

## Press Release

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### Twenty-One Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

August 19, 2021, 8:00 am – Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 13<sup>th</sup> in Anchorage. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Anchorage. They had been outside of the Maniilaq service area for over two weeks before testing positive.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 17<sup>th</sup> in Noatak. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 17<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 17<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Twelve Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. They had been outside of the Maniilaq service area for a week before testing positive.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 18<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. 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.

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:

MANIILAQ ASSOCIATION | P.O. BOX 256 | KOTZEBUE, AK 99752 | 1.800.478.3312

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

- 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](http://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19).