



## Press Release

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### Twelve Individuals Test Positive for COVID-19 in NWAB

September 21, 2020, 8:30 am – Eleven Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17<sup>th</sup> in Buckland. Ten cases are close contacts of a previous COVID-19 case and all were found during community wide testing in Buckland. Six individuals are symptomatic. All individuals are in isolation in Buckland.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 in September 17<sup>th</sup> at Red Dog Mine. It is unknown at this time when they were last present in the NWAB. They are currently in isolation at Red Dog Mine.

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.

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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