



Press Release

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16 Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

January 20, 2021, 11:30 am – A Kivalina resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 8th in Anchorage. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Anchorage.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 13th in Buckland. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Buckland.

Two Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 15th in Kivalina. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

Twelve Kivalina residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 15th (8), 16th (2), 18th (1), and 19th (1) in Kivalina. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

While some communities throughout the Maniilaq service area may not have *known* active positive COVID-19 cases currently, it is important to continue to stay vigilant and follow recommended preventative measures.

We need your help in slowing the spread. We all play a part in keeping our loved ones safe. The power of simple tools such as social distancing, avoiding gatherings, wearing a mask and hand washing make a difference.

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

Please follow the health mandates put in place by your community. It is important you are not actively out in the community during the quarantine period put in place by your community.

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

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