

## Press Release

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### Ten Kotzebue Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 27, 2020, 11:30 am – Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> in Kotzebue. The individuals are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. The individuals are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. One resident has been out of the NWAB for a month and the other less than one week. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

Six Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 26<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. Three individuals are symptomatic. All six cases are linked to community transmission and are 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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