

Press Release

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Twenty Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

August 28, 2021, 5:00 pm – Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 outside of the Maniilaq service area on August 24th(1) and August 26th(1). The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area and departed the region more than two weeks before positive test.

A Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 25th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and had been out of the region for a week before positive test.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 25th in Noatak. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

Three Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 26th in Kotzebue. The individuals are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and departed the region more than two weeks before positive test.

Seven Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 26th in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 26th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 26th at Red Dog Mine. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at the mine and had been out of the region more than two weeks before positive test.

Four Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 27th in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

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 Tikigaq, Selawik Akuligaq, 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.