



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

### **JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: UPDATE ON JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> POSITIVE CASE**

Date: June 10, 2020  
From: Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center (EOC)  
Contact: Kacie Paxton, Public Information Officer, 228-6605

#### **For Immediate Release**

We have received updated information from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that the individual reported as testing positive for COVID-19 on June 9<sup>th</sup> is located in Craig, Alaska.

The EOC learned today from Public Health Officials that additional information became available through the continued contact investigation with this individual. Due to a language barrier, this additional information was not readily available at the time of the initial contact and announcement of the positive case.

During the interview with the individual, Public Health learned that the individual, who arrived to Ketchikan by plane and received a COVID-19 test at the traveler testing site at the airport, proceeded to travel to Prince of Wales Island and is now located in Craig.

As reported in our June 9 release, the individual was instructed to self-quarantine while awaiting the test results. Upon notification of the positive result last evening, the individual was directed to isolate.

Part of the purpose of the traveler testing operation at the airport is to conduct testing for travelers who are changing modes of transportation and continuing on to other locations in Southeast Alaska. This detection of a positive case of a traveler whose final destination was another island community shows the importance of the testing program.

Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation to identify any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate. Through the contact investigation, Public Health will direct testing of persons that meet criteria based on contact with any confirmed case of COVID-19.

Attached is the media release issued by the City of Craig.

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Date: June 10, 2020  
From: City of Craig Emergency Operations Center (EOC),  
Contact: Jillian Carl, Public Information Officer, 826-3275  
Press Release: 019, Third Confirmed Case of COVID-19 in  
Craig, Alaska

## **For Immediate Release**

Craig City staff was notified by Alaska Public Health on Wednesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> that they had received notice of the third confirmed COVID-19 case in Craig. The Division of Public Health and the Alaska Section of Epidemiology are currently conducting a case investigation and has started contact tracing to determine how the patient was exposed and the potential scope of contacts.

The Craig Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was notified that the third case is an out of state worker. The patient flew into Ketchikan over the weekend and was screened and tested at the Ketchikan Airport according to the revised State Mandate 10.1 which covers travelers from out of state. The patient then traveled to Craig and upon notification of the positive test result was contacted by Public Health regarding quarantine and isolation. Public Health officials will conduct an investigation and will contact any persons who were in contact with the patient.

The Craig Emergency Operations Center staff will continue to meet and will determine what actions need to be taken in light of this confirmed case in Craig.

With summer upon us, we are strongly advising residents to follow all health mandates and advisories to reduce the risk of spreading the virus in Craig. These measures include:

- Maintain good social distancing at all times keeping at least six feet between persons
- Keep all trips for non-essential services to a minimum to avoid contact and wear a face mask/covering when you do need to make trips
- Stay home as much as possible
- Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face as much as possible
- If you have symptoms or have a temperature of 100.4° F or higher contact your primary healthcare provider and self-isolate immediately

The City of Craig Emergency Operations Center will continue to work with Alaska Public Health and Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center and will provide updated information as it is available.

The City of Craig will continue to monitor COVID-19 reports and information and

provide links and up to date information about the City of Craig response at the city's website. For information go to [www.craigak.com](http://www.craigak.com) or [www.craigak.com/covid](http://www.craigak.com/covid).

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Craig Police	826-3330	<a href="mailto:re44@craigpd.com">re44@craigpd.com</a>
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