

# Association of Village Council Presidents Press Release

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## **AVCP supports month-long shelter-in-place for YK Delta**

Bethel, Alaska - AVCP is joining YKHC in asking that communities and individuals on the Yukon Kuskokwim Delta go into shelter in place for the next month.

In a press release dated 11.16.20, YKHC "...urges all communities in the YK Delta region to immediately enter into a month-long shelter-in-place, or lock down, to curb the spread of COVID-19..." The regional health corporation cites its preparation as it anticipates health care facilities to hit capacity in the next weeks.

"We are in crisis. We have to take this very seriously," said Vivian Korthuis, AVCP CEO. "We know it's going to be hard, but we have to do it. Please help each other by using the COVID-19 precautions including using a mask, washing your hands, and stay home. I know it's difficult right now, but we need to listen to what YKHC is asking us to do. Please work with your community and business leaders to help your whole community by staying home as much as you can."

For current information on status of COVID-19 in the YK Delta, go to [ykhc.org](http://ykhc.org).

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*AVCP is a regional nonprofit tribal consortium comprised of the 56 federally recognized tribes of the YK Delta. The geographic boundaries of AVCP extend from the Yukon River Village of Russian Mission downstream to the Bering Sea coast, north up through Kotlik and south along the coastline to Platinum and then extending up the Kuskokwim River to Stony River, including Lime Village on the Stony River tributary. The area encompasses approximately 6.5 million acres, or 55,000 square miles, in Western Alaska.*