



Press Release

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Four Individuals Test Positive for COVID-19 in NWAB

September 18, 2020, 10:00 pm – A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17th in Buckland. They are a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. The individual is asymptomatic and is in isolation in Buckland; they were previously in quarantine before their positive COVID-19 test.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 15th in Kotzebue, results were not available until September 18th. They arrived into Kotzebue on September 14th and are not a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. The individual quarantined upon arrival until results were received. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A non-NWAB resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17th upon arrival into Kotzebue. They are not a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. The individual is asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th after arriving in Kotzebue on September 14th. They are not a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. The individual is asymptomatic 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 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 its important you are not actively out in the community during that time.

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