

Press Release

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74 Maniilaq Service Area Residents + 4 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 23, 2021, 8:30 pm – **Four Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 18th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 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.

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

Two Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 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. Departed region a week prior

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 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.

Four Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 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.

Three Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 18th in Buckland. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

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

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

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 19th 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 3 days prior.

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

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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

A Kivalina resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 19th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed region a week prior

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 20th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed community two weeks prior.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 20th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 20th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 20th 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 a week prior.

Five Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 20th 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 October 21st 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.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 21st in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed community two weeks prior.

Two Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 21st in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Twelve Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 21st in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 21st in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 21st 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 community a day prior.

A Kobuk resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 21st in Kobuk. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kobuk. Departed region 2 weeks prior

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.