

Press Release

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

April 25, 2022, 3:00pm- **Four Selawik** residents tested positive for COVID-19 on April 21, 2022 in Selawik. Some have mild symptoms, while others are asymptomatic, linked to known positive COVID-19 case, and community spread. They are in isolation in Selawik.

Nine Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on April 21, 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.

Two Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on April 21, 2022 in Kiana. The individuals have mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kiana.

A Non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 22, 2022 in Selawik. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Selawik.

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Two Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on April 22, 2022 in Buckland. The individuals have mild symptoms and linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Buckland.

A Non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 23, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to known positive COVID-19 case. They are in isolation in Kotzebue.

Three Buckland residents tested positive for COVID-19 on April 24, 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.

A Non-resident tested positive for COVID-19 on April 24, 2022 in Kotzebue. The individual has mild symptoms and not linked to 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.**

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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

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.