



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

MEDIA RELEASE: THREE NEW POSITIVE CASES

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For Immediate Release

There were three new cases of Covid-19 identified in Ketchikan today. The first individual was a resident who recently traveled and was tested at the airport on 10/27. The contact investigation for this case is complete and Public Health has contacted anyone identified as a close contact with this individual.

The other two individuals are symptomatic members of the same household who sought testing at a local clinic and the source of infection is under investigation. These 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 the contact investigations and will be in touch with anyone who may have been in close contact with these individuals.

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).

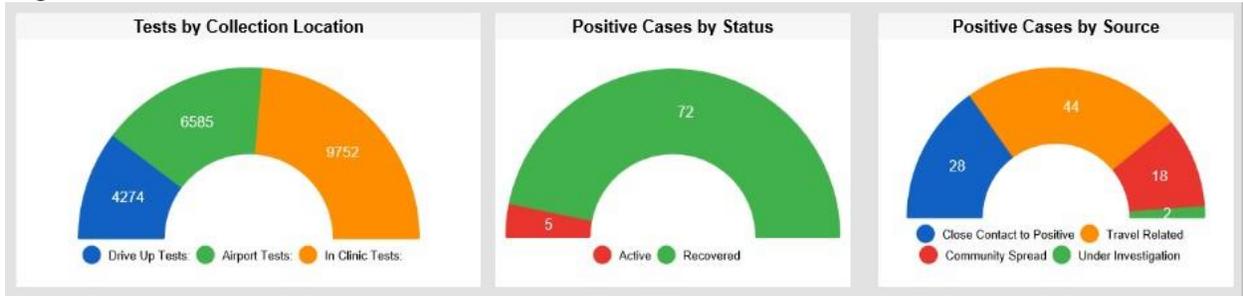
Update to Free Drive Up Testing

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 92. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 80. Of the 80 cases, 8 are still active, and 72 have recovered.

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-2 - Moderate

Level 2 - Moderate	Moderate: Can travel outside home with safety measures Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with 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**			
Cumulative Tests Administered	Current Active Cases	New Positives (Today)	New Positives (Past 7-Days)	Positivity Rate (Past 7-Days)
20611	8	3	5	0.63



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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