

## Press Release

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### Point Hope Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19

September 24, 2020, 8:00 pm – A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage however results were not available from that test until September 20<sup>th</sup>. The individual traveled into the Maniilaq service area on September 19<sup>th</sup> where they were tested and resulted negative. However, the individual is still considered to be positive from the September 18<sup>th</sup> test according to CDC guidelines. The individual is asymptomatic and in isolation in Point Hope.

Point Hope's COVID-19 cases will be attributed to the North Slope Borough by the State of Alaska so will not be included in the Northwest Arctic Borough's case counts.

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](http://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19).

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