



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

### **MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW POSITIVE TRAVELER CASES**

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#### **For Immediate Release**

Two new positive test results for COVID-19 were identified through the local traveler testing site. The first person arrived from out-of-state on 7/23/2020, but did not stay in the community and traveled on to a different location. This traveler has been notified of the positive test result.

The second person arrived in Ketchikan on 7/25/2020, is asymptomatic, and is staying locally in Ketchikan. This traveler 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 investigations. 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 46. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 41. Of the 41 cases, 10 are still active, and 31 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
<b>8611</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>5</b>
Close Contact	Travel Related	Non-Travel Related	Recovered	Hospitalized
<b>18</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>

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](http://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](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov).

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