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COVID-19 HEALTH ALERT

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Health Alert 3 – Preventing Community Spread of COVID-19

To prevent community spread of COVID-19, the Borough is issuing the following health alert with a strong advisory:

After a decline in new cases in May, COVID-19 activity has significantly increased across the State in the past week. There were four confirmed cases in the Borough between May 19 and June 5, including one case from community spread.

Among the new cases were two young individuals in Kotzebue (under 30 years old).

These cases are an indication that community spread is ongoing and may escalate. Without a vaccine or reliable medications, we need everyone's help to slow the spread of COVID-19 and to protect our families, our communities, and our region.

The best protection against COVID-19 continues to be the following:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Stay at home and hunker down
- Practice social distancing if you need to go out for critical errands
- Wear a face covering when in contact with others from outside your household
- No social gatherings with people who do not live in your household.

People with underlying health conditions remain at much greater risk for serious illness from COVID-19, so it will continue to be very important for vulnerable residents to stay at home as much as possible, to have groceries and medicine delivered, and to **call MHC immediately at 833-442-7015 to report even mild symptoms.**

Contact the Incident Command Team at 907-442-8230 or covid19@nwabor.org with questions or concerns or message the Borough Facebook page.