

Press Release

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97 Maniilaq Service Area Residents + 6 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 1, 2021, 8:30 am – **Four Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 25th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 25th 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 Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 26th in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 26th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 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. They left the region less than a week before their positive test.

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

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

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

Eleven Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27th 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.

Four non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27th in Ambler. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

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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

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 27th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. They had been out of the region for more than two weeks before their positive test.

Six Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Four Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Eight Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th 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.

Six Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 28th 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 Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at Noorvik.

Five Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29th 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 29th in Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 29th in Buckland. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Buckland.

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.