## **Press Release**

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## 123 Maniilaq Service Area Residents and 7 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

November 9, 2021, 1:00 pm – **Four Kiana** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on October 26, 2021 in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

**Twelve Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 1, 2021 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 November 1, 2021 in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

**Three Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 1, 2021 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 November 2, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Three non-residents** tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 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 non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 in Kivalina. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

**Eight Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 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 November 2, 2021 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 Kobuk** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 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 weeks prior to testing positive.

**An Ambler** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Two Kiana** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

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**A Noatak** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 2, 2021 in Anchorage. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed the region weeks prior to testing positive.

**Two Kiana** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 3, 2021 in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

**Fourteen Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 3, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Kiana** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 3, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed home a week prior to testing positive.

**Two Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 3, 2021 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 Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 3, 2021 in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**Eleven Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 4, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Point Hope** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 4, 2021 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 weeks prior to testing positive.

**Four Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 4, 2021 in Anchorage. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed the region a week prior to testing positive.

**Four Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 4, 2021 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 November 4, 2021 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 home a week prior to testing positive.

**Six Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 5, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Two non-residents** tested positive for COVID-19 on November 5, 2021 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 Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 5, 2021 in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Seven Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 5, 2021 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 November 5, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue. Departed home the same day of positive test.

**A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 5, 2021 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 home a week prior to testing positive.

**A Buckland** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 6, 2021 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 weeks prior to testing positive..

**Seven Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 6, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Seven Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 7, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on November 7, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is 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 <a href="www.maniilaq.org/covid-19">www.maniilaq.org/covid-19</a>.