



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | ONE NEW CASE IN KETCHIKAN

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For Immediate Release

We have received information from a local healthcare provider that there has been one (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 in Ketchikan. This brings the total number of positive cases in Ketchikan to sixteen (16).

This individual was a close contact of a person who had previously tested positive. As such, this individual self-quarantined and sought testing through the local healthcare provider.

Public Health officials have been notified and will initiate a contact investigation and reach out to any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate. Through the contact investigation, Public Health will direct testing of persons that meet criteria based on contact with any confirmed case of COVID-19. Individuals who meet the criteria are being tested in accordance with CDC and State of Alaska priorities.

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).

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