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

MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW KETCHIKAN RESIDENT TRAVELER POSITIVE CASES

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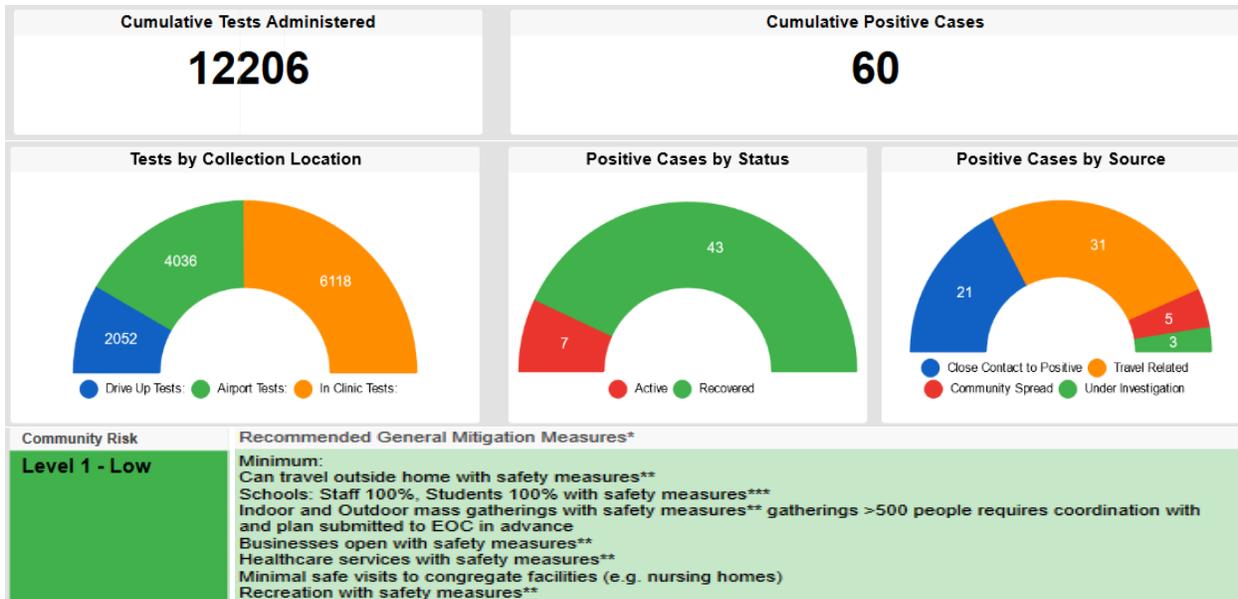Contact: Kacie Paxton, Public Information Officer, 228-2464

For Immediate Release

Two new positive test results for COVID-19 have been identified today through the traveler testing site. These individuals are Ketchikan residents who are members of the same household and returned to Ketchikan on August 18th. They have been notified of the positive test result, have been directed to isolate, and are being monitored by healthcare providers. They are both currently asymptomatic. Public Health officials have begun the contact investigations and will reach out to any person who may have come into contact with either of these individuals. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate.

Regarding the three positive KIC-related cases announced on Tuesday, the source of cases is still under investigation. All of the people who came into close contact with the three positive cases have been notified by Public Health. If you have questions or concerns related to these cases, please call Public Health at 225-4350.

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 cases bring the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 60. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 50. Of the 50 cases, 7 are still active, and 43 have recovered.

Cumulative Tests Administered	Cumulative Positive Cases
12206	60

Tests by Collection Location
- Drive Up Tests: 2052
- Airport Tests: 4036
- In Clinic Tests: 6118

Positive Cases by Status
- Active: 7
- Recovered: 43

Positive Cases by Source
- Close Contact to Positive: 21
- Travel Related: 31
- Community Spread: 5
- Under Investigation: 3

Community Risk

Level 1 - Low

Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
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.

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