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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: EOC COVID-19 UPDATES

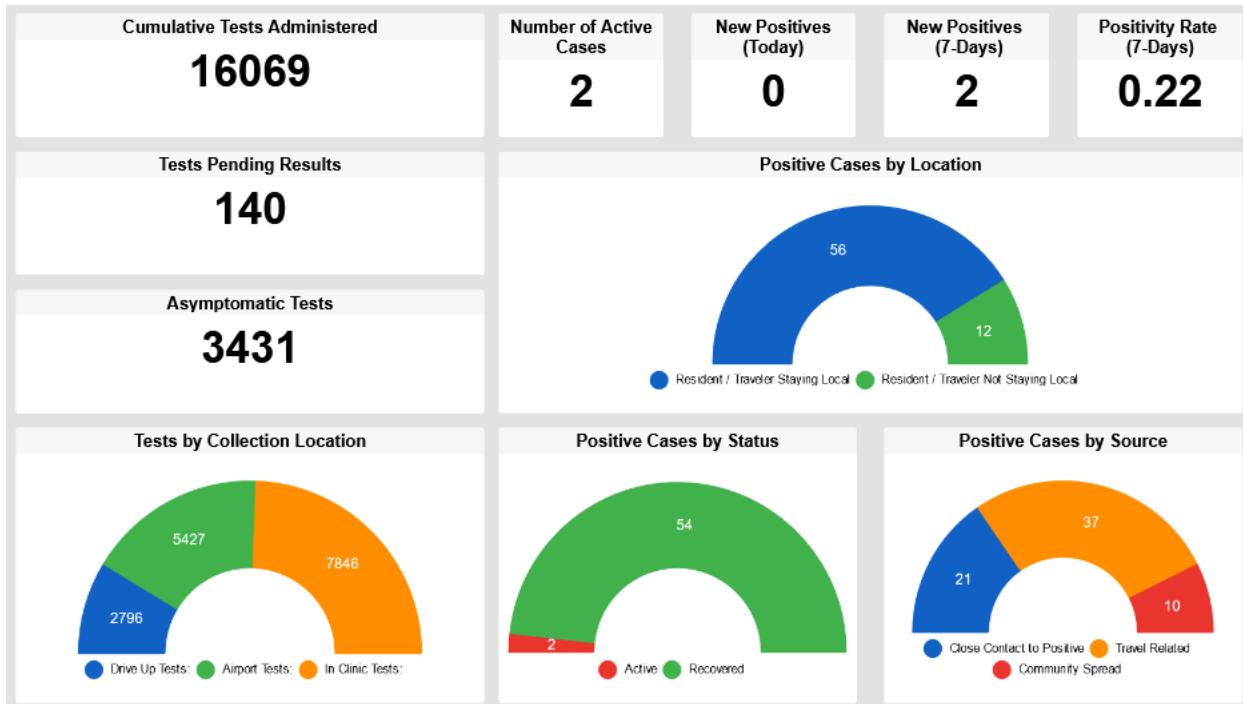
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For Immediate Release

This brief provides updated information from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and its partner agencies. This will be the last weekly media release providing general EOC updates. The EOC will continue to issue media releases for announcements of positive cases, changes in the Community Risk Level, and other important community announcements and emergent issues. Effective September 21st, the general EOC operations information that is included in this brief will be provided through scheduled social media posts and available on the COVID-19 website. Please see the end of this brief for the social media and website information.

COVID-19 Case Count Update

There were no new positive cases of COVID-19 announced in Ketchikan today. The cumulative COVID-19 case count for Ketchikan, including travelers, remains at 68. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 56. Of the 56 cases, 2 are still active, and 54 have recovered. **The current Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low.**



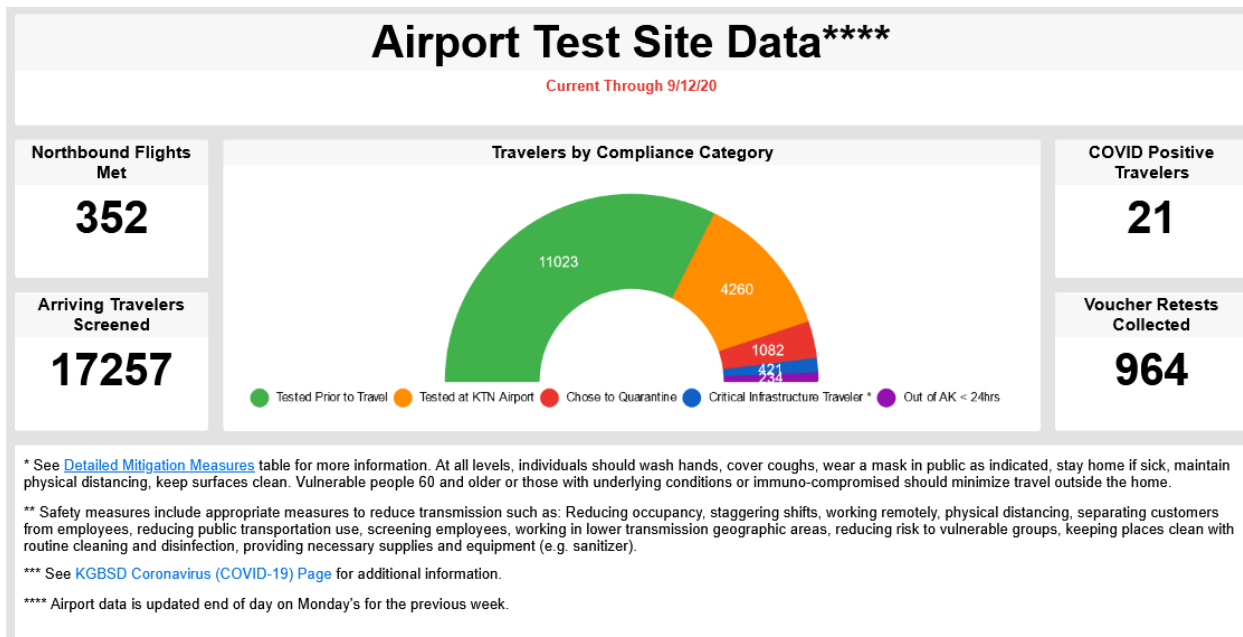
Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
Level 1 - Low	Minimum: Can travel outside home with safety measures** Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures*** Indoor and Outdoor mass gatherings with safety measures** gatherings >500 people requires coordination with and plan 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**

The Community Risk Levels and Mitigation Measures document is available at www.bit.ly/ktn-covid19-risk

The Airport Traveler Testing Site is located adjacent to the airport terminal building. After deplaning, interstate and intrastate travelers will go through the screening process near the baggage claim area, and if a COVID-19 test is needed, will proceed to the testing tent immediately outside of the exit door by baggage claim. The Airport Traveler Testing Site is open:

7:45 to 9:00 a.m. 12:15 to 2:00 p.m. 4:15 to 9:00 p.m.

The following are statistics for the airport traveler testing site through September 12th:



Drive-up COVID-19 Testing on Berth 3 offers testing for:

- Anyone showing any symptoms of COVID-19;
- Asymptomatic individuals who meet one of the following criteria: those with health conditions; age 65 or older; health care workers; care providers; or first responders;
- Those who seek testing related to travel; or are using a state-issued 7-14 day follow up test voucher;
- Travelers arriving from means other than commercial airlines at the airport.

The Drive-Up Clinic is open Tuesdays through Saturdays at the following times:

9:30-11:30 am 2:30-4:30 pm.

People seeking testing related to travel or using a State-issued 7-14 day follow up test voucher will use the Alaska Travel portal app available at <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/>.

AMHS COVID-19 protocols for passengers are available at: <http://dot.alaska.gov/amhs/covid19.shtml>

Face Mask Distribution by EOC Logistics Chief

Businesses or other organizations that would like to obtain masks for distribution to the public at their location can email their request to covidquestions@kgbak.us with subject line "Mask Distribution Request" and the following information:

1. Number of masks requested, operating hours, and estimated count of daily public visitors.
2. Organization Name and Address where masks will be distributed.
3. Organization Point of Contact including name, email, and phone number.

Free Face Masks and Hand Sanitizer

The EOC continues to provide free masks and hand sanitizer at the community refill stations. We encourage citizens to use hand sanitizer when hand washing is unavailable, and we encourage our citizens to wear a face covering when around people who are not household members. Our face covering and hand sanitizer refill stations are available at the following locations:

- Ketchikan City Hall
- Ketchikan Ports and Harbors building
- Ketchikan Police Department
- KPU Customer Service in the Plaza
- Ketchikan Public Library
- KGB White Cliff Building
- Gateway Recreation Center
- Saxman IRA Building; 2706 South Tongass Hwy
- North Tongass Fire Department Station 8 (Mile 13 North Tongass Hwy)

Keep Ketchikan Safe

If we each continue to do our part, together we can keep Ketchikan safe. We strongly recommend that citizens remember to **Protect Yourself and Others by:**

- **Practice Good Hygiene**
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds, practice good hygiene, and cover any cough or sneeze. Don't touch your face with unwashed hands.
- **Practice Social Distancing**
When you have to leave home, keep a minimum of six feet away from others at all times.
- **Wear a Mask**
There is no mandate or requirement for the use of masks by the public, however health and science experts recommended that you wear a mask in public wherever social distancing is challenging.
- **Get Tested If You Are Sick**
If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, isolate yourself from others and call a provider to get tested. If you require medical attention, call your doctor before going in.

If you experience any symptoms of COVID-19, contact your regular provider or our testing hotline at 247-TEST (8378)

COVID-19 Questions and EOC Information

Citizens are encouraged to submit questions related to COVID-19 in Ketchikan and local resources to: covidquestions@kgbak.us or to call 228-2464.

The EOC is using three different social media platforms for providing updated information to Ketchikan residents. EOC information is posted through the City and Borough Facebook pages, and on the Borough's Twitter account @BoroughKTN, and Instagram account ketchikangatewayborough.

Information on the EOC's response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is updated daily on the COVID-19 Response page at www.kgbak.us/covid19. Additional current information is available on the State of Alaska's website at www.covid19.alaska.gov. The declaration form, Health Mandate 10.1, and additional information for travelers is available at: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>.

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