



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

### **MEDIA RELEASE: ALL DRIVE UP TESTING COMPLETE**

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#### **For Immediate Release**

All non-travel related drive-up tests were processed over the weekend, including those done on Saturday. All individuals who tested positive have been notified by a health care provider. If you went through the drive-up testing for reasons other than traveler testing, and you have not yet heard from Creekside, you can assume that your test was negative. Some traveler testing results are still in process and you will be notified when results are received. Everyone who went through drive up testing will receive a call but there were over 300 tests conducted at drive up testing the end of last week and follow up calls are expected to take a couple of days.

**If your test was negative, but you were a close contact to a known positive, you still need to quarantine, and may need additional testing, since the viral load may not be high enough to show on the weekend test.**

**Public Health has completed their contact tracing regarding the Kayhi Positive, and Superintendent Beth Lougee has issued the following:**

- **Any student/staff member who has NOT been contacted by Public Health, is NOT considered a close contact and may return to school Tuesday, November 3.** You may have been previously told by the School District to quarantine while awaiting Public Health to complete their contact tracing. They have completed their work. If Public Health has NOT contacted you, you are clear to return to school.
- **Any student/staff member who HAS been contacted by Public Health: you are to comply with guidelines they have provided regarding your quarantine or return to school status.** Superintendent Lougee will be sending out additional information today about how you can continue accessing school work and your teachers' instruction during your quarantine period.

#### **What if you were in contact with a known positive?**

If you are being tested because of symptoms or a close contact:

- Stay at home until your test results are back (except to get medical care).
- Avoid all public places and transportation.
- Keep at least 6 feet from people and animals, including those in your household.
- Avoid sharing personal household items, wash your hands and high touch surfaces regularly.
- Inform your work, (or your child's school) that you are awaiting results.

#### **What if your result is negative?**

- If you are a close contact to a person who is positive and you have tested negative, please follow the health department's instructions and remain quarantined, because you could still become positive.

#### **What if your result is positive?**

Most people do well, but it is important to take care of your health and protect those around you

- Stay at home and avoid all public places and transportation until cleared by public health from isolation (except to get medical care).
- Keep at least 6 feet from people and animals, including those in your household.

- Avoid sharing personal household items (including the restroom), wash your hands and high touch surfaces regularly. • Inform your work (or your child’s school) that you are positive.
- Wear a face covering if your symptoms allow, even in the house when not in a separate bedroom.
- Designate one household member to bring you food and other necessities.
- If you need non-medical help (e.g., groceries or other support) call 2-1-1 or 1-800-478-2221.
- Notify your close contacts (i.e., anyone who was within 6 feet of you for 15 minutes or longer during the two days prior to when your symptoms started, or when you were tested, whichever is earlier) that they need to quarantine for 14 days from the time you were last together.

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

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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