

Press Release

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Twelve Maniilaq Service Area Residents and One Non-Resident Test Positive for COVID-19

November 18, 2020, 8:30 am – A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 10th in Anchorage. The individual departed to Anchorage approximately two weeks before testing positive and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. Results were not available until the individual returned to Point Hope. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Point Hope.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 11th in Anchorage. The individual is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They have not been in their home community since a week before their positive test. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 12th in Anchorage. The individual departed to Anchorage two days before testing positive and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

A non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 13th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Eight Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. Three tested positive on November 13th, one on the 14th, three on the 15th and one on the 16th. Six individuals have mild symptoms and the others are asymptomatic. Three are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 14th in Kotzebue. The individual had not been in their home community for over a month and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and 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.

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