

Press Release

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Nine NWAB Residents and One Non-Resident Test Positive for COVID-19

December 7, 2020, 9:00 am – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 1st in Anchorage. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 2nd in Anchorage. The individual is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and has not been in the region for 3 weeks. They are in isolation in Anchorage.

A non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 3rd in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They have mild symptoms and are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 4th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They have mild symptoms and are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 5th in Kotzebue. The individuals are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and have not been in the region for two months. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 5th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and has not been in the region for 3 weeks. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. One resident tested positive on December 5th and two tested positive on December 6th. They are linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They have mild symptoms 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 it's 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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