

Press Release

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Seventeen Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 13, 2020, 5:30 pm – Seven Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 8th & 9th in Kotzebue. All individuals are linked to a previous COVID-19 case. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Eight Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 10th, 11th and 12th in Kotzebue. All individuals are linked to a previous COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 9th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a previous COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 9th in Noatak. The individual is linked to a previous COVID-19 case. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Noatak.

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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