

Press Release

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104 Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 10, 2021, 4:00 pm – **A Buckland** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue

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Seven Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Seven Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

Eight Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Six Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th 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.

Seven Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Buckland. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

Two Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Ambler.

Sixteen Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 4th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th 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.

Seven Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

Two Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Seven Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Eight Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 5th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Two Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 6th 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 Tikigaq, Selawik Akuligaq, Shungnak Isinnaq

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 6th 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 October 6th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th in Buckland. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed region 2 days prior.

A Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th in Shungnak. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Shungnak.

Five Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 7th 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.