

Press Release

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

November 12, 2021, 9:30 am – **A Kiana** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 8th in Kiana. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kiana.

A Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 8th in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and is 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 8th in Kobuk. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kobuk.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 8th 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 community weeks prior to testing positive.

Seven Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 8th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Eight Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 8th 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 9th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Nine Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 9th 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 November 9th 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 community the same day as positive test.

Seven Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 10th 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 November 10th 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 community weeks prior to positive test.

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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

Nine Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 10th 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 non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on November 10th 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 Shungnak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 10th in Shungnak. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Shungnak.

Two Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 10th in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 11th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Ten Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 11th in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Nine Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on November 11th 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.

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.