



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

MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW KETCHIKAN RESIDENT POSITIVE CASES

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For Immediate Release

Two new positive test results for COVID-19 have been identified through a local health clinic. Both of the individuals are Ketchikan residents residing in the same household. How these residents came into contact with the virus is still under investigation.

One of these individuals is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 and the other individual is not currently experiencing symptoms. Both of these people have been notified of the positive test result, have been directed to isolate, and are being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation for these individuals. 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.

Today's cases bring the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 43. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 39. Of the 39 cases, 9 are still active, and 30 have recovered.

Current COVID-19 Case and Testing Count

Cumulative Tests Administered	Tests Pending Results	Cumulative Positive Cases	Resident / Traveler Staying Local	Resident / Traveler Not Staying Local
7802	237	43	39	4
Close Contact	Travel Related	Non-Travel Related	Recovered	Hospitalizations
17	20	4	30	2

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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