



Press Release

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Two Selawik Residents Test Positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue

August 17, 2020, 9:30am – Two Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue on August 15th. The individuals are close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case and were self-isolating since arrival on July 31st. They are in quarantine in Kotzebue and symptomatic. 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

*Please note an earlier release incorrectly stated that the individual had not been in the NWAB since July 20th.

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