



Press Release

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Three Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB) Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

August 10, 2020, 12:00pm – Three NWAB residents have tested positive for COVID-19.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage on August 4th. This individual has not been in the NWAB since July 26th and is a close contact of a previous NWAB case. They are asymptomatic.

A Kiana resident has tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage on August 7th. This individual has not been in the NWAB since July 20th. They are asymptomatic and in quarantine in Anchorage.

A Kobuk resident tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage on August 10th. This individual has not been in the NWAB since July 20th. They are asymptomatic and are in quarantine in Anchorage.

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, clean frequently touched surfaces daily, 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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