

Press Release

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Seven Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 7, 2020, 1:30 pm – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 6th in Kotzebue. The individual is not a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and is symptomatic. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th upon arrival into Kotzebue. The individual is not a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and is asymptomatic. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Noatak. The individuals are close contacts of a previous COVID-19 case. Two are asymptomatic and one individual is symptomatic. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Kotzebue. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and is asymptomatic. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th in Buckland. The individual is a close contact of a previous COVID-19 case and is asymptomatic. They are in isolation in Buckland.

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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