



KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND CITY OF SAXMAN

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | TWO NEW CASES IN KETCHIKAN

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For Immediate Release

We have received information from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that there have been two (2) new positive test results for COVID-19 in Ketchikan. This brings the total number of positive cases in Ketchikan to eleven (11).

The two individuals do not have a history of recent travel. Both individuals had been in close contact to persons who were previously reported as testing positive to COVID-19. These two individuals were identified through the contact investigation by Public Health, were placed into self-quarantine, and were tested for COVID-19 at the direction of Public Health.

Following the positive test results, Ketchikan Public Health officials contacted these individuals and will continue to monitor their condition to ensure continued self-isolation. Public Health officials will initiate a contact investigation and reach out to any person who may have come into contact with these individuals. Public Health will notify and isolate additional persons as appropriate. Through the contact investigation, Public Health will direct testing of persons that meet criteria based on contact with any confirmed case of COVID-19. Individuals who meet the criteria are being tested in accordance with CDC and State of Alaska priorities.

Due to the exponential spread of the COVID-19 virus in Ketchikan, and in accordance with the recent Mayoral Proclamation, citizens of Ketchikan are urged **to hunker down, shelter in place, and stay home, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19.**

As a reminder, please follow these guidelines to **STOP THE SPREAD:**

- 1. Hunker down and shelter in place.**
- 2. Stay home and work from home as much as possible.**
- 3. Conduct business via telephonic or electronic means as much as possible.**
- 4. In accordance with Governor Dunleavy's March 20th Health Mandate, remember:**
 - No gatherings of more than 10 people may take place.**
 - If a gathering does take place people must be 6 feet apart from each other.**

5. Follow all health mandates issued by Governor Dunleavy, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), and the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the COVID-19 virus, take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community. If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, **call your healthcare provider for medical advice.**

Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.coronavirus.alaska.gov. EOC information and the response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Ketchikan is updated daily on the COVID-19 Response page at <https://www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response>.

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