

Press Release

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Twenty Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

July 30, 2021, 9:30 pm – A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on July 26th. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area and have been out of the region for at least two weeks.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on July 28th. The individual is symptomatic and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on July 28th. The individual is symptomatic and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on July 29th. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at Red Dog Mine. They have been out of the region for over two weeks.

Two Kobuk residents tested positive for COVID-19 on July 29th. The individuals are symptomatic. One resident is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kobuk.

Four Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on July 29th. All cases are symptomatic and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

Five Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on July 29th. One resident is asymptomatic, the rest are symptomatic. They are all linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on July 30th. The individual is asymptomatic and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on July 30th. One resident is symptomatic, the rest are asymptomatic. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

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.

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

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.