



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | EOC UPDATES

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For Immediate Release

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

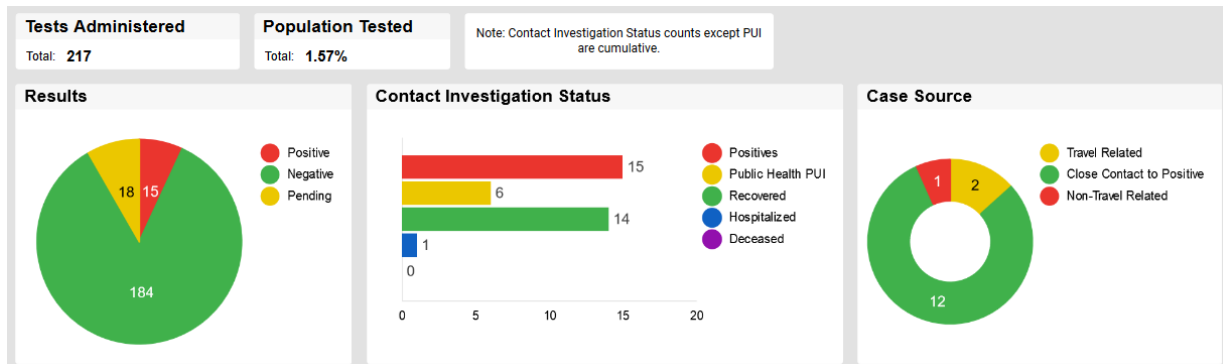
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
4/11/2020	1
Total	15

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

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

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
217	15	184	18



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)	1481
Surgical Masks (ea)	41049
Masks with Face Shields	1458
Goggles (ea)	101
Exam Gloves (bx 100)	1044
Gowns (ea)	1488
Gowns heavy duty (ea)	3
Gowns Kit, full isolation	4
Hoods	16
PAPR (ea)	33
PAPR Hoods (ea)	115
Hand Sanitizer (4oz bottle)	1849
Hand Sanitizer (8oz bottle)	80
Hand Sanitizer (16oz pump)	24
Alcohol Prep Pads (ea)	43615
Sanitation Wipes (containers)	420

State of Alaska Health Mandates Update

We have received questions related to whether restaurants with liquor licenses are now allowed to provide alcoholic beverages through curbside pickup or delivery.

On April 14th, Governor Dunleavy announced an upcoming change that would allow for restaurants with liquor licenses to provide beverages through curbside pickup and delivery.

According to the Alaska Alcohol Marijuana Control Office (AMCO) website, an emergency regulation was approved today that provides for 1) curbside pickup of alcohol; and 2) delivery of beer and wine when included with an order of food being delivered by a licensed restaurant or eating place establishment.

We recommend that restaurant owners fully review the Governor's health mandates and the AMCO regulations at the links below:

Governor's health mandates: <https://gov.alaska.gov/home/covid19-healthmandates/>

AMCO regulations:

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/Portals/9/pub/HomePage/ABC/EmergencyRegs.pdf>

Mandate 15 Update: The State DHSS will release an FAQ page with more information on applying the provisions of Mandate 15 on Monday, April 20th. Health Mandate 15 allows for certain medical procedures to be resumed and provided beginning April 20th and for elective procedures to begin May 4th.

Facebook Live Event with Mayors and Emergency Manager Scheduled for April 17

This Friday, April 17th at 4:00 p.m., City of Ketchikan Mayor Sivertsen, City of Saxman Mayor Seludo, and Borough Mayor Dial, along with Emergency Manager Abner Hoage, will be hosting a Facebook Live event to address the COVID-19 response in Ketchikan. The speakers will provide an update on the following topics:

- Emergency Homeless Shelter located at the Gateway Recreation Center
- COVID-19 Testing Capacity and Update
- Plan for reopening public places, facilities, and services in response to Governor Dunleavy's updates
- Seasonal Businesses and Fishing Industry Critical Workforce Plans
- Economic Programs and Resources for Businesses and Households

This event will be livestreamed through the City of Ketchikan Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/cityofketchikanalaska/>.

Thank You to Community for Ongoing Social Distancing

Ketchikan's social distancing efforts are working and we are seeing the positive results with the lack of positive COVID-19 cases this week. 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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