

Situation Report • April 24, 2020

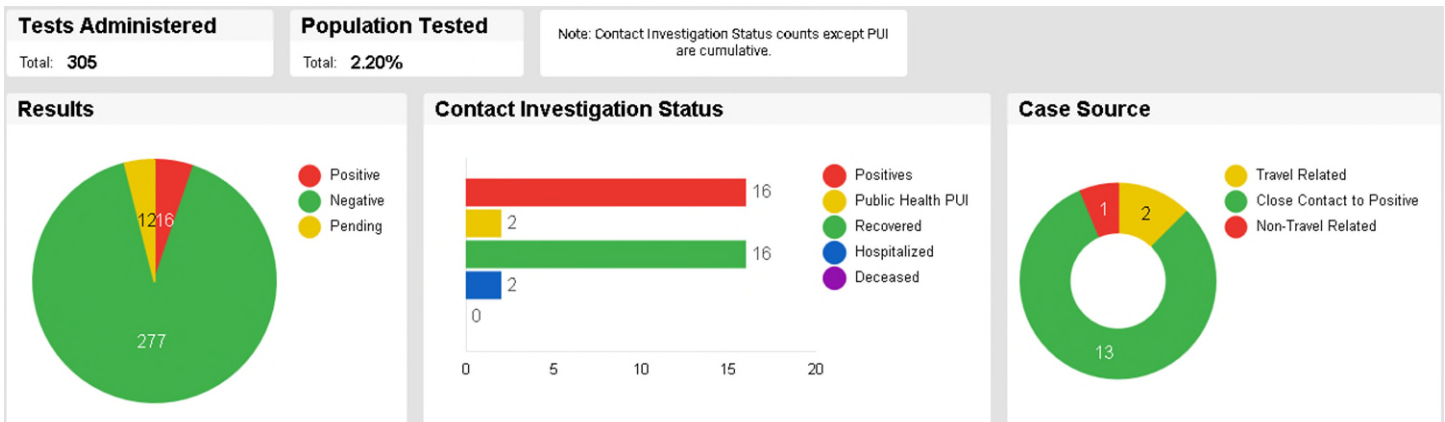
SEOC Preparedness Level Level 3 – for COVID-19 Response	Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level 1 - Minimum Appropriate Security Measures	National Terrorism Advisory System Latest NTAS Bulletin
Ketchikan EOC Activation Level Steady State Operation – Fully Staffed Ketchikan COVID-19 Response EOC Direct: 907-228-2366	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](#) , [Health Alerts](#) and [Mandates, Plan for Phase 1](#)

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

Community Lifelines



COVID-19 Ketchikan EOC Actions:

- The Ketchikan Daily Situation Report will incorporate “Community Lifelines”: <https://tinyurl.com/yccm5o3f>
- A Facebook Live Q&A session will occur on Friday 4/24 at 6 pm and feature Steve Corporon and Richard Harney.
- Public health will be reaching out to populations that have barriers to testing, particularly the ability to pay for it.
- **NIXLE message encouraging testing of all symptomatic people sent on 4/23, resulted in increased calls to providers.**
- **All FDA emergency use authorization tests have been approved for the testing of asymptomatic patients.**

Operations

- 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 **94** calls with **13** testing referrals.
- Started planning to transition homeless shelter back to Methodist Church with normal operations by 05/04/2020
- **Continue to provide local health care providers with information and resource sharing in an effort to increase testing.**
- Refined testing decision flowchart for local providers to mirror Alaska testing guidelines for all symptomatic patients.
- Efforts to find a facility with the capacity to test our wastewater for COVID-19 continue.
- **Continued local production of hand sanitizer and develop distribution plans.**

Planning

- 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
- Resource Unit Leader working with local business representatives to prepare recovery plans.
- A new meeting schedule was finalized and the EOC will transition to a 7-day operational period beginning Friday 4/24
- Beginning to evaluate ways to support and encourage re-opening of daycares to assist people returning to work.

Logistics

- Public Health received a shipment of 100 specimen collection swabs.
- Testing capacity is increasing. 880 tests are possible as of today and is expected to increase by about 2,000 by May 1.
- Evaluating possibility of providing material to local mask makers for the production of more masks for the general public.
- Providers of elective procedures are being notified of a newly identified testing facility in California.
- New FDA approved testing swabs are incompatible with the rapid testing machines, but may be usable in other machines.
- Sourcing large quantities of hand sanitizer as demand is expected to increase significantly.
- Shipment of supplies from the Red Cross have been received including additional cots, blankets, and comfort kits.
- **3,500 sterile tubes needed for specimen collection and transport have been received.**

Finance

- Identified locations and completed application for approval of non-congregate sheltering outlined in Health Mandate 14.
- Forwarded information on funding opportunities to local nonprofits that work with homeless populations.
- The cost of Ketchikan’s local government response efforts to date is \$793,861 or \$57.31 per capita. In-kind support from State and Federal agencies increases the total to \$1,587,195 or \$114.66 per capita.
- Completed a request for an extension of the non-congregate shelter approval until May 19.

PIO

- Continues to release multiple social media updates throughout the day (**Live Q&A Reminder, Mask and Hand washing reminder, Census, Open Alaska Responsibly**) and produce a daily ad for the Ketchikan Daily News (**4/25 Outdoor gatherings**) and a press release.
- **Finalized preparations for this evening’s FB live event.**
- Medical supply donations can be dropped off at Saxman Community Center uphill side from 9am to 4pm Mon-Fri.

LIAISON

- **Completed report on City public buildings in advance of re-opening.**
- **Fielded many questions regarding the re-opening of businesses.**