

## Press Release

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### 99 Maniilaq Service Area Residents + 2 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

October 17, 2021, 8:30 pm – **Two Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Kiana** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 11<sup>th</sup> 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 3 days prior

**A non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on October 11<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Twelve Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Twenty-seven Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**Seven Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Buckland** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Buckland. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

**Three Ambler** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 12<sup>th</sup> in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

**Four Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Three Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13<sup>th</sup> 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 non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

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Kotzebue Qikiqtagruk, Ambler Ivisaappaat, Buckland Nunatchiaq, Deering Ipnatchiaq, Kiana Katyaak, Kivalina Kivaliniq, Kobuk Laugviik, Noatak Nautaaq, Noorvik Nuurvik, Point Hope Tikigaaq, Selawik Akuligaaq, Shungnak Isinnaq

**Four Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Five Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 13<sup>th</sup> in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**Two Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Three Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 14<sup>th</sup> 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 October 14<sup>th</sup> in Noatak. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

**Seven Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 14<sup>th</sup> in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**A Point Hope** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Eleven Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**Two Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Point Hope** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Noorvik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

**A Buckland** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 15<sup>th</sup> in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed Buckland two 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.