

## **Maniilaq COVID-19 Update, October 25, 2020**

### **COVID-19 Cases in ALASKA, October 21 through October 25, 2020**

- October 21 204 Cases
- October 22 210 Cases
- October 23 243 Cases
- October 24 355 Cases
- October 25 526 Cases

### **MSA REGION has seen a steady monthly rise in Coronavirus cases since June.**

- June 3 Cases
- July 22 Cases
- August 28 Cases
- September 43 Cases
- October 1-25 145 Cases

### **MSA Region, October 25, 2020**

- Total Cases 241
- Resident 215
- North Slope 3
- Non-Resident 13
- Recovered 226
  - Travel Related 83, 35%
  - Community 51, 21%
  - Secondary 107, 44%
  - The above information may vary based on continued tracing and verification.
- Active Cases 25, 2 patients Medivac to Anchorage
- Kotzebue 22
- Buckland 1 isolated in Kotzebue
- Noatak 1 isolated in Noatak
- Point Hope 1 isolated in Kotzebue

### **Age Groups**

- 0-19 47 cases, 20%
- 20-39 102 cases, 42%
- 40-59 60 cases, 25%
- 60+ 32 cases, 13%

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We have seen an explosion of cases in September and the first 25 days of October. There continues to be an increase in acquisition of the virus through close contact with positive family and friends. The numbers indicate the younger people are the driving force behind this increase.

The current cases are related to clusters within households and neighboring households. Members of those identified households who are positive have not been successful in their isolation within the household and the direct contacts that should quarantine continue to go to work and attend social gatherings. Contacts believe that having a negative test means all is well and is a get out of quarantine card. Ultimately, contacts become positive and more people are exposed.

We urge families to solve this problem together by thinking of their high risk family members and taking all safety steps for those family members by following public health guidelines. All family members must be willing to do difficult things to keep their loved ones safe.

Again, this is a wakeup call. The coronavirus is real! We can't stamp it out but we can mitigate it with public safety guidelines.

The power of the simple tools such as social distancing, avoiding crowds, wearing a mask and hand washing make a difference.