



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

MEDIA RELEASE: POSITIVE CASE AT SEAFOOD PROCESSOR PLANT

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For Immediate Release

One (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified through the COVID-19 testing program at a local seafood processing plant. This is the second case of COVID-19 announced in Ketchikan today.

As part of the company's COVID-19 mitigation plan, this person was tested upon arrival to Ketchikan, and was tested today for the second time. This individual has been contacted by a health care provider with notification of the positive result, has been placed in isolation, and is being monitored by healthcare providers. This individual is currently asymptomatic.

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 local seafood processing plant has a COVID-19 mitigation plan in place and is actively maintaining and operating under the plan. The purpose of the plan is to detect the presence of COVID-19 at an early stage and mitigate the risk to other employees and individuals. This has been done through the systematic testing and isolation of the affected individual.

This case brings the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 38. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 34. Of the 34 cases, 4 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/> Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is provided at www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response.

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