

Press Release

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

January 4, 2022, 1:00 pm – **A Kotzebue** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 26, 2021 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.

A non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 27, 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 Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 27, 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 Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 27, 2021 in Noorvik. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

A Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 27, 2021 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 Red Dog Mine. Departed their home community weeks prior to testing positive.

A Buckland resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 27, 2021 at Red Dog Mine. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Red Dog Mine. Departed their home community weeks prior to testing positive.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 28, 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.

Two Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 28, 2021 outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not 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.

Seven Kivalina residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 28, 2021 outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not 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 Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 29, 2021 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

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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

isolation outside of the Maniilaq service area. Departed their home community weeks prior to testing positive.

A Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 29, 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 29, 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

A Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 29, 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 Kobuk residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 29, 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. Departed their home community a week prior to testing positive.

Five Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 29, 2021 in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

Three Noorvik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 30, 2021 in Noorvik. The individuals have mild symptoms and are linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 30, 2021 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.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 30, 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 Shungnak resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 31, 2021 in Shungnak. The individual has mild symptoms and is linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Shungnak.

A non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 31, 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.

Seven Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 31, 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 Noorvik resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 31, 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

An Ambler resident tested positive for COVID-19 on December 31, 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 their home community a week prior to testing positive.

Four Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on December 31, 2021 outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not 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 January 1, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and is not linked to a known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Four Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 1, 2022 outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not 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.

Two Point Hope residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 2, 2022 outside of the Maniilaq service area. The individuals have mild symptoms and are not 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.

Two Kotzebue residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 2, 2022 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 January 2, 2022 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.