

## Press Release

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### Five Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

September 24, 2020, 6:30 pm – A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Red Dog Mine. They are asymptomatic and in isolation at the mine. They have not been in their home community for over two weeks.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Red Dog Mine, results were not available until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A previous COVID-19 test on September 17<sup>th</sup> was negative. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kiana.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Red Dog Mine, results were not available until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. A previous COVID-19 test on September 17<sup>th</sup> was negative. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Noatak.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 21<sup>st</sup> at Red Dog Mine, results were not available until September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 21<sup>st</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Maniilaq Public Health Nursing is working with the State to conduct contact tracing and will reach out to anyone who may have come into significant contact with this case. 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

**It is essential to self-quarantine until test results are received once you arrive in Kotzebue.** It can take up to a week before your COVID-19 results are available, and its important you are not actively out in the community during that time.

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Kotzebue Qikiqtaruk, Ambler Ivisaappaat, Buckland Nunatchiaq, Deering Ipnatchiaq, Kiana Katyaak, Kivalina Kivaliniq, Kobuk Laugviik, Noatak Nautaaq, Noorvik Nuurvik, Point Hope Tikigaq, Selawik Akuligaq, Shungnak Isinnaq

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit our website at [www.manilaq.org/covid-19](http://www.manilaq.org/covid-19).