

Press Release

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Eighteen (18) Individuals Test Positive for COVID-19

October 8, 2020, 5:30 pm – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a previous COVID-19 case. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Five Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st and 2nd in Buckland. All five individuals are linked to a previous COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Buckland.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 2nd & 4th in Kotzebue. All four individuals are linked to previous COVID-19 cases. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th in Anchorage. The individual has not been in the region since September 3rd. They are in isolation in Anchorage.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 6th in Kotzebue. All four individuals are linked to previous COVID-19 cases. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two Kotzebue residents and one non-NWAB resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th in Kotzebue. The two Kotzebue residents are linked to community transmission. The non-resident arrived into the region on September 26th. All three 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 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.

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