



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 staff member of KIC. The individual was a recent traveler who became symptomatic after returning and sought testing. This individual has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers. Public Health have begun contact investigation and will reach out to any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate.

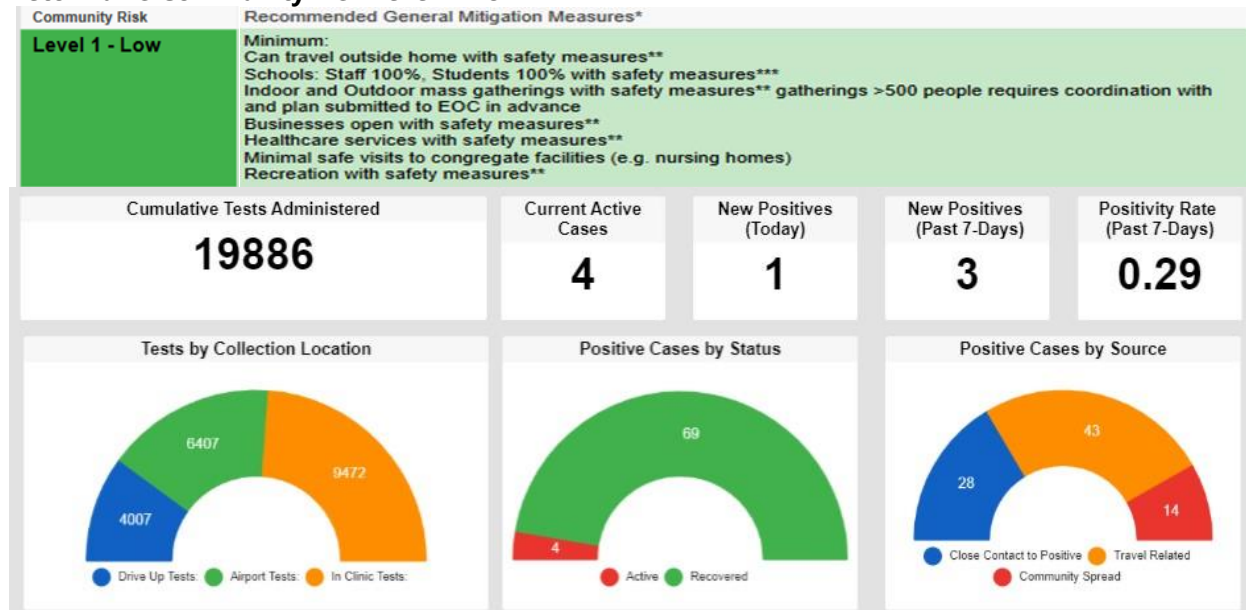
KIC will be implementing its Covid-19 response plan. This includes sanitizing the facility and testing any staff who may have been a close contact before they will be permitted back at work. KIC expects to be open for its normal hours of operation on Monday October 26th.

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 body ache—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 85. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 73. Of the 73 cases, 4 are still active, and 69 have recovered.

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-1 LOW



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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. 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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