

Press Release

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Eleven NWAB Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 1, 2020, 1:30 pm – Two Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 25th in Buckland. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Buckland. The individuals are a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29th in Anchorage. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Kotzebue. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. Two tested positive on September 28th and two on September 29th. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue. The individuals are a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. One tested positive on September 29th and the other on September 30th. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27th at Red Dog Mine. They are a symptomatic and in isolation at the mine. The individual has not been present in the region since September 12th.

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.