

Press Release

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83 Maniilaq Service Area Residents and 3 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 4, 2021, 8:30 am – **Two Ambler** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 23rd outside of the MSA. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the MSA.

Five Ambler residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Ambler.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed region less than a week before their positive test.

A non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Five Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and are not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. They departed Noatak less than 1 week before their positive test.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th 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.

Sixteen Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to known a positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Sixteen Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on September 30th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st 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 Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Seven Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Buckland. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

Thirteen Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

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Kotzebue **Qikiqtagruk**, Ambler **Ivisaappaat**, Buckland **Nunatchiaq**, Deering **Ipnachiaq**, Kiana **Katyaak**, Kivalina **Kivaliniq**,
Kobuk **Laugviik**, Noatak **Nautaaq**, Noorvik **Nuurvik**, Point Hope **Tikigaq**, Selawik **Akuligaq**, Shungnak **Isinnaq**

Four Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Three Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 1st in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 2nd in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 2nd in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and are 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 2 weeks before their positive test.

A Point Hope resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 3rd in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and are 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 2 weeks before their positive test.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 3rd in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 3rd in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

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 keeping the case count low. 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.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit our website at www.maniilaq.org/covid-19.