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MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW POSITIVE TRAVELER CASES

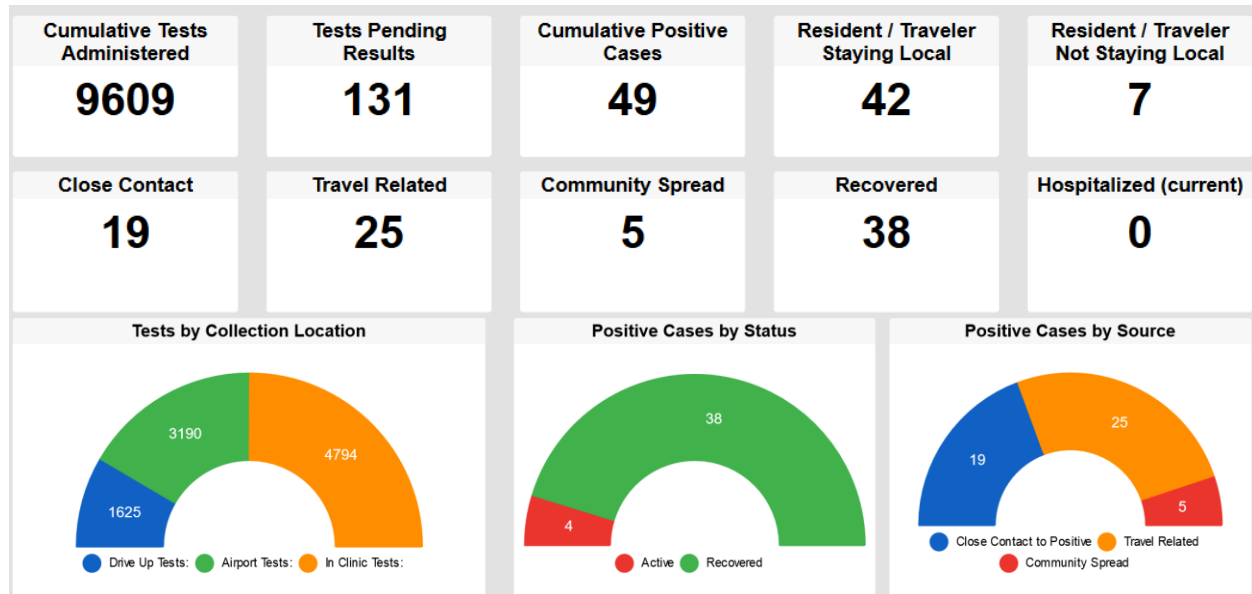
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For Immediate Release

Two new positive cases have been identified through the traveler testing site at the Ketchikan airport. The individuals arrived from out-of-state on July 31st, were tested, and have since traveled to another location. Both individuals have been notified of the positive test result, have been directed to isolate, and are currently asymptomatic.

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 49. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 42. Of the 42 cases, 4 are still active, and 38 have recovered.



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 regarding Alaska Health Mandate 10.1 (International and Interstate Travel) is available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>