

Press Release

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Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19 in Selawik

July 13, 2020 – On a July 11th press release, Maniilaq reported that an individual had tested positive for COVID-19 after returning from the Native Village of Selawik. Based on an interview with the individual, we spoke with and tested 15 additional people in Selawik. One of those individuals tested positive for COVID-19 on Saturday, July 11th. This person remains in Selawik under strict quarantine. It is not entirely clear if both of the positive cases in Selawik are connected (that is, if the virus was transmitted from case #1 to case #2), as the second case had also recently been to Anchorage. Maniilaq is speaking with the leadership in Selawik and both individuals to further evaluate risk and will develop a course of action as needed.

In the meantime, we advise the residents of the Native Village of Selawik to avoid contact with other households, practice social distancing, wash hands frequently, avoid large gatherings, and wear masks in public spaces. It is recommended that individuals avoid non-essential travel, including inter-village travel.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as a dry cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice or call Maniilaq's COVID-19 Hotline at 833-442-7015. The following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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