KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, CITY OF SAXMAN, and KETCHIKAN INDIAN COMMUNITY

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: THREE NEW KETCHIKAN RESIDENT POSITIVE CASES

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For Immediate Release

Three new positive test results for COVID-19 have been identified today through the Ketchikan Indian Community (KIC) Health Clinic. These individuals are staff members of the KIC Clinic.

In an abundance of caution for the safety of the community and staff, the KIC Health Clinic was closed today, Tuesday, August 18, 2020, and will continue to be closed Wednesday, August 19, 2020. The KIC Clinic will be doing Telehealth visits. The Dental Clinic will be rescheduling appointments. All staff at the 2960 building will be tested before they are cleared to return to work. The facilities will be thoroughly sanitized prior to being reopened.

KIC patients and customers can call the following numbers for information:
- KIC Health Clinic 228-9480
- KIC Dental Clinic 228-9202
- KIC Pharmacy 228-9205

Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation and will reach out to any person who may have come into contact with the individual who tested positive. 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). If you are a KIC member and have questions about COVID-19 testing, please call 228-9480.

Today's case brings the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 58. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 48. Of the 48 cases, 5 are still active, and 43 have recovered.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including data regarding Ketchikan's case and testing count and current community risk status, 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.

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