



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

MEDIA RELEASE: THREE NEW POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

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For Immediate Release

Three new positive cases of Covid-19 in Ketchikan residents have been identified. The first individual was symptomatic and sought testing yesterday, but results were received after the Monday press release was published and is being reported today. The second case is a symptomatic resident who sought testing at a local clinic today. The third person was asymptomatic and was tested prior to an elective medical/dental procedure.

Two of the positive cases have been determined to be community spread, and the third is still under investigation as to the source. All three individuals have been notified of the positive test results, have been directed to isolate, and are being monitored by healthcare providers. Public Health has begun contact investigation and will reach out to any person who may have come into contact with these individuals. 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 body ache—call your healthcare provider for medical advice or use the Testing Hotline and call 247-TEST (8378).

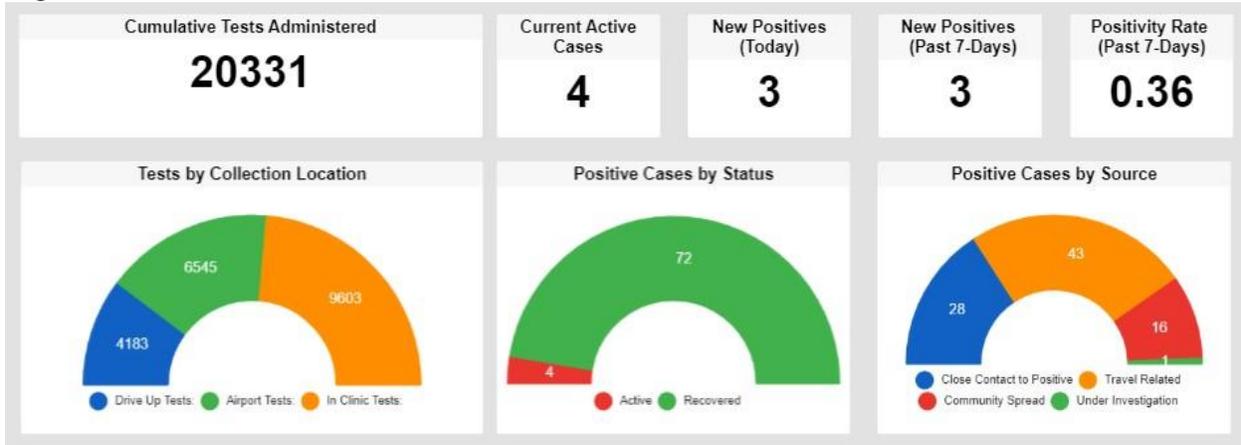
Update to Free Drive Up Testing

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. Please note that the testers are now in a solid wooden building and are no longer using the pop-up tents.

Today's case brings the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 88. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 76. Of the 76 cases, 4 are still active, and 72 have recovered. Despite the three positives,

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-1 LOW

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
Level 1 - Low	<p>Minimum: Can travel outside home with safety measures** Schools: Staff 100%. Students 100% with 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**</p>



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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