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This brief responds to questions received by the EOC, and provides an update on information from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and its partner agencies.

COVID-19 Case Count Update

There were no new cases of COVID-19 today. The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Ketchikan remains at fourteen (14). Of these cases, two (2) individuals had a recent history of travel, and eleven (11) individuals were identified as having been in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.

Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Category					
	Travel-Related	Non-Travel Related	Close Contact to Positive Case	Travel/Contact Under Investigation	Total Cases
Total by category	2	1	11	0	14

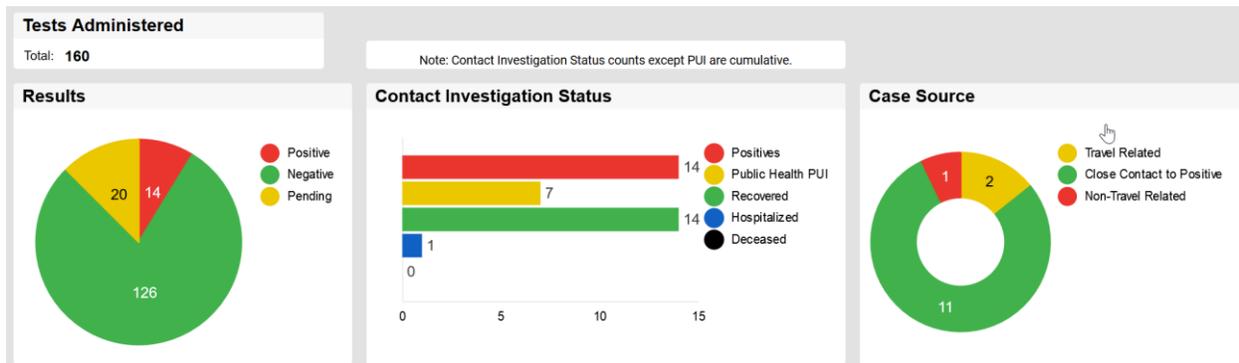
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
Total	14

Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Recovery Information
All 14 of the 14 cases have recovered and are no longer being monitored by Public Health.
Criteria for release from monitoring/isolation:
* At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,
* At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

COVID-19 Testing Update

160 tests have been conducted for COVID-19 in Ketchikan, with the following results:

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
160	14	126	20



Ketchikan Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory

The EOC is keeping an inventory of PPE available at the various health clinics, fire departments, and the EOC storage facility. Ketchikan currently has the following equipment available, with additional equipment on order:

Current Inventory	Quantity
N95 Masks (ea)	1528
Surgical Masks (ea)	19675
Masks with Face Shields	1378
Goggles (ea)	56
Exam Gloves (bx 100)	799
Gowns (ea)	1698
Gowns heavy duty (ea)	3
Gowns Kit, full isolation	4
Hoods	16
PAPR (ea)	33
PAPR Hoods (ea)	120
Hand Sanitizer (4oz bottle)	1877
Alcohol Prep Pads (ea)	15575
Sanitation Wipes (containers)	115

Update to Governor’s Health Mandate 005

On April 7th, Governor Dunleavy amended COVID-19 Health Mandate 005 that requires postponement of non-urgent or elective medical procedures. The revised mandate provides a non-inclusive list of procedures that should be delayed.

Postponing these procedures can preserve personal protective equipment (PPE) and patient care supplies; ensure staff and patient safety; and expand available hospital capacity. Read the amended mandate and access the full list at

<https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

Governor's Health Alert 011 – Religious Service Guidelines

This new alert issued April 7th offers recommended guidelines for religious facilities on how to safely provide live-streaming of services, drive-in services, and Easter basket assembly and distribution while meeting the social distancing requirements under Health Mandate 011. Please read the full health alert for details at

http://dhss.alaska.gov/News/Documents/press/2020/SOA_04072020_HealthAlert011_ReligiousServices.pdf

Services and Programs for Local Businesses and Households

We are aware that Ketchikan businesses are being hit hard by the increasingly detrimental economic effects of COVID-19. The EOC is working with the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce to assist business owners during this time of crisis.

The Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce has developed a resource page for businesses seeking resources to help them survive COVID-19 at www.ketchikanchamber.com/covid-19-updates. This page includes contributions from the Ketchikan Visitor's Bureau (KVB), Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, and the Borough Planning and Community Development Department. The site provides links to topics such as:

- Small Business Administration (SBA) resources, loans, and financial assistance
- U.S. Department of Labor, USDA, U. S. Senate information and resources
- Business and employee resources

Businesses are encouraged to contact the Chamber of Commerce Ketchikan Small Business Advisor, Shelly Hill (businessadv@ketchikanchamber.com) for additional assistance or guidance through the different programs.

The following programs are available to small businesses:

1. SBA Disaster Loan Assistance, go to <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options> where you can apply for the Paycheck Protection Program, a \$10K EIDL Loan Advance for temporary relief, SBA Express Bridge Loan, and Debt Relief.
2. The small business owners Guide to the C.A.R.E.S Act: <https://www.ketchikanchamber.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/The-Small-Business-Owners-Guide-to-the-CARES-Act.pdf>
3. Additional information and resources from the Governor's 6 Point Stabilization Plan: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid-19-economy/>.

For employers, the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) has updated its guidance on how the emergency paid leave provisions included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (package 2) should be implemented. Guidance is available at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>.

Local financial institutions, banks and credit unions, are already working with small business to provide financial assistance. Participating financial institutions:

- First Bank
- Northrim Bank
- Wells Fargo
- KeyBank

Self-employed individuals may also be eligible for unemployment benefits and should contact State of Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development; <https://labor.alaska.gov/unemployment/COVID-19.htm>. Additional information from the State of Alaska can be found at <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid-19-economy/>.

Continue to Hunker Down

Ketchikan's social distancing efforts are working and we are seeing the positive results with the lack of positive COVID-19 cases this week. We need to stay the course and continue to hunker down. We are strong, and we can do this for a long-term result.

We are not yet looking at relaxing social distancing because we believe there may be people in the community who may have COVID-19 but are early on in the virus and are asymptomatic. It is important to maintain the separation from other people and limit movement as much as possible in order to stop the spread.

It is imperative that folks continue to #hunkerdown, shelter in place, and stay home, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19. Parents are urged to keep children home, not schedule play dates, 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 or use the Testing Hotline and call 247-TEST (8378).

EOC Information

The Ketchikan EOC Unified Command Objectives for response to the COVID-19 Emergency are:

- Safeguard the health and 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

Additional current information, including a new interactive GIS map for the COVID-19 case count is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/> 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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