

# Press Release

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## 137 Maniilaq Service Area Residents & 4 Non-Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

February 4, 2022, 10:45am- **Thirty-one Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kotzebue. Some have mild symptoms, while some are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Two Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Selawik. The individuals have mild symptoms and linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual have mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Two Noatak** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individuals have mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Noatak** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Noatak. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noatak.

**Two Point Hope** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Kiana** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kiana. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kiana.

**Eight Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Point Hope. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

**Four Kivalina** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kivalina. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

**A Noorvik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Noorvik. The individual has mild symptoms and linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Two non-residents** tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individuals are asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**An Ambler** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Ambler. The individual has mild symptoms, not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Ambler.

**Three Kobuk** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kobuk. One has mild symptoms, while the others are asymptomatic, linked to community spread. They are in isolation in Kobuk.

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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

**An Ambler** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Kobuk. The individual has mild symptoms, not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kobuk.

**A Shungnak** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Shungnak. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Shungnak.

**Five Buckland** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Buckland. Some have mild symptoms, while some are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

**A Deering** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on January 31, 2022 in Deering. The individual is asymptomatic and linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Deering.

**Fifteen Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Kotzebue. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Two Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Noorvik. One has mild symptoms, while the other is asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Two Noatak** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Noatak. One has mild symptoms, while the other is asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Noatak.

**Five Kiana** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Kiana. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kiana.

**Three Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Point Hope. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

**A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**Two Kivalina** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Kivalina. One has mild symptoms, while the other is asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

**A non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on February 1, 2022 in Kivalina. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

**Thirty-three Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 2, 2022 in Kotzebue. Some individuals have mild symptoms, while some are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Kiana** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on February 2, 2022 in Kiana. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kiana.

**A Point Hope** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on February 2, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Three Noorvik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 2, 2022 in Noorvik. Some individuals have mild symptoms, while some are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**A non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on February 2, 2022 in Deering. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Deering.

**Four Buckland** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on February 2, 2022 in Buckland. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

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.

For the latest COVID-19 information, visit our website at [www.maniilaq.org/covid-19](http://www.maniilaq.org/covid-19).