

Press Release

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

November 1, 2021, 10:30 am – **Twenty-nine Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Eight Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th 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 Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th 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 25th in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Three Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th 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 days prior.

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

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Has been in Kotzebue for a week.

Two Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 25th in Buckland. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Buckland.

Four Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 26th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Thirteen Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 26th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

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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 Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 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. Departed the region a week prior.

Four Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 26th 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.

Eight Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27th in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

Three Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 27th in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed region a week prior.

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

Five Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 28th in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

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

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 28th in Noorvik. The individual has mild symptoms and is 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 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.

Two Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 29th in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

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

Four Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 29th in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 29th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed the region a week prior.

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

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 31st 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.

CORRECTION to previous COVID-19 release dated October 26th: A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on October 22nd in Kotzebue. They were not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They were in isolation in Kotzebue.