



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

MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW TRAVELER POSITIVE CASES

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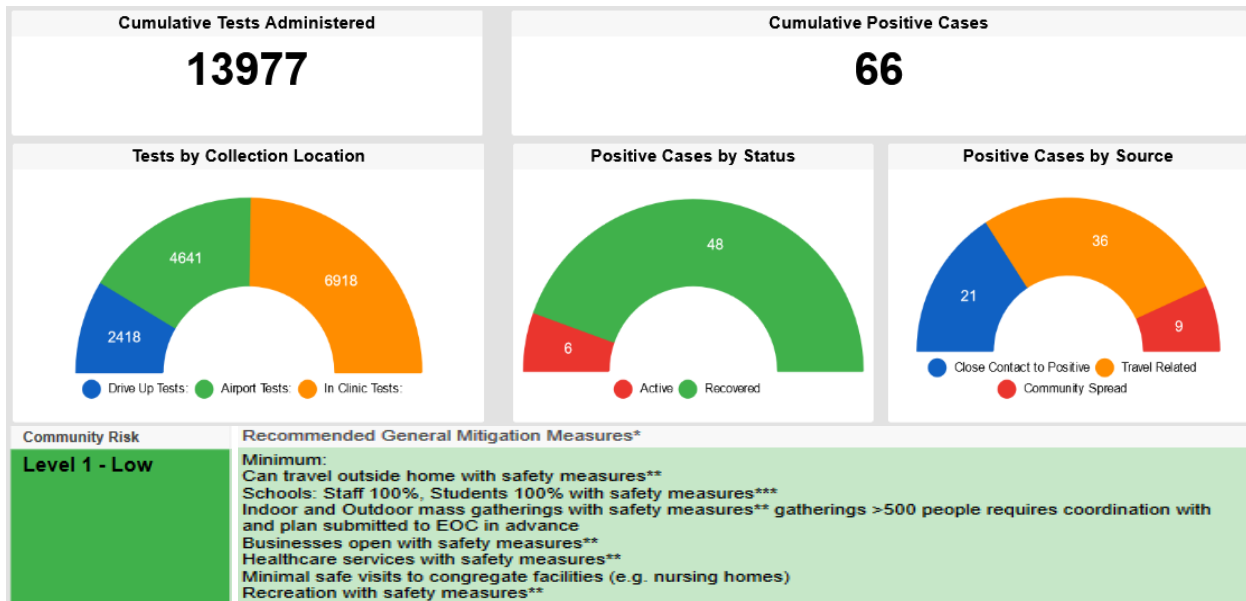
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Two new positive cases were identified today through the traveler testing site. Both travelers are non-residents; one arrived on August 29th and one arrived on August 31st. One traveler is staying locally in Ketchikan, and one continued with onward travel after testing at the airport testing location. Both individuals are currently asymptomatic, have been notified of the positive results, and have been instructed to isolate. Public Health officials have begun the contact investigations and will reach out to any person who may have come into contact with these individuals. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate.

Regarding the positive resident case announced on August 31st, the source of the case has been determined to be unrelated to recent travel and unrelated to close contact of a known positive. Therefore, it is determined to be considered as "community spread."

Today's cases bring the cumulative COVID-19 case count for Ketchikan, including travelers, to 66. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 54. Of the 54 cases, 6 are still active, and 48 have recovered.

The current Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low.



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.