

Press Release

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7 Maniilaq Service Area Residents Test Positive for COVID-19

May 31, 2022, 11:00 am – **One Kotzebue** resident tested positive for COVID-19 on May 28th. They are symptomatic and isolating in Kotzebue.

One Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on May 27th. They are asymptomatic and isolating in Kotzebue.

Two Kiana residents tested positive for COVID-19 on May 24th. One resident is symptomatic and are both isolating in Kiana.

One Kotzebue resident tested positive for COVID-19 on May 24th. They were symptomatic and isolating in Kotzebue.

Two Selawik residents tested positive for COVID-19 on May 23rd. They were symptomatic and isolating in Selawik.

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 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 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 isolation period put in place by your community.

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