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Fourteen new cases of COVID-19 detected in five Alaska communities

March 31, 2020 ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) today announced 14 new cases of COVID-19 in five Alaska communities – Anchorage (2), Eagle River (2), Fairbanks (5), Juneau (4) and Kenai (1). This brings the total case count in Alaska to 133.

Two of the new cases are older adults (60+); 10 are adults aged 30-59; and two are younger adults aged 19-29. Five are female and nine are male. Five of the cases are close contacts of previously diagnosed cases; two are travel-related and seven are still under investigation.

So far the communities in Alaska that have had laboratory-confirmed cases include Anchorage (including JBER), Eagle River/Chugiak, Girdwood, Homer, Fairbanks, North Pole, Ketchikan, Juneau Palmer, Seward, Soldotna, Sterling and Kenai.

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- Alaska's Response
 - Find more information about how to keep yourself and your family healthy at the DHSS webpage, <u>coronavirus.alaska.gov</u>
 - Visit the governor's webpage on COVID-19 at gov.alaska.gov/covid19news
 - Visit <u>ready.alaska.gov/covid19</u> on the Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management webpage for Unified Command information, community press releases and other documents.
- <u>United States response</u>: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention leads the U.S. response.
- <u>Global response</u>: The World Health Organization guides the global response.

This press release covers new cases between March 30 at 3 p.m. and March 31 at 3 p.m. when daily case counts are updated at coronavirus.alaska.gov.