## **Press Release**

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## Four NWAB Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 2, 2020, 3:30 pm – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and asymptomatic.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September  $30^{\rm th}$  in Anchorage. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Anchorage and symptomatic.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27<sup>th</sup> at Red Dog Mine. They have not been present in the region since September 17<sup>th</sup>. They are in isolation at Red Dog and symptomatic.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October  $1^{\rm st}$  upon arrival at Red Dog Mine. They are in isolation at Red Dog and asymptomatic.

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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