



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 is a local resident who tested through the drive-up clinic upon experiencing symptoms. The source of how the person came in contact with the virus is under investigation. This individual has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health officials are conducting a contact investigation and will reach out to anyone who may have come in close contact with this person. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate.

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 83. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 71. Of the 71 cases, 7 are still active, and 64 have recovered.

**Ketchikan’s Community Risk Level-2-Moderate**

<b>Level 2 - Moderate</b>	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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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](http://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](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov).

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