



## KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND CITY OF SAXMAN

### **JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 TESTING FOR ARRIVING PASSENGERS**

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#### **For Immediate Release**

The Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is making preparations for a COVID-19 PCR testing center operation for passengers arriving from out of state.

The new testing site is in response to the Governor's announcement for the revised Alaska Health Mandate 10 which becomes effective at 11:55 p.m. on June 5, 2020.

According to the new mandate guidance, starting Friday, June 5, 2020 at 11:55 pm, all persons entering Alaska from another state or country must:

- ✓ Complete a Traveler Declaration Form, AND
- ✓ Arrive with a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within the last 72 hours and present results upon arrival.

OR

- ✓ Participate in a COVID-19 PCR test when you arrive in Alaska, and self-quarantine at your expense until results arrive; or
- ✓ Self-quarantine for 14 days at your expense or the duration of your trip whichever is shorter.
- ✓ If you are an essential worker: Follow the work plan that your employer filed with the State of Alaska.

The EOC is working with the State of Alaska and local health care providers and testing laboratories to develop the plan for the operation of the COVID-19 testing site. We will provide an update once the protocol is finalized.

The revised Alaska Health Mandate 10 information for travelers is available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>.

EOC information and the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is updated daily on the COVID-19 Response page at <https://www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response>.

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