

Press Release

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Five Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 15, 2020, 12:00 pm – A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 8th in Anchorage. The individual has not been in the Maniilaq service area for over a month. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 9th in Anchorage. The individual has not been in the region for over two weeks. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13th in Kotzebue. The individuals are both linked to a known COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 14th in Kotzebue. The individual is linked to a known COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and 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.

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

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