



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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW POSITIVE & UPDATE TO MANDATE 10

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For Immediate Release

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

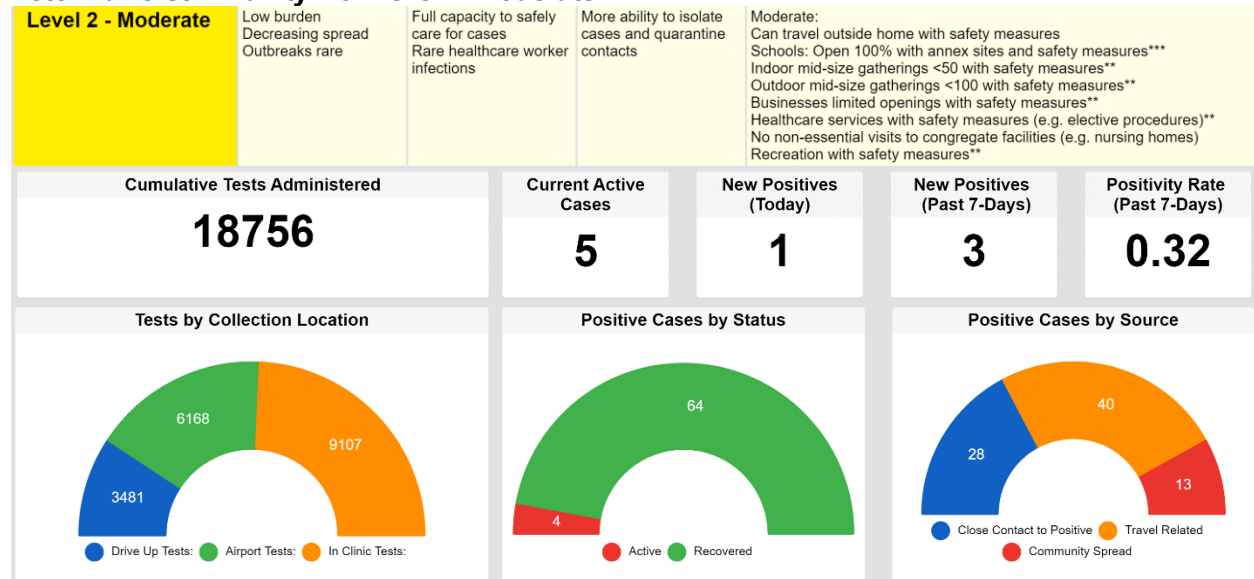
The positive case of Covid-19 identified on Wednesday was determined by Public Health to also be Community Spread. This takes the number of Community Spread cases identified in the last week to three and results in an increase in risk level to Level 2 - Moderate.

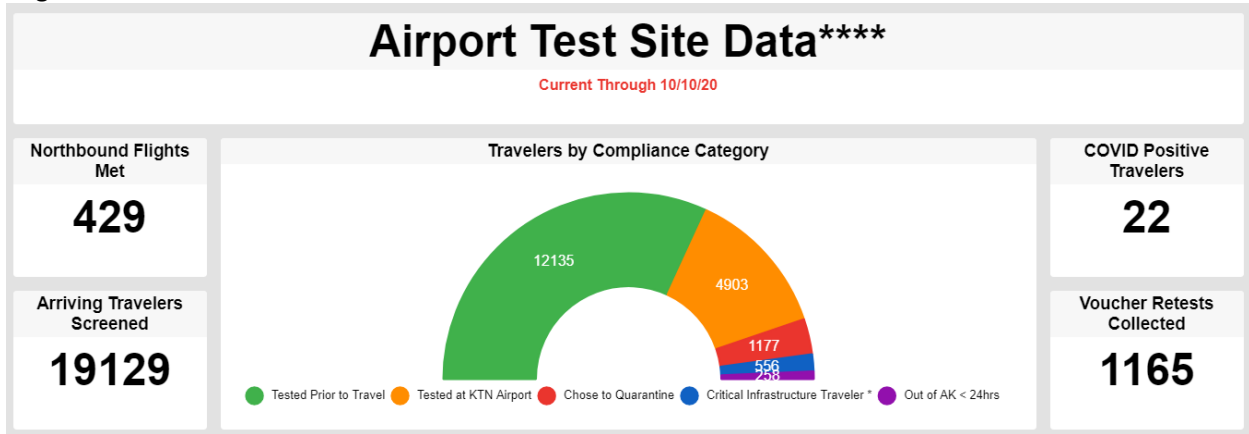
If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop any symptoms, no matter how minor—such as a fever, cough, difficulty breathing, headache, or bodyache—call your healthcare provider for medical advice or use the Testing Hotline and call 247-TEST (8378).

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 81. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 69. Of the 69 cases, 5 are still active, and 64 have recovered.

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-2 Moderate





Update to State Mandate 10-Travel Advisory

Today the Governor issued an update to Health Mandate 10 which goes into effect at midnight tomorrow October 16th the major changes include:

- a. Requirement for strict social distancing has been reduced to 5 days after arrival instead of 7-14 with one (1) negative test result prior to travel or upon arrival in Alaska.
- b. Requirement for a second test after 5 days of strict social distancing is now recommended, but not required and can still be obtained at the traveler testing sites at no cost.
- c. The time period an Alaska resident is allowed to be out of state before a test is required has increased from 24 hours to 72 hours.

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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