



Press Release

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Two NWAB Residents Test Positive for COVID-19 After Recent Travel

September 8, 2020, 2:00pm – Two Northwest Arctic Borough residents have tested positive for COVID-19 after recent travel.

A Noorvik resident was tested in Anchorage on September 2nd and traveled to Kotzebue on September 3rd before their positive result was available. They took another COVID-19 test upon arriving in Kotzebue and again tested positive. The individual is asymptomatic and is quarantining in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive in Kotzebue upon arrival on September 3rd however results were not received until September 6th. The individual is symptomatic and is quarantining in Kotzebue. Anyone in close contact with this individual while results were pending are in quarantine.

Maniilaq Public Health Nursing is working with the State to conduct contact tracing and reaching 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

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

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