



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | ESSENTIAL SERVICES IN TACT

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For Immediate Release

We have heard rumors in the community and want to assure the public that grocery stores will remain open, that barge services are still operating, and that essential businesses and services are still functioning.

Unfortunately, there have been rumors that our local grocery stores and essential businesses will be shut down. There is inaccurate and false information being spread through social media, texts, and even printed flyers about a nationwide quarantine that would be enforced by the National Guard. **This is not true.**

While it is true that the Alaska National Guard is prepared to assist our community at such a time as our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) requests help through our State EOC, we have not made a request for assistance. The National Guard is available for such a time to meet the needs of the community if other state resources are unavailable and/or private industry is unable to meet community requests.

It is very important that our citizens go to factual sources to receive information on COVID-19 and our community, state, and national response to the pandemic.

For up to date and factual information on COVID-19, including recent press releases, go to 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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