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## Four Kotzebue Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

September 28, 2020, 12:30 pm – Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. One resident tested positive on September 25<sup>th</sup> and three tested positive on September 26<sup>th</sup>. The individuals are symptomatic and close contacts of a previous COVID-19 case. They are 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.

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

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