



Press Release

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Noatak Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue

July 21, 2020 – A Noatak resident has tested positive for COVID-19 in Kotzebue. The individual remains in Kotzebue in quarantine. It is not known at this time if the individual had significant contact with other Noatak residents while positive for COVID-19. Maniilaq Public Health Nursing will be working with the State to conduct contact tracing and reaching out to anyone who may have come into significant contact with the individual. In the meantime, the individual will continue to be quarantined, monitored for symptoms and retested per Maniilaq’s policies & procedures.

Anyone considered a close contact should call the Noatak Clinic at 485-2162 or the Testing Tent in Kotzebue at 442-7047 to make arrangements to be tested.

Maniilaq encourages residents to practice social distancing, wash your hands frequently, avoid large gatherings, and wear masks in public spaces. It is recommended that residents avoid non-essential travel, including inter-village travel.

If you think you 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

For the latest COVID-19 information visit our website at www.maniilaq.org/covid-19

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