

Situation Report • April 17, 2020

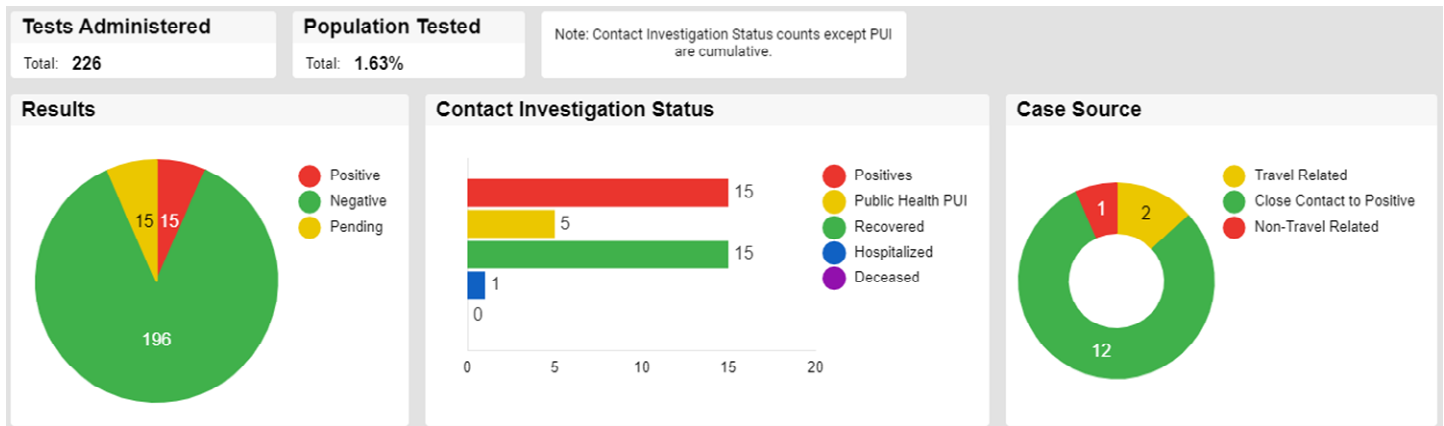
SEOC Preparedness Level Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	National Terrorism Advisory System Latest NTAS Bulletin
Ketchikan EOC Activation Level Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed Ketchikan COVID-19 Response EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	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 15, 2020 Health Mandate 15 Services by Health Care Providers
 - April 13, 2020 Health Mandate 14 Non-congregate Sheltering Order
 - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 6 until rescinded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:

- The Unified Command continues to plan for the recovery phase, working on efforts to maximize cost recovery and objectives that support a transition from the current shelter in place efforts to reopening of the community in the future.
- **Mayors and Emergency Manager presented a Facebook Live EOC Update for Friday 4/17 at 4pm.**
- Worked with logistics section to add test site location and details into the State of Alaska Testing Sites Locator at <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/app/2d92b77bc8044329a1ee3954b063bd8c>
- Health mandate 15 issued by Governor relating to non-essential health care procedures.
- **All EOC staff asked to provide input/recommendations to be submitted to the Governor on reopening Alaska's economy.**

Operations

- PeaceHealth has a 9 bed COVID-19 unit with ability to increase to 50 beds by repurposing other areas of the hospital.
- 3 drive-thru test sites are planned for testing all symptomatic individuals once enough testing resources are available.
- The testing hotline number 907-247-TEST (8378) is available M-F 8am – 6pm, Sat 10am – 4pm, and closed on Sunday to screen and refer symptomatic individuals for testing. To date the hotline has taken **87** calls with **7** testing referrals.
- Homeless shelter operations are running 24/7; **security will be expanded to 21 hours per day beginning 4/18/20**
- Operations Section adjusting processes for shelter staff to maximize effectiveness in reducing the spread of COVID-19
- Continues to work with providers to update testing algorithm and procedures for utilization of Abbott ID Now test devices.
- Methods for testing wastewater for coronavirus is being explored as a way to monitor its prevalence.

Planning

- Worked on updates to planning cycle in anticipation of future transition from a daily to a weekly operational period.
- Developing plans/guidance regarding re-opening businesses & facilities to include process & timing considerations.
- Planning Section continues to evaluate seasonal/fishing industry plans & prepare input to regarding potential mandates
- Prepared information regarding seasonal industry planning for distribution to local elected officials for review.
- Resources Unit Leader will be working with Ketchikan Wellness Coalition and other local non-profits to create a volunteer database and identify volunteers.
- **Appointed a Recovery Unit Leader and officially formed the Business Economy Recovery Group to begin working on long term economic recovery objectives. Additional workgroups are anticipated including Cruise Industry and Non-Profit.**

Logistics

- Logistics contacted the State Virology Lab in Fairbanks and requested 100 test kits including UTM and sterile containers
- Testing capacity is increasing collection kits to gather 450 specimens **are now available, but that will increase to 2,450 over the next 2 weeks. Received 6 liters of PBS transport medium yesterday, sterile tubes and swabs are expected by May 1.**
- Ten additional cots, blankets and pillows were delivered to the shelter in order to increase overnight capacity to 40.

Finance

- Submitted application for public assistance to FEMA through SEOC for reimbursement of shelter expenses.
- Identified locations and completed application for approval of non-congregate sheltering outlined in Health Mandate 14.
- **Resources acquired since 4/14 have been secured at no charge or sourced locally; An updated cost report is anticipated on Monday.**

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- Continues to release multiple social media updates throughout the day (**Beach opening, Critical and essential workers;**) and produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (4/17 Update on public places) and a daily press release and drafted weekend paper insert: Community resources.
- **Preparations for Friday's Live Facebook Event, topic include - Emergency Homeless Shelter Operations, - 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**
- Medical supply donations can be dropped off at Saxman Community Center uphill side from 9am to 4pm Mon-Fri.