

Press Release

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Three Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

April 20, 2021, 2:15 pm – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 13th while outside of the Maniilaq service area (MSA). They have not been in the region for over two weeks. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the MSA.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 17th while outside of the MSA. They departed the MSA on April 14th. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the MSA.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 18th at Red Dog Mine. They have not been in the region for more than one week. The individual is symptomatic and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine.

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 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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