

Situation Report • April 20, 2020

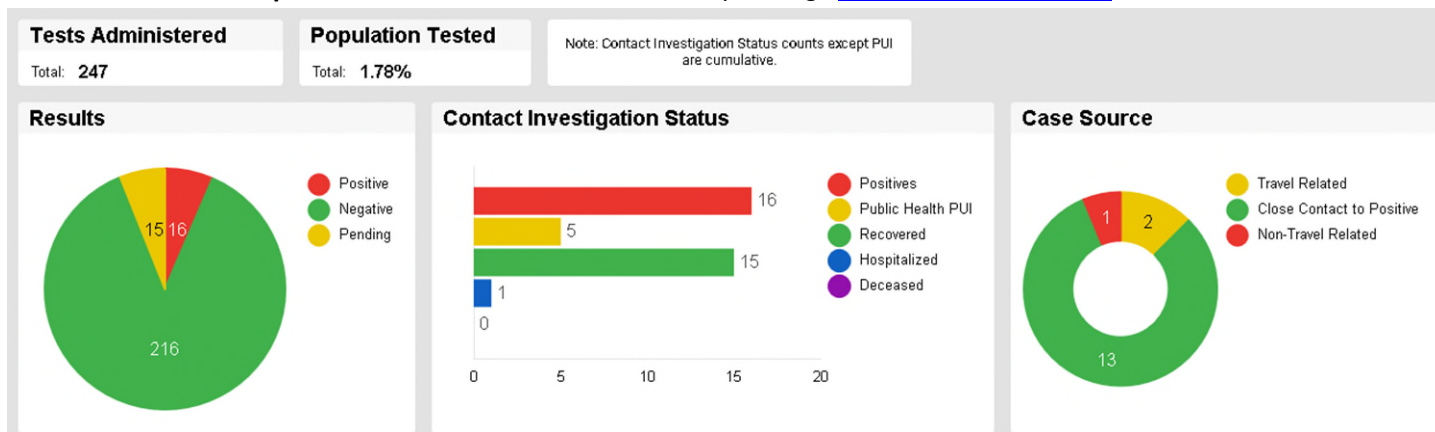
SEOC Preparedness Level Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	National Terrorism Advisory System Latest NTAS Bulletin
Ketchikan EOC Activation Level Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed Ketchikan COVID-19 Response EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	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 - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 6 until rescinded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.
- A Facebook Live Question and Answer session is planned for Friday 4/24 at 4pm.
- A memorandum intended for submittal to the Governor providing recommendations on plans to open Alaska's economy has been distributed to local elected official for review. Delivery to the Governor is expected tomorrow.
- One new COVID-19 case has been identified in Ketchikan. The case has been classified as close contact.

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 89 calls with 9 testing referrals.
- Homeless shelter operations are running 24/7; submitted resource request to add additional hours to security contract.
- 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.
- Antigen testing options are being evaluated for potential use locally to support COVID-19 surveillance.

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.
- Resource Unit Leader working with local business representatives to prepare recovery plans.

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.
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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.
- Exploring the potential for providing assistance to local food banks, if assistance is needed.
- Forwarded information on funding opportunities to local nonprofits that work with homeless populations.

PIO

- Continues to release multiple social media updates throughout the day (Reading at home, Census, and Animal Shelter operations) and produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (4/21 Social Distancing) and a two press releases, one of which was for the new case.
- Coordinated with KWC on survey data and mental health awareness signs.
- Medical supply donations can be dropped off at Saxman Community Center uphill side from 9am to 4pm Mon-Fri.

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- Will be contacting local organizations that provide mass care feeding in the community to assess need for EOC support