

Press Release

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Seventy-Two Maniilaq Service Area Residents + 1 Non-Resident Test Positive for COVID-19

September 19, 2021, 8:00 pm – A **Kotzebue** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 12th 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 have been out of the region for over two weeks.

Three **Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 15th 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 15th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A **Point Hope** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 15th in Point Hope. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

A **non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on September 15th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A **Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 16th in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Thirteen **Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 16th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Seventeen **Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 16th in Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

Four **Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

A **Kotzebue** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Seven **Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Six **Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 17th 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

Four **Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three **Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th 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.

Two **Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue and had been out of the region for less than a week.

Eight **Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 18th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

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.