



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | REPORTING VIOLATIONS OF HEALTH MANDATES

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For Immediate Release

We have received questions regarding how citizens and businesses can report violations of State of Alaska health mandates. While law enforcement can enforce the mandates, the State and local governments are fully expecting compliance from our citizens. If a person is in violation of the mandate the primary goal is not to arrest or file criminal charges against the individual but to gain compliance through education. In the event compliance is not achieved the individual could be criminally charged or arrested.

It is our hope that citizens will respect the directives for social distancing for the health and well-being of all and to #flattenthecurve and #stopthespread.

If citizens become aware of an individual(s) who are not complying with the Governor's Mandates, we recommend that it be reported by phone to a local law enforcement dispatch:

- Inside City of Ketchikan, call Ketchikan Police Dispatch at 225-6631.
- Inside City of Saxman, call the VPSO/State Trooper Dispatch at 225-5118.
- In the Borough outside the cities, call State Trooper Dispatch at 225-5118.

Citizens can also report violations of health mandates by sending an email to investigations@alaska.gov.

Failure to follow all health mandates may lead to a widespread outbreak of COVID-19 to an extent that our local healthcare providers could not accommodate. With that in mind, we continue to urge our citizens **to hunker down, shelter in place, and stay home, in order to contain the spread of COVID-19**. 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).

Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at 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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