



Press Release

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Four Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

December 14, 2020, 9:00 am – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 9th in Anchorage. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and departed the region on December 6th. They have mild symptoms and are in isolation in Anchorage.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 10th at Red Dog Mine. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and departed the region on November 30th. They are asymptomatic and in isolation at Red Dog Mine.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 11th in Kotzebue. The individual is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They have mild symptoms and are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 13th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and has not been in the region for over a month. 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.

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

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