



Press Release

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Six Noatak Residents and One Shungnak Resident Test Positive for COVID-19 while Outside of their Home Communities

April 27, 2021, 1:00 pm – One Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 21st and five Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on April 23rd in Kotzebue. The individuals are symptomatic and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and departed the region 10 days before testing positive upon return.

A Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 12th at Red Dog Mine. The individual was asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They were in isolation at Red Dog Mine and had been out of the region for two weeks before testing positive. Maniilaq received notification of positive case after the individual cleared quarantine.

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 keeping the case count low. We all play a part in keeping our loved ones safe. **The power of simple tools such as getting vaccinated, 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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