

Situation Report • April 9, 2020

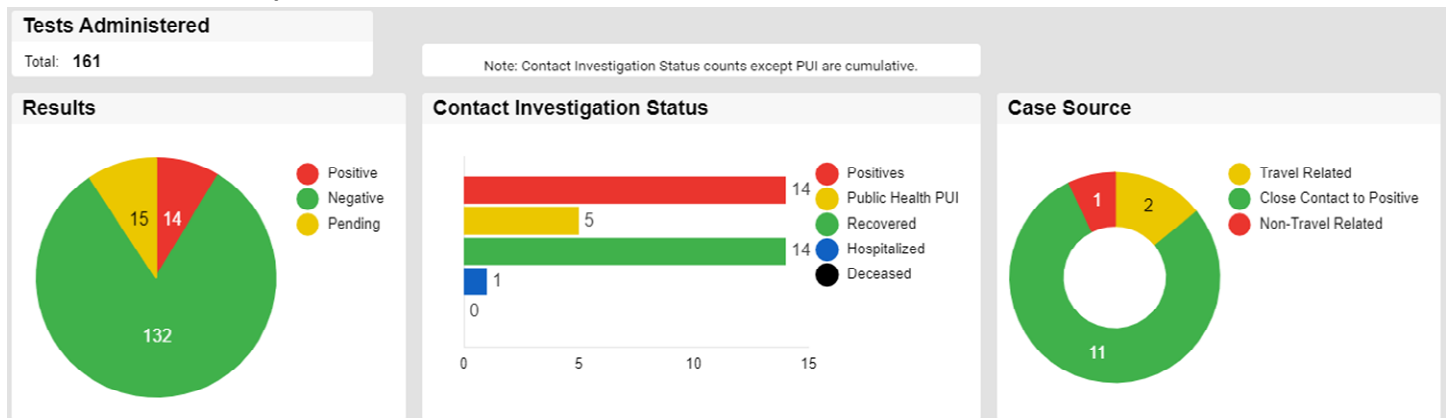
SEOC Preparedness Level Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	National Terrorism Advisory System Latest NTAS Bulletin
Ketchikan EOC Activation Level Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed Ketchikan COVID-19 Response EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	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 - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 6 until rescinded
 - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 11 and 12 until April 21, 2020
 - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 13 through the end of the school year

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.
- Tlingit and Haida Central Council (THCC) are committed to working with the Native community and their neighbors and offered to support the efforts of the Ketchikan EOC.
- Developing plans/guidance regarding re-opening businesses & facilities to include process & 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.
- A local phone number is set up for individuals without a provider to call for screening and possible referral to a provider or a drive through testing site once available. 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 **70** calls and generated 3 testing referrals.
- Finance and the Unified Command are developing a plan for payment to cover the hotline consultation and testing for those unable to pay.
- Operations section continues to collaborate with Peace Health to assist in the implementation of their surge capacity plan and identify and obtain alternate testing options.
- 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.
- Operations is working with the City public works lab and producing hand sanitizer based on a CDC formula. Planned distribution will initially be public buildings and local non-profits. First batch of approximately 4 gallons complete.
- Finance section and PIO office are developing an information campaign to communicate resource and funding programs designed to provide aid to individuals and businesses.
- Updated COVID-19 website with economic impact & survey information from Chamber of Commerce & Visitor's Bureau.
- Finance Section sent an email to all local 539 businesses with an email on file with the Borough to inform them of the Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce page that will provide updates on of services and provisions available for businesses.
- PIO office continues to release multiple social media updates throughout the day (**4/9 Share your mask pics with us; Mayor Dial PSA Video for Older Population; Senators Murkowski and Sullivan Town Hall**) and produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (**4/10 Family Recreation**) and a daily press release.
- PIO arranged for the distribution of a COVID-19 resource pamphlet the Organized Village of Saxman.
- **PIO Office published a Seasonal Business Resources page on the Borough COVID-19 website.**
- The Liaison Officer conducted **outreach with the fish processors** and continues to conduct daily outreach with elected officials to address concerns and share information.
- **Resources Unit Leader will be working with Ketchikan Wellness Coalition and other local non-profits to create a volunteer database and identify volunteers.**
- Logistics and Operations outfitted and opened the Rec Center as a 24-hour emergency homeless shelter.
- Shelter procedures resulted in the identification of 1 occupant with temperature and referred for testing and isolation
- Medical supply donations can be dropped off at Saxman Community Center from 9am to 4pm Mon-Fri.
- The Finance Section has prepared a cost accounting spreadsheet for labor, materials, and other services associated with the direct and support functions of the EOC and will be reporting this information to the EOC Policy Group.
- Requested from the SEOC 2 Abbott Labs ID NOW testing machines and 1000 test cartridges for use in Ketchikan.
- Logistics and Operations continue to look for sources of supply to increase test capacity for Ketchikan.
- Logistics submitted a resource request to the SEOC for QIAGEN, reagent, and testing supplies to conduct 6000 tests.
- Testing capacity is increasing, providers currently have enough specimen collection kits "test kits" to gather 330 specimens.
- **Created a Seasonal Industry Planning Unit within the EOC Planning Section and assigned a Unit Leader**