



## Press Release

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### Fourteen NWAB Residents and One Nonresident Test Positive for COVID-19

October 26, 2020, 11:00 am – Ten Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> (1), October 22<sup>nd</sup> (1), October 23<sup>rd</sup> (3), and October 25<sup>th</sup> (5) in Kotzebue. The individuals are not linked to a known + COVID-19 case, are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> (1) and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 (2) in Kotzebue. The individuals are symptomatic, linked to a known + COVID-19 case, and are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known + COVID-19 case, symptomatic, and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A nonresident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in Kotzebue. The individual is linked to a known + COVID-19 case, symptomatic 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](http://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19).

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