

# Press Release

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## 40 Maniilaq Service Area Residents & 1 Non-Resident Test Positive for COVID-19

March 17, 2022, 11:15am- **A Kivalina** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 13, 2022 in Kivalina. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kivalina.

**Seven Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Kotzebue. Some individuals have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Buckland** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Noatak** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A non-resident** tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Three Ambler** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Ambler. The individuals have mild symptoms, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Ambler.

**Three Buckland** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 14, 2022 in Buckland. The individuals are asymptomatic, and linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Buckland.

**A Noorvik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 15, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**Five Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 15, 2022 in Kotzebue. Some individuals have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Noorvik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 15, 2022 in Noorvik. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Noorvik.

**Six Shungnak** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Shungnak. Some individuals have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Shungnak.

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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

**Two Point Hope** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Point Hope. The individuals have mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Point Hope.

**A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Selawik** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

**Three Kotzebue** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Kotzebue. One has mild symptoms, while the other is asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Noatak** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual is asymptomatic and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

**A Kotzebue** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Buckland. The individual is asymptomatic and linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Buckland.

**A Buckland** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on March 16, 2022 in Buckland. The individual is asymptomatic and linked to known positive COVID-19 case. 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).