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This brief provides an update on information from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and its partner agencies.

**COVID-19 Case Count Update**

There were no additional cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. The total number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Ketchikan remains at sixteen (16). Of these cases, two (2) individuals had a recent history of travel, and thirteen (13) 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	13	0	16

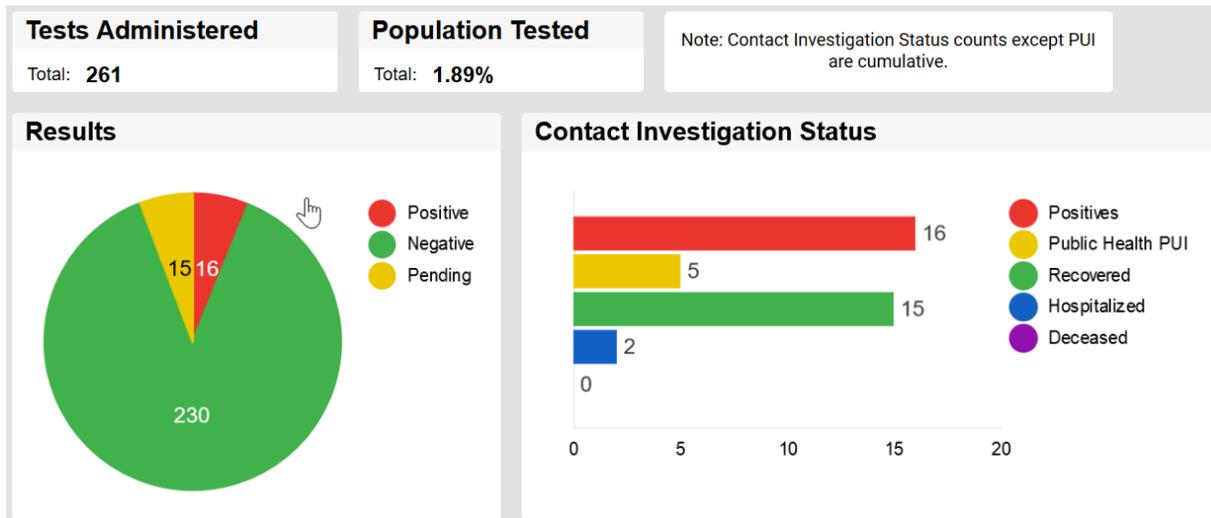
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
4/11/2020	1
4/20/2020	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Recovery Information
15 of the 16 cases have recovered and are no longer being monitored by Public Health.
<b>Criteria for release from monitoring/isolation:</b>
* 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

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

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
261	16	230	15



Current testing capacity:	Expected testing capacity by May 1, subject to supply delivery:	Current State of Alaska test criteria and local test capacity provide us with the ability to begin testing any symptomatic person. If you or someone you know needs testing contact your regular provider or our testing hotline at 247-TEST (8378)
600	3,500	

### 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)	881
Surgical Masks (ea)	42549
Masks with Face Shields	2008
Goggles (ea)	101
Exam Gloves (bx 100)	1102
Gowns (ea)	1221
Gowns heavy duty (ea)	3
Gowns Kit, full isolation	4
Hoods	16
PAPR (ea)	33
PAPR Hoods (ea)	115

Hand Sanitizer (4oz bottle)	1911
Hand Sanitizer (8oz bottle)	80
Hand Sanitizer (16oz pump)	24
Alcohol Prep Pads (ea)	41015
Sanitation Wipes (containers)	460

**Governor Dunleavy Amends Health Mandates to Reopen Alaska’s Economy**

The Ketchikan EOC, in cooperation with local City and Borough officials, compiled recommendations for how Alaska, and specifically Ketchikan, can begin to slowly open the economy in a phased approach while focusing on the testing capacity and healthcare resources in each community. The EOC recommendations were provided to the Governor this morning.

This afternoon, Mayor Dial, Mayor Sivertsen, and Emergency Manager Hoage met with Governor Dunleavy, Alaska DHSS Commissioner Crum, and Alaska Chief Medical Officer Zink, to discuss the Governor’s plan to reopen Alaska’s economy.

Tonight Governor Dunleavy held a press conference, during which he announced upcoming actions related to opening the economy in Phase One, Beginning Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>:

- Restaurants can offer limited dine-in service.
- Retail stores can offer limited in-store shopping.
- Personal services (barbers hair salons, hairdressers), can offer limited services.
- Non-essential businesses can offer limited services.

Commissioner Crum announced changes to the mandates effective Friday, April 24th:

**Health Mandate 010** - International and interstate travel requires 14-day self-quarantine - (supersedes local regs); Violation punishable by fine and jail; business plans required.

- Extended through May 19, 2020.

**Health Mandate 011** – Social Distancing -

- Extended until further notice.
- Groups of less than 20 people with social distancing; can include religious services, weddings, etc.

**Health Mandate 012** – Intrastate Travel - Personal travel prohibited unless critical personal need/support of critical infrastructure Intrastate travel requires 14-day self-quarantine; Business plans required outlining travel precautions

- Extended until further notice.

**New mandates to be released tomorrow** to include:

- Retail stores and non-essential businesses will open with social distancing in place.

- Restaurants can open to household parties only; 10 feet between tables; with 25% capacity.
- Personal care services can open with one provider, one client, no waiting room.
- Fishing charters can resume for single household unit or up to 25% capacity of mixed units.
- Gyms can resume for outdoor activities of groups less than 20 with social distancing.

We encourage business owner to read the full texts of the mandates on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and ensure that your business can fully comply with the mandates prior to opening. The revisions to the State of Alaska Health Mandates will be provided tomorrow at:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>

Individuals, travelers, and business owners can submit questions to [covidquestions@alaska.gov](mailto:covidquestions@alaska.gov).

### **Facebook Live Q&A Event on Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**

We anticipate that the community will have many questions this week about the plan to open up the economy.

We have scheduled a Facebook Live Q&A event on the City of Ketchikan Facebook Page with Emergency Manager Chief Hoage, Ketchikan Ports and Harbors Director Steve Corporon, and Ketchikan Gateway Borough's Director of Planning and Community Development Richard Harney.



Please submit your questions to [boroclerk@kgbak.us](mailto:boroclerk@kgbak.us) by Thursday, April 23 at noon. The questions will be compiled and incorporated into the Q&A session.

### **KWC Community Survey**

The Ketchikan Wellness Coalition and WISH/Revilla Island Resilience Initiative have put together a survey as a way to access the needs of the community during this time. The short, confidential, anonymous survey asks questions that pertain to Ketchikan residents and the experiences as a result of the ongoing pandemic. The results from the survey will help local service providers know what assistance is needed for support in the community. This information could help local non-profits/health providers respond with additional services and/or information, as well as help inform for planning for future emergencies based on responses. The survey is available at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KTNCOV2>

### **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. We urge the community to continue to practice safe social distancing and to:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear cloth masks in public.
- Stay at least six feet away from others in public settings.
- Wash your hands.

- Don't touch your face.

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](http://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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