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**Five new cases of COVID-19 announced in four Alaska communities**

April 18, 2020 ANCHORAGE — The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) today announced five new cases of COVID-19 in four Alaska communities – Anchorage (1), Soldotna (2), Palmer (1) and Wasilla. (1). This brings the total case count in Alaska to 314.

These new cases were reported from 12:00 a.m. until 11:59 p.m. on April 17 and reflect data posted at noon today on [coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com](https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com).

Of the new cases, two are male and three are female. One is aged 10-19; one is aged 30-39; two are aged 40-49; and one is aged 70-79. There have been a total of 36 hospitalizations and nine deaths with no new hospitalizations and no new deaths yesterday. Recovered cases now total 147, including 19 new recovered cases recorded yesterday.

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**Questions about COVID-19?**

- For general questions and assistance, please call 2-1-1.
- For the general public, questions regarding DHSS COVID response, including mandates and alerts, can be sent to [covidquestions@alaska.gov](mailto:covidquestions@alaska.gov).
- For DHSS media inquiries, please contact [clinton.bennett@alaska.gov](mailto:clinton.bennett@alaska.gov).

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