



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

MEDIA RELEASE: POSITIVE NON-RESIDENT CASE IDENTIFIED AT TRAVELER TESTING SITE

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For Immediate Release

One (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified through the traveler testing site at the Ketchikan airport. This individual arrived in Ketchikan on July 16th, was tested, and was instructed to quarantine until receiving test results. This individual is non-resident who came to Ketchikan for work, and is currently asymptomatic. This person was contacted by a health care provider with notification of the positive result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health officials have been notified and will begin the contact investigation today and 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 37. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 33. Of the 33 cases, 3 are still active, and 30 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 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

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