

Situation Report • April 21, 2020

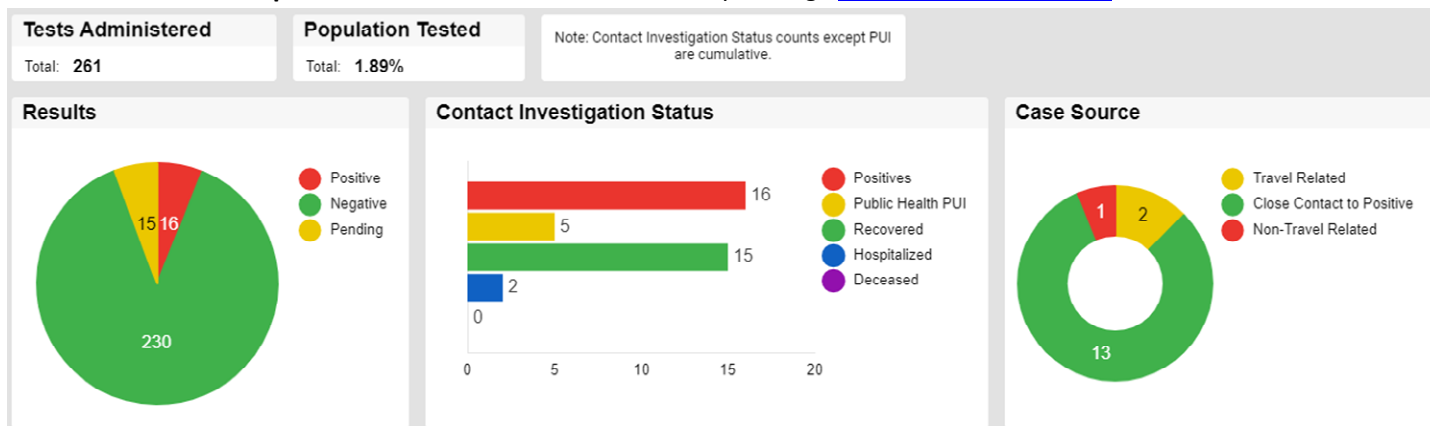
SEOC Preparedness Level Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	National Terrorism Advisory System Latest NTAS Bulletin
Ketchikan EOC Activation Level Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed Ketchikan COVID-19 Response EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	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 - April 9, 2020 Extended Mandate 6 until rescinded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 Q&A session will occur on Friday 4/24 at 4pm and feature Steve Corporon and Richard Harney.
- One new COVID-19 case has been identified in Ketchikan. The case has been classified as close contact.
- **Announcement from the Governor is expected tonight regarding the reopening of 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 90 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.
- **Updated testing guidelines for Alaska relaxed testing protocols to include asymptomatic people in certain circumstances.**

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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- **Evaluating possibility of providing material to local mask makers for the production of more masks for the general public.**
- **Large shipment of PPE received by State EOC and additional shipment by end of week. Some may be heading our way.**

Finance

- 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 (Be like Abner, Census, FAQ Webpage) and produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (4/22 Grocery store etiquette) and two press release.
- **Submitted Unified Command recommendations to Governor for his plan on the reopening of Alaska's Economy.**
- 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
- **Working with the Safety Officer and Building Official's on plans for re-opening of municipal buildings.**