



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

**MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW POSITIVE CASE IDENTIFIED AT DRIVE-UP TESTING SITE**

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**For Immediate Release**

One (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified through the drive-up testing site. This individual met the criteria for drive-up testing of asymptomatic individuals and continues to be asymptomatic.

This person has been contacted by a health care provider with notification of the positive result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers. It is not yet known if this individual has a history of recent travel, or was in close contact with a person who was previously reported as testing positive to COVID-19. This information is being investigated by Public Health.

Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation and will 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, including travelers, to 28. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 24. Of the 24 cases, 18 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 to anyone with symptoms of COVID-19, and is also open to certain asymptomatic individuals, including: those who have health conditions; are age 65 or older; health care workers or care providers; first responders; or those who have recently traveled.

Information regarding the Alaska Health Mandate 10.1 (International and Interstate Travel) is available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>. Information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at [www.covid19.alaska.gov](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov).

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