

# Situation Report • April 10, 2020

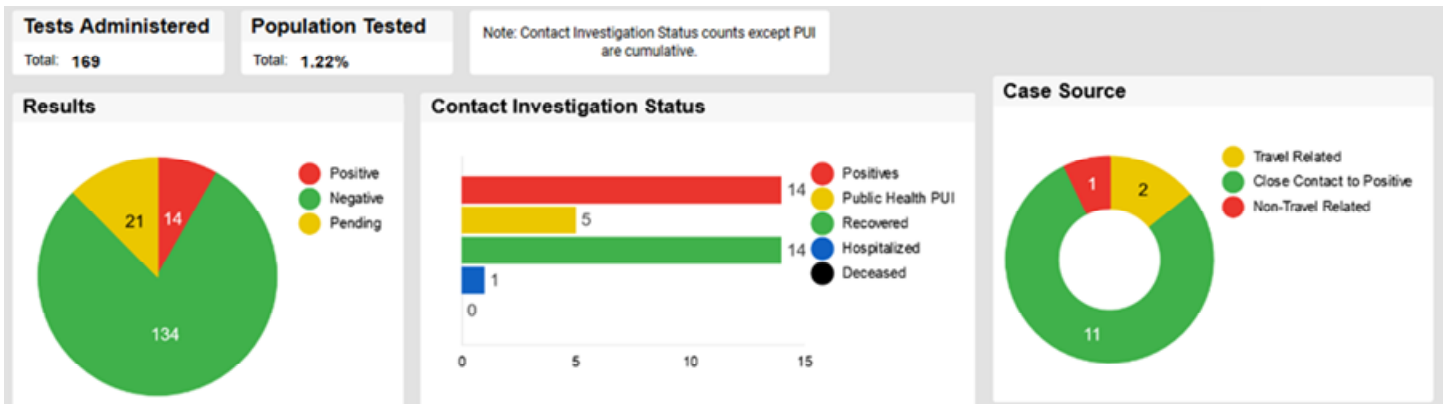
<b>SEOC Preparedness Level</b> <a href="#">Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response</a>	<b>Maritime Security (MARSEC)</b> Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	<b>National Terrorism Advisory System</b> <a href="#">Latest NTAS Bulletin</a>
<b>Ketchikan EOC Activation Level</b> Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed <a href="#">Ketchikan COVID-19 Response</a> EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	<b>Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):</b> <a href="#">CDC Updates</a> <a href="#">CDC Situation Report</a> <a href="#">WHO Updates</a> <a href="#">WHO Situation Report</a>	<b>Alaska Military Installation Force Protection Level:</b> 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  - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 6 until rescinded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 **and approved approximately \$1 million in funds for EOC operations.**
- 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.
- 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.
- PIO office continues to release multiple social media updates throughout the day (**Business funding and Masks PSA**) and produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (**4/11 and 4/13 Governor's extended mandate**) and a daily press release.
- PIO Office **updated the** Seasonal Business Resources page on the Borough COVID-19 website.
- **PIO Office is developing resource information specifically targeting older residents.**
- 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. **The individual has been tested and is in isolation pending results.**
- **The Operations Section is working on a policy for management of individuals who refuse health screening at the shelter.**
- Medical supply donations can be dropped off at Saxman Community Center from 9am to 4pm Mon-Fri.
- Received confirmation from SEOC that 2 Abbott Labs ID NOW testing machines and test cartridges were shipped on 4/9.
- 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 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.
- **The Finance Section has calculated the total cost of Ketchikan's response at \$1,251,738, or \$90.42 per capita.**
- **The search for testing supplies has revealed that an Alaska company has started producing the sampling swabs, which are in critically short supply nationwide. The possibility of other testing supplies to be manufactured locally is being explored.**
- **The PIO Office created and published a 2020 Census webpage, this is important because having an accurate count impacts federal funding for various programs including disaster emergency response and recovery efforts for the next 10 years.**