

Situation Report • April 2, 2020

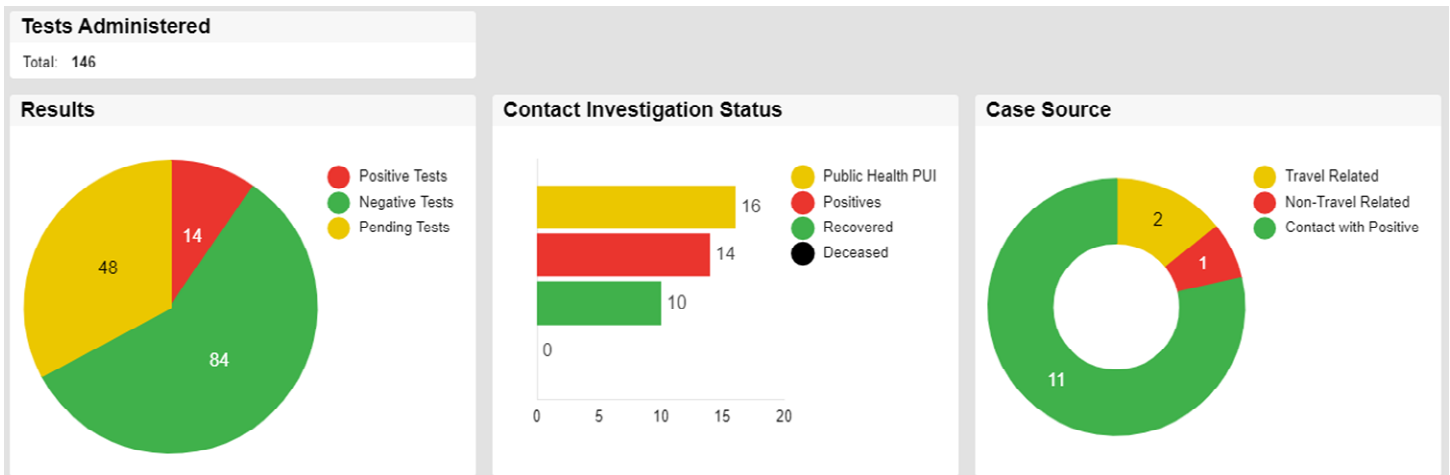
SEOC Preparedness Level Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	National Terrorism Advisory System Latest NTAS Bulletin
Ketchikan EOC Activation Level Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed Ketchikan COVID-19 Response EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19): CDC Updates CDC Situation Report WHO Updates WHO Situation Report	Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level: FPCON Bravo

(Significant changes from previous situation reports are in red)

COVID-19 Alaska Specific Information:

- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services [COVID-19 Dashboard](#)
- Alaska COVID-19 [Health Alerts and Mandates](#):
 - April 1, 2020 Update **Mandate 2 and 3 end date changed to “until rescinded”**
 - March 27, 2020 012 Intrastate Travel
 - In-state travel between communities prohibited unless supporting two critical categories
 - March 27, 2020 011 Statewide Shelter in Place and Social-Distancing
 - Contains [FAQ](#) and updated [Alaska’s Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure](#)

COVID-19 Ketchikan Specific Information: Ketchikan Gateway Borough [COVID-19 Response Page](#)



COVID-19 Unified Command Objectives:

- Safeguard health & safety of personnel and the public
- Slow/stop the spread of COVID-19
- Increase COVID-19 testing capacity
- Care for the sick
- Provide public information
- Mitigate community/economic impact

COVID-19 Ketchikan EOC Actions:

- EOC - All command and general staff positions have been filled and the EOC has entered steady state operation.
- Peace Health has a 9 bed COVID-19 unit with ability to add approximately 50 additional beds for moderate COVID- 19 patients by repurposing other areas of the hospital.
- UC coordinated with the Tlingit and Haida Central Council they are committed to working with the Native community and their neighbors and offered their support to the efforts of the Ketchikan EOC.
- **The UC is developing a plan to provide guidance regarding re-opening of businesses and facilities to include process and timing considerations.**
- Operations and Unified Command staff continue to ensure all Local providers are committed to working with EOC to increase testing capacity and share data regarding number of tests completed and PPE used and available.
- Three drive-thru test sites planned to offer testing to all people symptomatic once enough test kits/resources are available.
- Logistics section ordered 19,200 N95 masks and 700 test kits. The first 100 test kits are scheduled to arrive by 4/1 (**delayed**) and the remaining 600 by 4/15.
- Logistics **received** the order 30 disposable isolation gowns, 1000 surgical masks, 50 goggles, and 4 cases of nitrile gloves.
- A local phone number is set up for individuals without a provider to call for screening and possible referral to drive through testing. The phone number is 907-247-TEST (8378) and will be available M-F 8am – 6pm, Sat 10am – 4pm, and closed on Sunday. **The COVID-19 Hotline has taken 45 calls and generated 1 referral for testing as of 4/1.**
- Operations section continues to collaborate with Peace Health to assist in the implementation of surge capacity plan and identify and obtain alternate testing options.
- Logistics is working on defining the needed surge capacity, needed equipment, and location by the end of the week.
- Peace Health anticipates a shortage of nursing staff to support caring for COVID-19 patients. The Unified Command reached out to the state to find out the possibility of licensing being re-instated for retired nurses and found out the issue is being dealt with by DHHS.
- **Finance section and PIO office are developing an information campaign to communicate resource and funding programs designed to provide aid to individuals and businesses.**
- PIO office updated the COVID-19 website with economic impact and survey information from the Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Bureau.
- **Finance Section sent an email to all local 539 businesses with an email on file with the Borough to inform them the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce page that will provide updates on of services and provisions available for affected businesses.**
- PIO office continues to release multiple social media updates throughout the day, produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (**4/3 Continue to Hunker Down**) and a daily press release; **finalized a weekend insert for KDN with community resource information.**
- **The PIO office will hang five large banners before the weekend to re-iterate the social distancing message.**
- PIO office has produced signs to be placed at bus stops, on busses, and at parks, fields, and recreation areas to remind patrons of Health Mandates 10 and 11 requirements of social distancing and congregations of 10 or less, and to CLOSE playground equipment, Rotary/Bugges Beach, South Point Higgins Beach, and Saxman Parks.
- The Liaison Officer is conducting daily outreach with elected officials to address concerns and share information.
- The Liaison Officer **completed reaching** out to personal service businesses to ensure they are heeding the Health Mandates and **requesting electronic sign owners assist with social distancing messaging.**
- The Liaison Officer is working with borough transit officials and the PIO office to address social distancing concerns at the bus stops and is tracking emerging scams related to COVID-19 and providing updates to the EOC for distribution to the community.
- Resources Unit Leader to compile a spreadsheet for tracking interested volunteers and capabilities for future use.
- Existing shelters cannot socially distance, quarantine, nor isolate due to small size and large population. The Shelter Group is working to extend operations to 24 hours in order to reduce opportunities for introduction of COVID 19 to this vulnerable population. **Logistics and Operations will outfit the Rec Center tomorrow and will open as a shelter by Monday; 24 hour operations will begin as soon as possible thereafter.**
- Medical supply donations can be dropped off at Saxman Community Center from 9am to 4PM Mon-Fri.