Press Release

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Correction to July 7 Release: Individual Tests Positive for COVID-19 in Buckland

A previous version stated the individual was not a resident of the Maniilaq service area. The individual is a resident of the Maniilaq service area.

July 8, 2020 – An individual traveling through Kotzebue to Buckland after receiving a negative COVID-19 test result in Anchorage has tested positive for COVID-19. Buckland's practice is to quarantine all passengers coming from Anchorage. To begin the process of being released from quarantine, the individual requested a COVID-19 test which was determined to be positive. The individual remained in quarantine in the village and has not had significant community interaction. Contact tracing and steps to ensure proper quarantining for the protection of all residents is being carried out. The follow-up testing protocol is to have two (2) negative COVID-19 in a 24-hour period before the State will release the individual from quarantine.

Maniilaq encourages residents to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, avoid large gatherings, and wear masks in public spaces. It is recommended that residents avoid non-essential travel, however when travel is deemed necessary we ask travelers be tested before arriving in Kotzebue or to test upon arrival at the Kotzebue airport.

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

For the latest COVID-19 information visit our website at www.maniilaq.org/covid-19

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