



## Press Release

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

August 26, 2020, 4:15pm – A resident of Buckland tested positive for COVID-19 on August 22<sup>nd</sup> while out of region. The individual has not been in the Maniilaq service area since August 1<sup>st</sup>. The positive individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and has not been in the Maniilaq service area while infectious. They are asymptomatic and currently quarantining in Red Dog.

A Kobuk resident tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage on August 24<sup>th</sup>. The individual has not been in the Maniilaq service area since August 7<sup>st</sup>. The positive individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and has not been in the Maniilaq service area while infectious. They are asymptomatic and currently quarantining in Anchorage.

While the individuals are currently not present in the region, they will be reported as a NWAB case due to the individuals' permanent residence per State reporting protocols.

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](http://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19)

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