

Press Release

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Seventeen Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

December 20, 2021, 2:15pm - An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 12, 2021 in Anchorage. The individual is asymptomatic, and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

A Deering resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 13, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Seven Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 13, 2021 in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and linked to known positive COVID-19 case and community spread. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 13, 2021 at Red Dog. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Red Dog.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 15, 2021 in Anchorage. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Anchorage.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 15, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Noatak residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 17, 2021 in Noatak. The individuals have mild symptoms and linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 18, 2021 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and linked to known positive COVID-19 case and community spread. 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.**

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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

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.