



Press Release

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Nineteen Northwest Arctic Borough Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday and staffing shortage, this release includes a backlog of cases from November. Positive cases were contacted and the contact tracing process proceeded as normal.

December 2, 2020, 10:30 am – A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 19th 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 Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 19th at Red Dog Mine. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and has not been in the region since November 12th. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 30th in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and had not been in the region for two weeks prior to testing positive. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 23rd in Kotzebue. The individual is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and had not been in the region for a week before testing positive. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Selawik. One resident tested positive on November 20th and two tested positive on November 30th. The individuals are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. The individuals are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Selawik.

Three Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 23rd, 24th and 25th in Anchorage. The individuals departed the region two weeks prior to testing positive and are linked to a positive COVID-19 case. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Anchorage.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. Two residents tested positive on November 25th, one on the 27th and another on the 29th. The individuals are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and had departed the region two weeks prior to testing positive. They are asymptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

Five Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. Two residents tested positive on November 24th, two on the 25th and one on the 27th. The individuals are linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are symptomatic and in isolation in Kotzebue.

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Kotzebue Qikiqtagruk, Ambler Ivisaappaat, Buckland Nunatchiaq, Deering Ipnatchiaq, Kiana Katyaak, Kivalina Kivaliniq, Kobuk Laugviik, Noatak Nautaaq, Noorvik Nuurvik, Point Hope Tikigaq, Selawik Akuligaq, Shungnak Isinnaq

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.