

Press Release

Contact: Kelli Shroyer, Public Communications Director

Cell: 907-412-1204

Email: kelli.shroyer@maniilaq.org



Nineteen Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 30, 2020, 5:00 pm – A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 19th at Red Dog Mine. The individual has not been in the region since September 30th. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine.

Four Kivalina residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27th in Anchorage. All four individuals are linked to a known COVID-19 case. Three individuals have not been in the region for a month and one individual was in the region less than a week ago. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

Twelve Kotzebue residents have tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27th (4), October 28th (6), and October 29th (2) in Kotzebue. All cases are linked to known COVID-19 cases. Seven of the cases have mild symptoms and the others are asymptomatic. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27th in Kotzebue. The individual has not been in Selawik for over a month. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Deering resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 29th in Kotzebue. The individual is not 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.

MANIILAQ ASSOCIATION | P.O. BOX 256 | KOTZEBUE, AK 99752 | 1.800.478.3312

Kotzebue Qikiqtagrak, Ambler Ivisaappaat, Buckland Nunatchiaq, Deering Ipnatchiaq, Kiana Katyaak, Kivalina Kivaliniq, Kobuk Laugviik, Noatak Nautaaq, Noorvik Nuurvik, Point Hope Tikigaq, Selawik Akuligaq, Shungnak Isinnaq