



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

MEDIA RELEASE: POSITIVE CASE FOR KETCHIKAN

Date: June 18, 2020
From: Ketchikan Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
Contact: Kacie Paxton, Public Information Officer, 228-6605

For Immediate Release

One (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified as a Ketchikan resident. This individual was traveling out of town for work and was exposed to a co-worker who tested positive to COVID-19 during travel. This individual tested positive on June 17, 2020, through a health care provider in Homer, Alaska. This individual is currently in Homer.

As a close contact of a person who had previously tested positive for COVID-19, this individual had been on self-quarantine and sought testing. Upon notification of the positive test result, this individual was placed in isolation and is being monitored daily by Public Health providers.

Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation to reach out to 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. Individuals who meet the criteria are being tested in accordance with CDC and State of Alaska priorities.

This case brings the cumulative COVID-19 case count for Ketchikan, including travelers, to 25. The number of positive cases of individuals currently residing or staying in Ketchikan is 21. Of the 21 cases, 16 have recovered.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, such as a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice or use the Testing Hotline and call 247-TEST (8378). The EOC Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing Clinic will be open each Wednesday and Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm at Berth 3.

Information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is updated daily at www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response. Information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.covid19.alaska.gov.

#ketchikanstayhealthy #staystrongketchikan #stepsforahealthycommunity
#