

Press Release

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Three Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

September 23, 2020, 2:30 pm – A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th in Buckland. The individual is asymptomatic and in isolation in Buckland. They are not a known close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and have not recently traveled. We have seen signs of community spread in Buckland and ask that residents take extra precautions to prevent further spread of the virus.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 20th at Red Dog Mine. They are symptomatic and in isolation at the mine. They have not been in their home community for over two weeks.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th at Red Dog Mine. They are symptomatic and in isolation at the mine. They have not been in their home community for over two weeks.

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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