

Trichinosis outbreak reported

Samples of walrus and seal meat from the Hooper Bay area have been sent to the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., following an outbreak of trichinosis in the Bering Sea community.

Eighteen cases of the disease were reported last week, with one victim requiring hospitalization. State epidemiologist Dr. Thad Woodard spent three days in Hooper Bay investigating the outbreak.

Symptoms of the disease are similar to those of flu, including fever, headaches, and sore muscles.