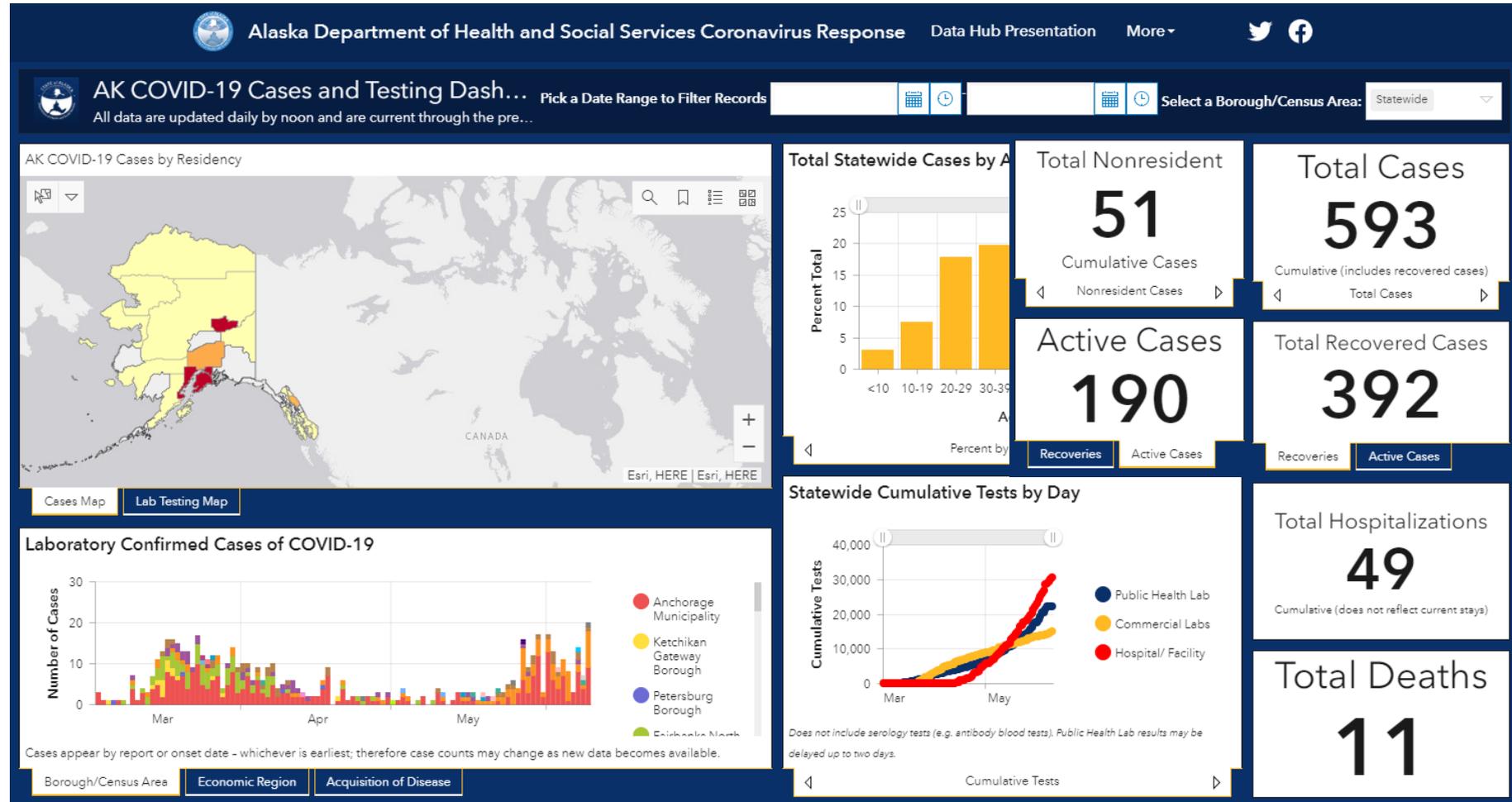
Dr. Anne Zink, Alaska's Chief Medical Officer

June 10, 2020



# COVID-19 Dashboard: 6/10/20 reporting data from 6/9/20

- 20 new cases (593 total)
- 2 new nonresident case (51 total)
- 3 new recovered cases (392 total)
- No new additional deaths (11 total)
- 67,720 cumulative tests
- 0.9% of tests were positive



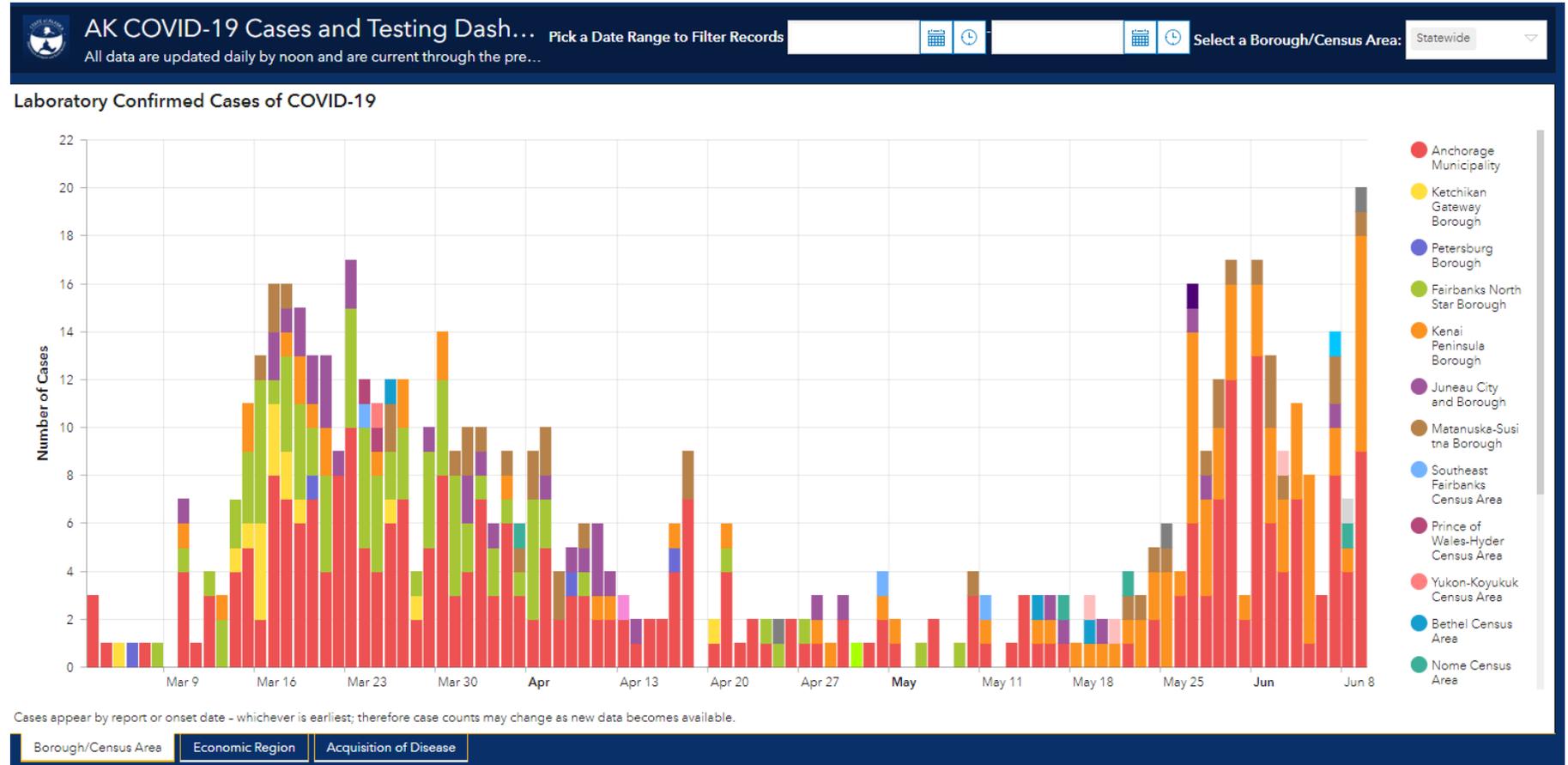
# Details on yesterday's cases

## 20 new Alaska cases

- Anchorage (7)
- Eagle River (2)
- Wasilla (1)
- Homer (5)
- Nikiski (1)
- Soldotna (1)
- Kenai Peninsula Borough (1)
- Sitka (1)
- Seward (1)

14 male; 6 female

2 new nonresident cases

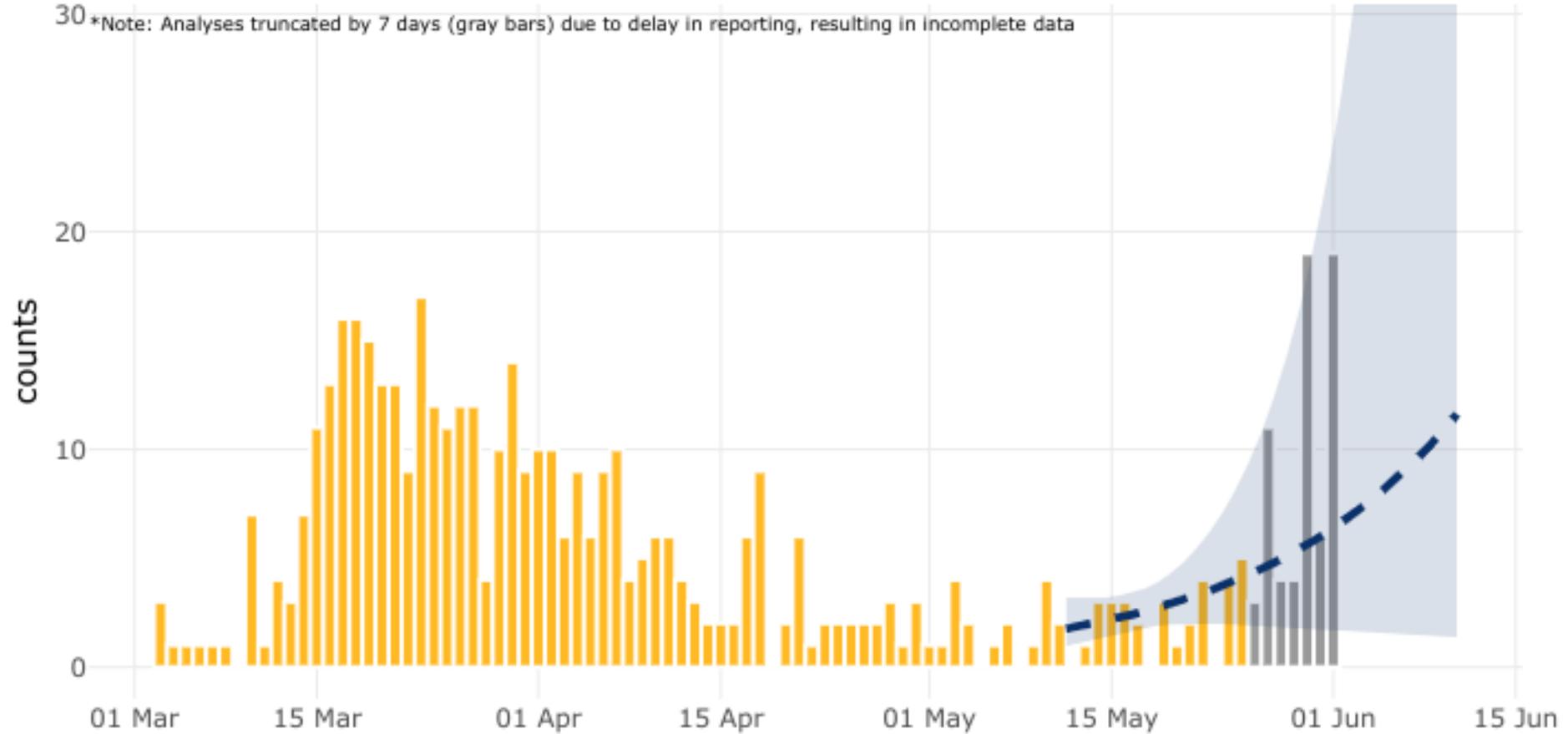


# Metrics

<b>Metric</b>	<b>What we need to achieve to safely move to a less restrictive phase</b>
<b>Disease activity</b>	A consistently declining or stable level of COVID-19 activity in Alaska
<b>Testing capacity</b>	Enough capacity and access for quick and sufficient COVID-19 testing
<b>Public health capacity</b>	Enough capacity to investigate, contact trace, and monitor everyone with COVID-19, plus their contacts
<b>Health care capacity</b>	Enough space, equipment, and supplies for personnel to safely and effectively care for everyone with COVID-19, plus everyone else who needs health care

# Epidemic curve

Epidemic curve by onset date, Alaska  
(log-linear model: short term forecast with 95% confidence band)

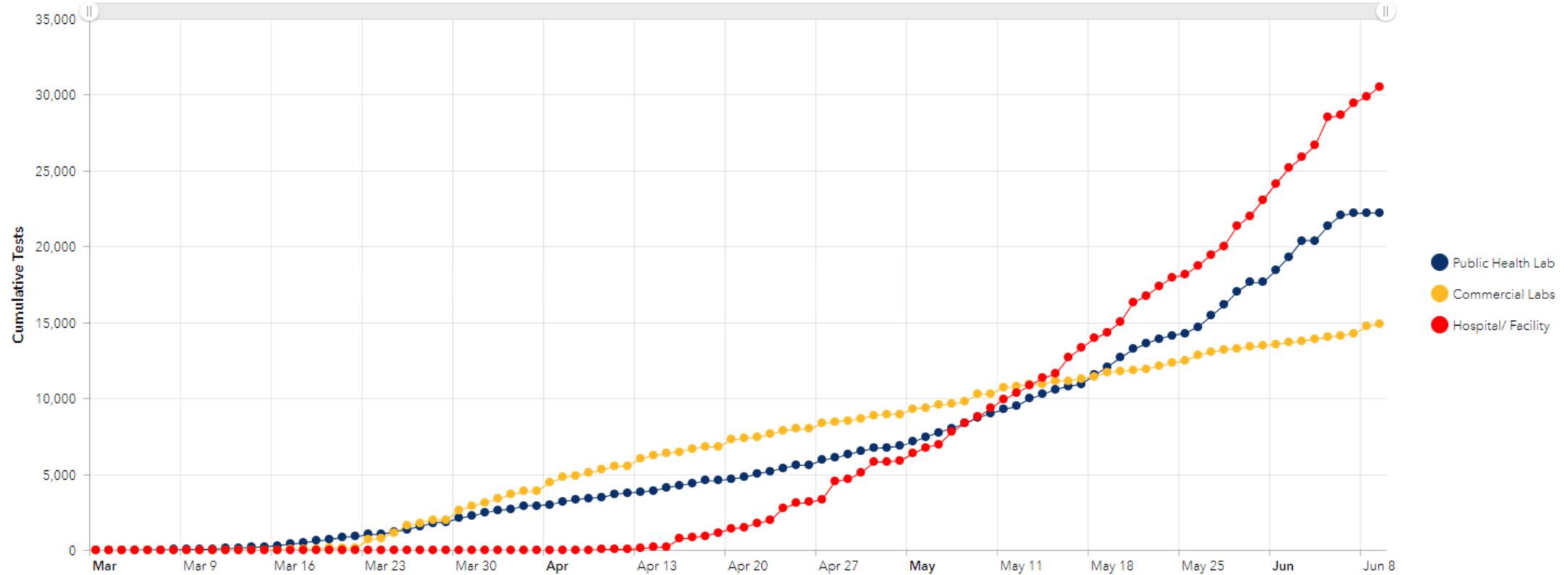


# Statewide cumulative tests by day

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All data are updated daily by noon and are current through the pre...

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Does not include serology tests (e.g. antibody blood tests). Public Health Lab results may be delayed up to two days.

- Cumulative Tests
- Combined Cumulative
- Lab Coverage (Combined)
- Daily Test Positivity
- Daily Test Results

# Daily test positivity



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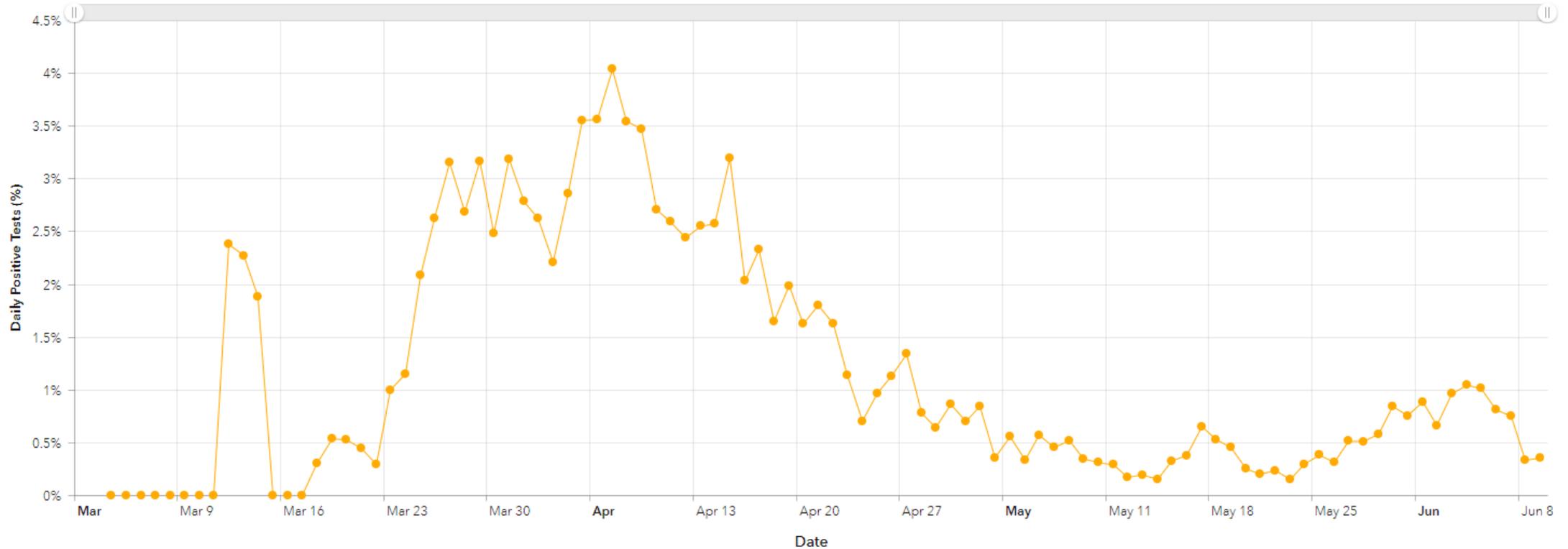
Select a Borough/Census Area:

Statewide



## Statewide Percentage of Daily Tests with Positive Results

(Three day rolling average)



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Cumulative Tests

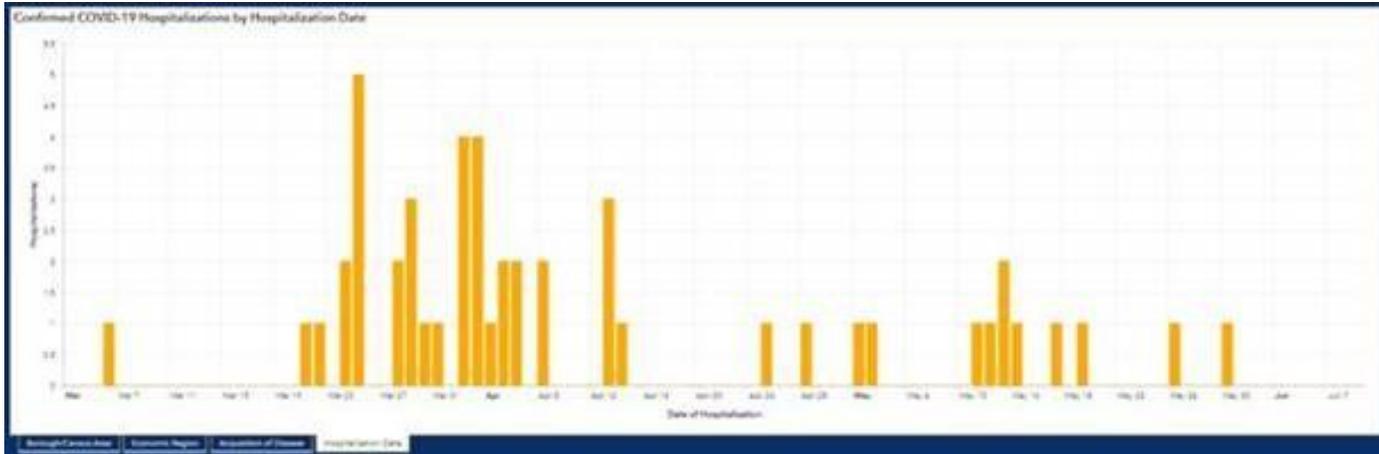
Combined Cumulative

Lab Coverage (Combined)

Daily Test Positivity

Daily Test Results

# New data features



Borough/Census Area	Community†	All Cases
Kenai Peninsula Borough	Anchor Point	8
	Fox River	1
	Fritz Creek	1
	Homer	24
	Kenai	13
	Nikiski	5
	Other North	1
	Other South	22
	Seward	4
	Soldotna	12
	Sterling	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>94</b>	
Kodiak Island Borough	Kodiak	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>

# Providence Transitional Care Center (PTCC) Outbreak

- Residents at PTCC who tested positive are being cared for in one wing by a dedicated care team
- Third round of testing of all residents and caregivers will begin on Thursday & Friday
- Providence provides updates at [providence.org/PTCC](https://www.providence.org/PTCC)

Location	Lab Confirmed	Currently hospitalized	Previously hospitalized	Deceased
TCC Patients*	17	3	1	1
TCC Patients dc'd home after outbreak began with subsequent + result	1			
TCC Caregivers	28			
PEC Patients	0			
PEC Caregivers	1			
Secondary community cases	9			
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>



# Providence Transitional Care Center (PTCC) Outbreak

**Alaska's 11<sup>th</sup> COVID-19 Death:** "Learning of this person's death from COVID-19 hits us hard at DHSS and we join the family and loved ones in mourning their loss. Providence is aggressively responding to this outbreak but this just shows how we're all connected and why each of us must be diligent in doing everything we can to prevent the spread of this disease in our communities." – Dr. Anne Zink, DHSS Press Release, 6/9/20



# M/V Tustumena Outbreak



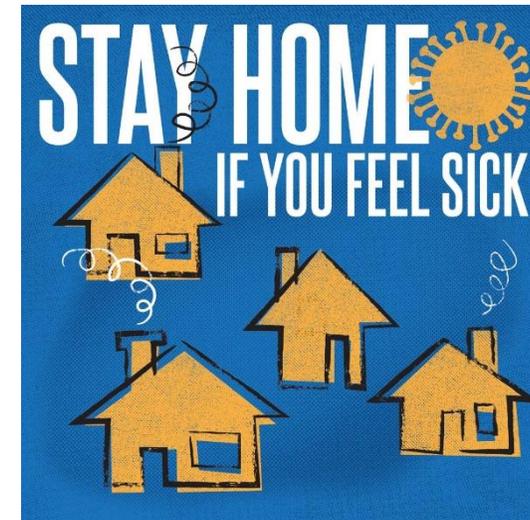
- Saturday, June 6: 1<sup>st</sup> positive case onboard identified
- Monday, June 8: M/V Tustumena arrived in Homer, everyone tested. 41 (34 crew, 6 passenger) total onboard upon arrival into Homer with one positive case, 40 people tested by South Peninsula Hospital.
- Tuesday, June 9: 6 additional crew members tested positive for 7 total positive.
- PHNs are contacting all persons with POS COVID test results, and all contacts to those positive cases on a daily basis to catch anyone with symptoms early

# M/V Tustumena Outbreak Precautions: All Passengers

Out of an abundance of caution, the State of Alaska is recommending that anyone who was on the ship follow the guidance below for 14 days after leaving the ship:

1. Wear a mask/face covering when in public.
2. Minimize exposure to others (maintain at least 6 feet distance), as able.
3. Self-monitor for symptoms twice a day and get tested for COVID-19 if any symptoms arise.
4. Get tested immediately if any symptoms, even mild ones, arise.
5. Consider getting tested 7-14 days after leaving the ship if no symptoms arise.

Link to full release: <http://dot.alaska.gov/comm/pressbox/arch2020/PR20-0048.shtml>



# Whittier Seafoods



- 11 cases have been identified among Whittier Seafoods employees.
- All of the cases were among employees who were living at the facility
- A total of 24 contacts are currently in quarantine
- Cases are in isolation and contacts are in quarantine in Anchorage
- Additional testing is ongoing at Whittier Seafoods and we anticipate receiving those results in the coming days
- Staff from the SOPHN visited Whittier Seafoods on 6/3 to conduct initial interviews with cases and contacts and staff from SOPHN and SOE returned on 6/6 to continue the investigation



# 1



## Before you go:

- Get tested (coming to AK)
- Limit exposure
- Know the local rules
- Plan your trip to minimize your interactions – fishing license, food pick-up, etc.
- Back up plans and insurance

# 2



## During travel and upon arrival:

- Use a mask
- Hand hygiene
- Declaration form
- Provide test results or get tested on arrival
- Educational material
- Receive voucher for repeat testing

# 3

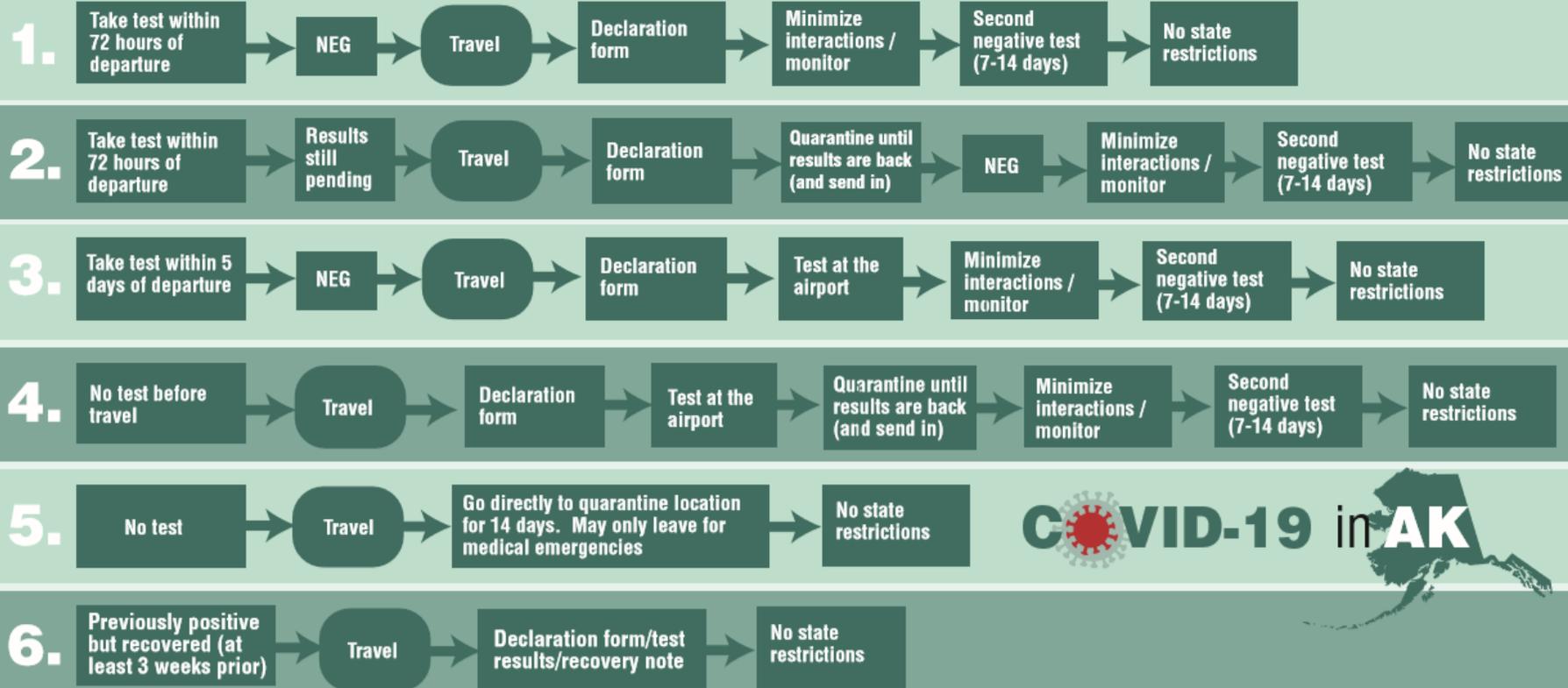


## Watch the window

- Limit exposure – avoid any public indoor space for >10 min during the window
- Get repeat test 7-14 days after arrival
- If repeat test is negative, follow the same guidelines as the local community

# Revisions to Health Mandate 10: Interstate/International Travel

**Traveling into Alaska? Follow these steps. Quarantine for 14 days, or:**



# OPEN DOES NOT MEAN OVER

Maintain COVID-19 Protective Measures



## Guidelines for gatherings

**OPEN DOES NOT MEAN OVER. GATHER IN WAYS THAT LOWER YOUR CHANCES OF SPREADING ILLNESS.**





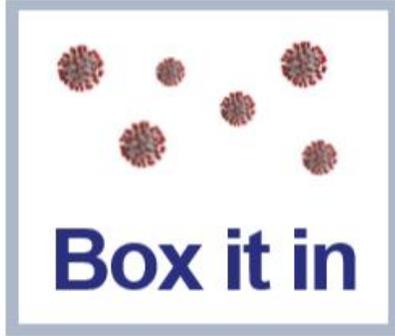
**TEST**

Widely



**ISOLATE**

All infected people



**Box it in**

To get us all working again



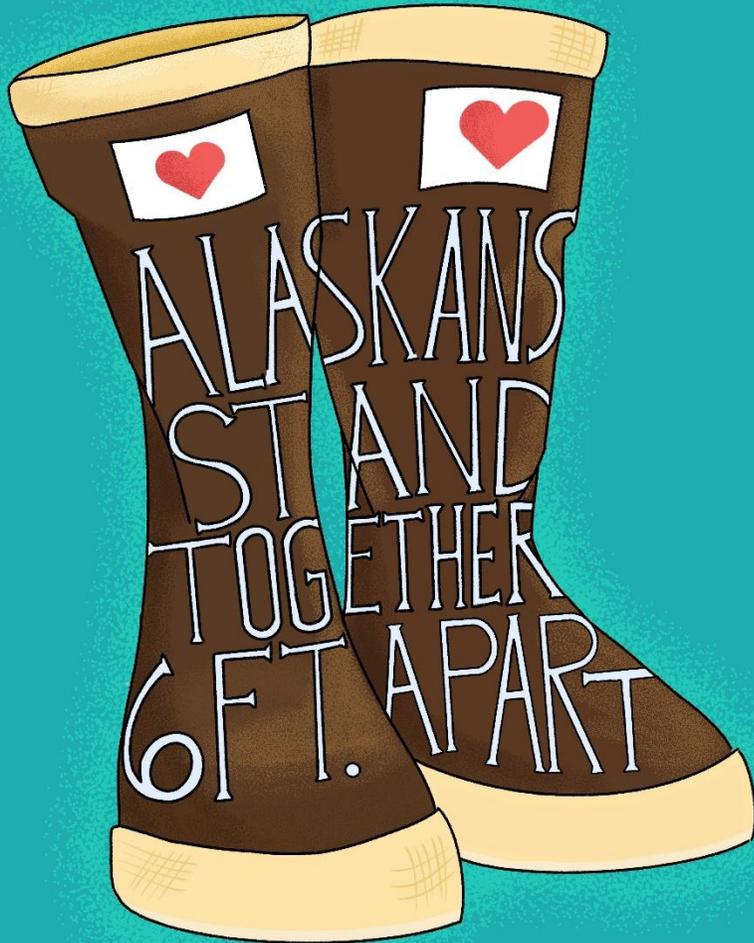
**QUARANTINE**

All contacts self-isolate  
for 14 days



**FIND**

Everyone who has been in  
contact with infected people



- Questions regarding DHSS COVID response, including mandates and alerts, can be sent to: [covidquestions@alaska.gov](mailto:covidquestions@alaska.gov).
- Questions regarding DHSS data can be sent to: [data.coronavirus@alaska.gov](mailto:data.coronavirus@alaska.gov)
- For general questions, contact 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221. Extended call center hours: 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., 7 days a week.