

Press Release

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Twenty-six Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

August 10, 2021, 5:30 pm – A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 8th. The individual is symptomatic and is in isolation in Point Hope.

Fourteen Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 9th. Two individuals are symptomatic. All residents are linked to a known positive case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on August 9th. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 10th. The individuals are symptomatic and one is linked to a known positive case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

Two Kobuk residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 10th. One individual is linked to a known positive case. They are in isolation in Kobuk.

Six Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on August 10th. Two individuals are symptomatic. Four residents are linked to a known positive case. They are all 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 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

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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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