



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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW KETCHIKAN RESIDENT POSITIVE CASE

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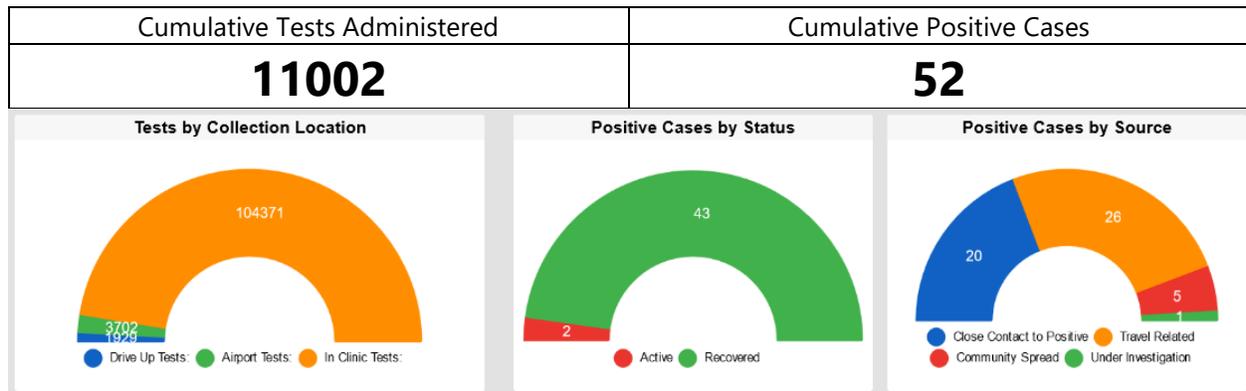
For Immediate Release

One new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified today through a local health clinic. This individual is a Ketchikan resident and is currently asymptomatic. This individual has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers. The source of how the virus was contracted is under investigation.

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.

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).

Today’s case brings the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 52. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 45. Of the 45 cases, 2 are still active, and 43 have recovered.



| Community Risk | Recommended General Mitigation Measures* |
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| Level 1 - Low | Minimum: Can travel outside home with safety measures** Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures*** Indoor and Outdoor mass gatherings with safety measures** gatherings >500 people requires coordination with and plan submitted to EOC in advance Businesses open with safety measures** Healthcare services with safety measures** Minimal safe visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with safety measures** |

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan’s community risk, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19. Information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.covid19.alaska.gov.