



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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW POSITIVE

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For Immediate Release

One new positive case of Covid-19 was identified in Ketchikan today. This individual was a resident traveler who tested negative on their arrival test, but then tested positive on the 14 day follow up test. This person is asymptomatic. This individual has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

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).

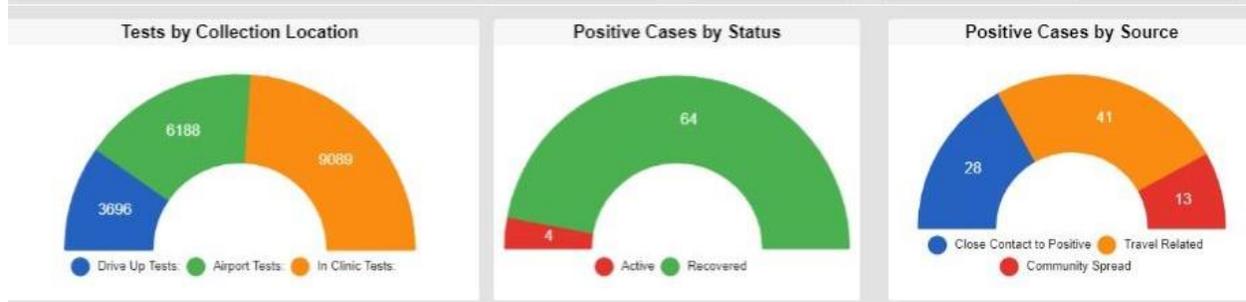
Free Covid-19 Testing is available at the Berth 3 Drive Up facility during the hours of 9:30-11:30 am and 2:30-4:30 pm, Tuesday through Saturday.

Today's case brings the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 82. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 70. Of the 70 cases, 6 are still active, and 64 have recovered.

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-2-Moderate

Level 2 - Moderate	Low burden Decreasing spread Outbreaks rare	Full capacity to safely care for cases Rare healthcare worker infections	More ability to isolate cases and quarantine contacts	Moderate: Can travel outside home with safety measures Schools: Open 100% with annex sites and safety measures*** Indoor mid-size gatherings <50 with safety measures** Outdoor mid-size gatherings <100 with safety measures** Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Healthcare services with safety measures (e.g. elective procedures)** No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with safety measures**
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Cumulative Tests Administered 18973	Current Active Cases 6	New Positives (Today) 1	New Positives (Past 7-Days) 4	Positivity Rate (Past 7-Days) 0.48
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Update to State Mandate 10-Travel Advisory

The Governor's updates to Health Mandate 10 which went effect at midnight 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.

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- 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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