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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

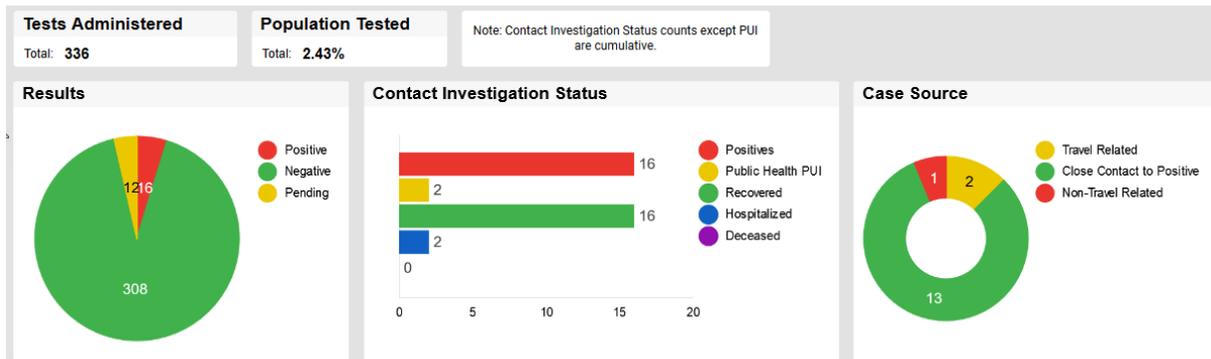
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
4/11/2020	1
4/20/2020	1
Total	16

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

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

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
336	16	308	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:	10,000
	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

Ketchikan's Response to COVID-19

Phase One to Reopen Alaska is being done because of the positive results of social distancing and flattening the curve. Because Ketchikan has been diligent to follow the mandates so far, we are able to begin to slowly open the economy.

We do expect to see a small increase in cases of COVID-19 with the opening of the economy. With the phased approach, and with the increase in testing capacity and careful monitoring of healthcare resources, we expect the small increase in case count to be manageable.

We are in close coordination with the Governor's Office, State DHSS, SEOC, and local health providers. If there is a spike in COVID-19 cases, there will be action taken to address it.

New Schedule for EOC Press Releases and Public Information

Beginning this week, and following this press release, we will no longer be providing a routine daily press release with EOC updates. We will provide press releases on an as-needed basis when critical and time-sensitive information is received by the EOC, such as a positive COVID-19 case or any health or safety information. We will continue to update the COVID-19 Response website on a daily basis with current EOC Situation Reports and daily case count information. Below is a summary of the public information that the EOC will continue to provide:

- Weekly press release issued on Fridays providing an update of EOC activities and announcements;
- As-needed press releases for positive COVID-19 cases or critical health or safety information;
- Case count and community response information updated daily on www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response;
- Daily COVID-19-related social media messages on City and Borough Facebook pages;
- Continue with ongoing PSA radio and television messaging;
- Continue with community resource and information flyers;
- Wednesday and Saturday display ads in newspaper.

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* which became effective Friday, April 24th. 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.

Take it Slow and Practice Social Distancing

Even though businesses are opening, we urge the community to take it slow and continue to practice safe social distancing. Please remember 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 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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