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## **First day with zero COVID-19 inpatients in 230 Days at ANMC**

“Hitting this benchmark is an exciting moment as we are seeing the needle move in a positive direction,” said Dr. Bob Onders, Alaska Native Medical Center (ANMC) Administrator.

ANMC currently has zero patients with active COVID-19 infection for the first time since July 3, 2020.

“While this situation can change at any moment and we are still caring for patients who are recovering from the effects of previous COVID-19 infection, vaccines are working. We need to keep finding ways to increase the number of people who have completed their vaccine series as efficiently as possible,” Dr. Onders said.

According to [John Hopkins University Resource Center](#), Alaska leads the United States in per capita vaccinations, with the overall vaccine acceptance rate at 58% of those age 65+. The Alaska Tribal Health System accounts for nearly 50% of all allocated doses and regional partners have doses available now. Contact your local Tribal health organization to check on availability and schedule your vaccination appointment.

Information on Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium’s work towards ending COVID-19 in Alaska including vaccinations, testing and more can be found at <https://anthc.org/covid19/>

Information regarding getting a COVID-19 vaccine through the State of Alaska’s distribution can be found at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>

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