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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

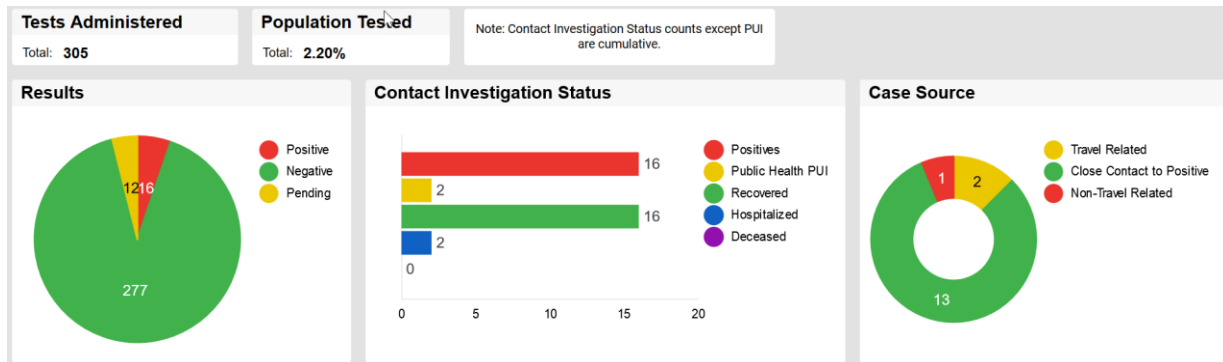
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
4/11/2020	1
4/20/2020	1
Total	16

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

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

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
305	16	277	12



<p>If you experience <u>any</u> symptoms of COVID-19, contact your regular provider or our testing hotline at 247-TEST (8378)</p>	Testing capacity:	
	Current Test kits:	880
	Test kits on order:	15,500
	Test kits expected within 2 weeks:	2,000

Ketchikan Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory

Ketchikan currently has the following PPE equipment available, with additional equipment on order:

Current Inventory	Quantity
N95 Masks (ea)	1286
Surgical Masks (ea)	42549
Masks with Face Shields	1808
Goggles (ea)	101
Exam Gloves (bx 100)	947
Gowns (ea)	1708
Gowns heavy duty (ea)	3
Gowns Kit, full isolation	4
Hoods	16
PAPR (ea)	33
PAPR Hoods (ea)	115
Hand Sanitizer (4oz bottle)	1790
Hand Sanitizer (8oz bottle)	80
Hand Sanitizer (16oz pump)	24
Alcohol Prep Pads (ea)	40615
Sanitation Wipes (containers)	445

Updates to Health Mandates to Reopen Alaska's Economy

Governor Dunleavy, with Dr. Anne Zink, and DHSS Commissioner Crum, have announced the *Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan* effective Friday, April 24th. At tonight's press conference, updates to Mandate 16 were announced:

Mandate 16 Attachment N – Social Gatherings, including Churches

- Indoor attendance limited to 20 persons or 25 percent of capacity with social distancing;
- Six foot separation between members of different households;
- Universal masking recommended;
- Outdoor gatherings recommended;
- Outdoor gatherings have no maximum person limit with social distancing.

Guidance on Graduation Ceremonies May Begin April 24, 2020

- Limited to 20 People
- Alternative Options
- Social Distancing

We encourage individuals and business owners to read the full texts of the revised mandates and ensure that your business can fully comply with the mandates prior to opening.

The mandate as well as the attachments and guidance documents for restaurants, retail, personal services, non-public facing businesses, public-facing businesses, fishing charters, churches, gyms, lodges and camping, childcare, intrastate travel and activities, and graduation ceremonies, are available at: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/>

All health mandates are available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>.

Individuals, travelers, and business owners can submit questions to covidquestions@alaska.gov.

Ketchikan Support Network

The Ketchikan Wellness Coalition and SAIL have partnered to coordinate a Ketchikan Support Network. This program is designed to be a registry of volunteers who are willing to assist others in our community. Additionally, individuals can request help for their needs (food, delivery, dog walking etc) and receive help from those registered and/or local non-profits. The program is hosted on the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition website at www.ktnwc.org.

Facebook Live Q&A Event Held on Friday, April 24th

This session was held at 6 p.m. tonight and addressed many questions regarding COVID-19 testing, the plan to reopen the economy (Mandate 16), and seasonal businesses and the fishing industry (Mandate 17). The panelists for the session were Emergency Manager Chief Hoage, Ketchikan Ports and Harbors Director Steve Corporon, and Ketchikan Gateway Borough's Director of Planning and Community Development Richard Harney. A text version of the questions and answers will be made available on Monday, April 27.

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.

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. 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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