



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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW POSITIVE & CHANGE OF RISK LEVEL

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For Immediate Release

One new positive case of Covid-19 was identified in Ketchikan today. This individual is a Kayhi Student who was symptomatic, and sought testing at a local health clinic. The case is under investigation as to the source. This individual has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

As part of their Covid-19 response plan, Ketchikan High School, including District Offices and Pre-Schools located at Kayhi will be closed Thursday, October 15th, and will also be closed Friday, October 16th, as previously planned. As Public Health officials complete the contact tracing investigation, more information will be made available on the status of the school. Parents with questions may contact the school district at 247-2109, ask for Superintendent Beth Lougee or Principal Jason House.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop any symptoms, no matter how minor—such as a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, or bodyache—call your healthcare provider for medical advice or use the Testing Hotline and call 247-TEST (8378).

Free Covid-19 Testing is available at the Berth 3 Drive Up facility during the hours of 9:30-11:30 am and 2:30-4:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

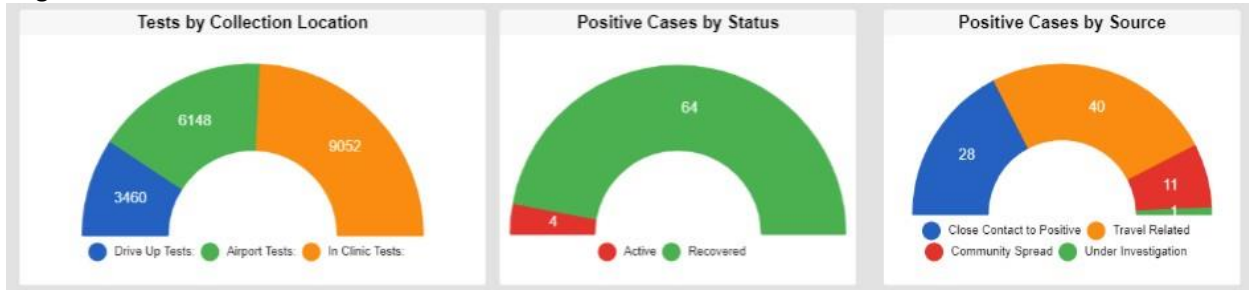
Today's case brings the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 74. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 68. Of the 68 cases, 4 are still active, and 64 have recovered.

Despite the new case, Ketchikan's Risk level is being lowered to Level-1 Low based on the percentage of positive cases falling below 1% of tests in the last week.

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-1 Low

Level 1 - Low	Minimum: Can travel outside home with safety measures** Schools: Open 100% with annex sites and 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**
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Cumulative Tests Administered	Current Active Cases	New Positives (Today)	New Positives (Past 7-Days)	Positivity Rate (Past 7-Days)
18660	4	1	7	0.80



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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