



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | ONE NEW CASE 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 has been one (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 in Ketchikan. This brings the total number of positive cases in Ketchikan to twelve (12).

This individual does not have a history of recent travel, and has been identified as having been in close contact to two (2) persons who were previously reported as testing positive to COVID-19. This individual was identified through the contact investigation by Public Health, was placed into self-quarantine, and was tested for COVID-19 at the direction of Public Health.

Following the positive test results, Ketchikan Public Health officials contacted this individual 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 this individual. 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.

We continue to urge our citizens **to hunker down, shelter in place, and stay home, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19**. Parents are urged to **keep your children home, do not schedule playdates, and avoid group gatherings in public areas**. 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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