



Press Release

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Four Buckland Residents Test Positive for COVID-19 in Buckland

September 16, 2020, 8:30 pm – Four Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 11th in Buckland. Two residents arrived in the Northwest Arctic Borough (NWAB) on September 3rd and one arrived on August 31st. All four residents are close contacts of a previous COVID-19 positive case. Three individuals are currently in isolation in Buckland and one individual is in isolation in Kotzebue. One individual is symptomatic.

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 these cases. 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 it's important you are not actively out in the community during that time.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit our website at www.maniilaq.org/covid-19.

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