

Press Release

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Third COVID-19 Case in Maniilaq Service Area

June 4, 2020 – An individual traveling from Anchorage to Kotzebue has tested positive for COVID-19. The individual arrived in Kotzebue on Monday, June 1st; their test results were received today from the Alaska Native Medical Center. Once the individual was located they were brought to the MHC Respiratory Clinic and taken to the hotel for quarantine and monitoring symptoms. Maniilaq Public Health Nursing is still conducting “contact tracing” to determine the extent of contact and interaction they have had since arriving in Kotzebue. People who may have come into contact with the individual have been/are being contacted.

Maniilaq officials are encouraging all Kotzebue residents to take precautionary, protective measures to help prevent the possibility of community spread. This includes practicing social distancing, wearing a mask when you must be out in public places, avoiding large gatherings, and frequent hand washing.

We will update the community and region as more information becomes available.

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

Please continue to follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for protecting yourself against COVID-19 by practicing social distancing and washing your hands frequently. More information on protecting yourself can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

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