



Press Release

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

January 4, 2021, 4:30 pm – Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 24th & 28th at Red Dog Mine. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine and had not been in the region for two weeks before testing positive.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 26th at Red Dog Mine. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine and had not been in the region for over a week before testing positive.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 28th at Red Dog Mine. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine and had not been in the region for three weeks before testing positive.

A Kivalina resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 30th at Red Dog Mine. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine and had not been in the region for three weeks before testing positive.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 30th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 30th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and had not been in the region since November 2020.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 2nd in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and are not linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kivalina resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 2nd in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and had departed their home community a few days before testing positive.

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

A non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 2nd in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 3rd in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and are not linked to known positive COVID-19 cases. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 4th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and had departed their home community over a month before testing positive.

A Kivalina resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 4th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and departed their home community a few days before testing positive.

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.