

Press Release

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Thirteen Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 19, 2020, 4:30 pm – A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th at Red Dog Mine. The individual has not been in the region for over a month. They are symptomatic and in isolation at Red Dog Mine.

Four Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13th in Kiana. All four cases are associated with community spread. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kiana.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13th in Kotzebue. The individuals are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 14th in Kotzebue. The individual is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. Two individuals tested positive on October 15th and the other on October 18th. Both cases are associated with community spread. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Anchorage. One individual tested positive on October 15th and the other on October 18th. Both individuals have been out of the region for over two weeks. They are in isolation in Anchorage.

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.

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For the latest COVID-19 information, visit our website at www.manilaq.org/covid-19.