

Press Release

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117 Maniilaq Service Area Residents + 3 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

September 25, 2021, 8:00 pm – **Two Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 22nd in Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

An **Ambler** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 22nd in Ambler. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

A **Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 22nd in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Forty-four Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 22nd in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

A **non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on September 22nd while outside of the Maniilaq service area. 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 September 22nd in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Six Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Five Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

A **Noorvik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd at Red Dog Mine. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at the mine and had departed the region less than a week before their positive test.

Ten Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Fifteen Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd in Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

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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

Six Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 24th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A **Noorvik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 24th in Noorvik. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Eight Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 24th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Four Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 24th in Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

Eight Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 24th in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

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

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.