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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 fifteen (15). Of these cases, two (2) individuals had a recent history of travel, and twelve (12) 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	12	0	15

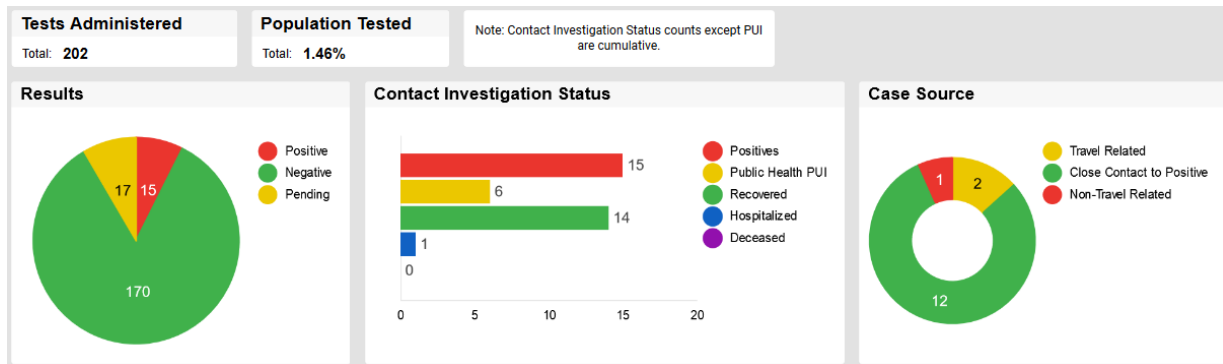
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
4/11/2020	1
Total	15

Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Recovery Information
14 of the 15 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

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

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
202	15	170	17



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)	1581
Surgical Masks (ea)	41249
Masks with Face Shields	1458
Goggles (ea)	101
Exam Gloves (bx 100)	1074
Gowns (ea)	1598
Gowns heavy duty (ea)	3
Gowns Kit, full isolation	4
Hoods	16
PAPR (ea)	33
PAPR Hoods (ea)	115
Hand Sanitizer (4oz bottle)	1860
Hand Sanitizer (8oz bottle)	80
Hand Sanitizer (16oz pump)	24
Alcohol Prep Pads (ea)	44815
Sanitation Wipes (containers)	180

Programs and Resources for Businesses

The Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce, Ketchikan Visitors' Bureau and the Emergency Operations Center have formed the Business Economy Recovery Group, to assess the impact of COVID-19 on Ketchikan's economy, and provide links to useful information and assistance for local business owners and employees. This group will be contacting local businesses to compile data for a Resource Directory. The Directory will provide Ketchikan consumers with information on

what services are available at this time. The 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. 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

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/>.

Updates to State Mandates Announced by Governor

Tonight Governor Dunleavy announced the following updates to the State Health Mandates:

- Restaurants with liquor licenses will be allowed to provide beverages through curbside pickup and delivery;
- Elective medical procedures will be allowed.

At the time of this press release, full details were not yet available. We expect the updates to be provided on the Governor's health mandate page at: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

Continue Social Distancing

With the extension of Governor Dunleavy's Health Mandates through April 21, 2020, we urge the community to continue to practice safe social distancing. 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:

1. Safeguard the health and safety of personnel and the public
2. Slow/stop the spread of COVID-19
3. Increase COVID-19 testing capacity
4. Care for the sick
5. Provide public information
6. Mitigate community/economic impact

Additional current information is available on the State of Alaska's new collaborative website at www.covid19.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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