



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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW KETCHIKAN RESIDENT POSITIVE CASE

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For Immediate Release

One new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified through a local health clinic. This is the third case of COVID-19 announced in Ketchikan today. This case brings the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 39. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 35. Of the 35 cases, 5 are still active, and 30 have recovered.

This individual is a Ketchikan resident who recently traveled outside the State of Alaska, returned to Ketchikan on July 19th, and sought testing at a local clinic. This individual is currently experiencing mild symptoms, has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

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.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop any symptoms, no matter how minor—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).

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is provided 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.

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