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Alaska Communities Without Nearby Health Care Facilities

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What communities in Alaska are located beyond a 100-mile radius of certain types of health care facilities licensed and/or certified by the state?

To determine what communities are located beyond a 100-mile radius of certain types of health care facilities, we examined the list of health care facilities currently licensed and/or certified by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS).¹ Specifically, we looked for the following types of facilities in the state: ambulatory surgical center (20); general acute care hospital (11); Alaska Native tribal hospital (7); long-term acute care hospital (2); critical access hospital (2); frontier extended stay clinic (2); or rural primary care hospital (1).² There are 21 communities in the state, listed in the table on the following page, where one or more of these health care facilities are present.

Furthermore, based on geographic data provided by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section, we identified 111 communities in the state that lie beyond a 100-mile radius of a community with one or more of the selected types of facilities. In other words, there are 111 communities that (a) lack any facility that is among those types of facilities and (b) are at least 100 miles distant from a community that offers such a health care facility. The list of these 111 communities also appears in the table on the following page.

Along with the enclosed table, we also provide a map, titled "Alaskan Communities Beyond a 100-Mile Radius of Selected Health Care Facilities," produced by the Research and Analysis Section of the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for the purposes of this report.

We hope this is helpful. If you have questions or need additional information, please let us know.

¹ "Health Facilities Licensing and Certification Facilities List," Division of Health Care Services, DHSS, February 27, 2018, <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/hflc/default.aspx>.

² Other types of facilities licensed and/or certified by DHSS are as follows: birthing center; home health agency; nursing facility; volunteer hospice; full service hospice; end stage renal disease facility; outpatient physical therapy/speech pathology services; and specialized (psychiatric) hospital. In every case, these more specialized types of facilities share a geographic region with (i.e. are within a 100-mile radius of) the types of health care facilities that we selected for the purposes of this report.

Communities With Selected Health Care Facilities	Communities Beyond a 100-Mile Radius of Selected Health Care Facilities			
Anchorage Bethel Dillingham Fairbanks Glennallen Homer Juneau Kenai Ketchikan Kodiak Kotzebue Nome Palmer Petersburg Seward Sitka Soldotna Unalaska Utqiagvik (Barrow) Wasilla Wrangell	Adak City Alakanuk City Alatna CDP Alcan Border CDP Allakaket City Ambler City Anaktuvuk Pass City Anvik City Arctic Village CDP Atka City Attu Station CDP Beaver CDP Bettles City Birch Creek CDP Cantwell CDP Chalkyitsik CDP Chevak City Chicken CDP Chignik City Chignik Lagoon CDP Chignik Lake CDP Chisana CDP Circle CDP Cold Bay City Coldfoot CDP Cordova City Crooked Creek CDP Diomedes City	Dot Lake CDP Dot Lake Village CDP Dry Creek CDP Eagle City Eagle Village CDP Emmonak City Evansville CDP False Pass City Flat CDP Fort Yukon City Galena City Gambell City Goodnews Bay City Grayling City Healy Lake CDP Holy Cross City Hooper Bay City Hughes City Huslia City Iliamna CDP Ivanof Bay CDP Kaktovik City Kaltag City King Cove City Kobuk City Kokhanok CDP Kotlik City Koyuk City	Koyukuk City Lake Minchumina CDP Lime Village CDP McGrath City Mekoryuk City Mountain Village City Nelson Lagoon CDP Newhalen City Nightmute City Nikolai City Nikolski CDP Nondalton City Northway CDP Northway Junction CDP Northway Village CDP Nuiqsut City Nulato City Nunam Iqua City Perryville CDP Pilot Point City Platinum City Point Hope City Point Lay CDP Pope-Vannoy Landing CDP Port Alsworth CDP Port Heiden City Prudhoe Bay CDP Red Devil CDP	Ruby City Sand Point City Savoonga City Scammon Bay City Shageluk City Shaktolik City Shishmaref City Shungnak City Sleetmute CDP St. George City St. Michael City St. Paul City Stebbins City Stony River CDP Takotna CDP Tanacross CDP Tanana City Tetlin CDP Tok CDP Toksook Bay City Tununak CDP Ugashik CDP Unalakleet City Venetie CDP Wales City Wiseman CDP Yakutat CDP

Notes: 1. "Selected health care facilities" means one or more of the following types of facilities licensed and/or certified by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS): ambulatory surgical center; general acute care hospital; Alaska Native tribal hospital; long-term acute care hospital; critical access hospital; frontier extended stay clinic; or rural primary care hospital. "Health Facilities Licensing and Certification Facilities List," Division of Health Care Services, DHSS, February 27, 2018, <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dhcs/Pages/hflc/default.aspx>.

2. "Communities beyond a 100-mile radius of selected health care facilities" means communities at least 100 miles distant from a community with one or more of the selected health care facilities.

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