



Press Release

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Eleven Maniilaq Service Area Residents & Four Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

August 3, 2021, 9:00 pm – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on July 27th. The individual is asymptomatic and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

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

Six Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 2nd. Two individuals are symptomatic. Three individuals are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 2nd. The individual is asymptomatic. They are in isolation in Buckland.

Four non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 2nd. Two individuals are symptomatic and all are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 3rd. The individual is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 3rd. The individual is symptomatic. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

As of August 3rd, there are 45 active COVID-19 cases in the Maniilaq service area.

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.**

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

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.