

Press Release

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13 Maniilaq Service Area Residents + 3 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

December 27, 2021, 3:30 pm – **A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 19th while outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area. Departed the region a week prior to testing positive.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 20th in Noatak. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 20th outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area. Departed their home community a week prior to testing positive.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 20th at Red Dog Mine. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation at the mine. Departed their home community weeks prior to testing positive.

A Selawik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 21st 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 22nd 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 Deering resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 22nd 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

A Non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 22nd 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 Kiana resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 22nd 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 their home community weeks prior to testing positive.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 22nd outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area.

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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 December 23rd 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

A Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 23rd outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area. Departed their home community weeks prior to testing positive.

A Noatak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 24th 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

Two non-residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 24th 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 Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 24th in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not 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 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.