



Press Release

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Six New Cases of COVID-19 in the Maniilaq Service Area

July 28, 2020 – There are six new COVID-19 cases in the Maniilaq service area.

A Kotzebue resident traveling from Anchorage to Kotzebue on July 24th tested positive in Anchorage on July 20th. The individual is asymptomatic and quarantined in Kotzebue.

Another Kotzebue resident traveling from Anchorage to Kotzebue on July 24th tested positive in Anchorage on July 21st. The individual is asymptomatic and quarantined in Kotzebue.

A Noorvik resident tested positive in Noorvik on July 24th after traveling through Kotzebue on July 21st. A previous test in Anchorage before traveling was negative. The individual is symptomatic and is in quarantine in Kotzebue.

Three employees in the mining industry tested positive for COVID-19. Two tested positive on July 19th and one tested positive on July 20th. All employees are currently in quarantine.

Maniilaq Public Health Nursing is working with the State to conduct contact tracing and reaching out to anyone who may have come into significant contact with these cases. 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 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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