



Press Release

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Kiana Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19

July 24, 2020 – A resident of Kiana has tested positive for COVID-19 based on a test given in Anchorage on July 19th, however test results were not known before the persons travel began back to the region. The individual tested again upon arrival in Kotzebue on 7/21 with a negative result, which allowed the individual to get back to Kiana. After arriving in Kiana the person learned that their Anchorage COVID test was positive. Because the 1st test (Anchorage) was positive they are regarded as a COVID-19 case even after the 2nd test was negative in Kotzebue. The individual is in quarantine in Kiana. Maniilaq Public Health Nursing will be working with the State to conduct contact tracing and reaching out to anyone who may have come into significant contact with this case.

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, including inter-village travel.

If residents of Kiana believe they 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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