



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

MEDIA RELEASE: SIX NEW POSITIVE CASES

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For Immediate Release

There were six new cases of Covid-19 identified in Ketchikan today. Four of the positive individuals were symptomatic and sought testing at a local clinic. Two of the positive individuals were asymptomatic. Of the two that were asymptomatic, one was a recent traveler and the other had been in close contact with a recent positive. As to the source of the infections, one was travel related, two were due to close contact with a positive case, and three are under investigation by Public Health.

These individuals have all been notified of the positive test result, have been directed to isolate, and are being monitored by healthcare providers. Public Health has begun the contact investigation and will be in touch with anyone who may have been in close contact with these individuals.

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

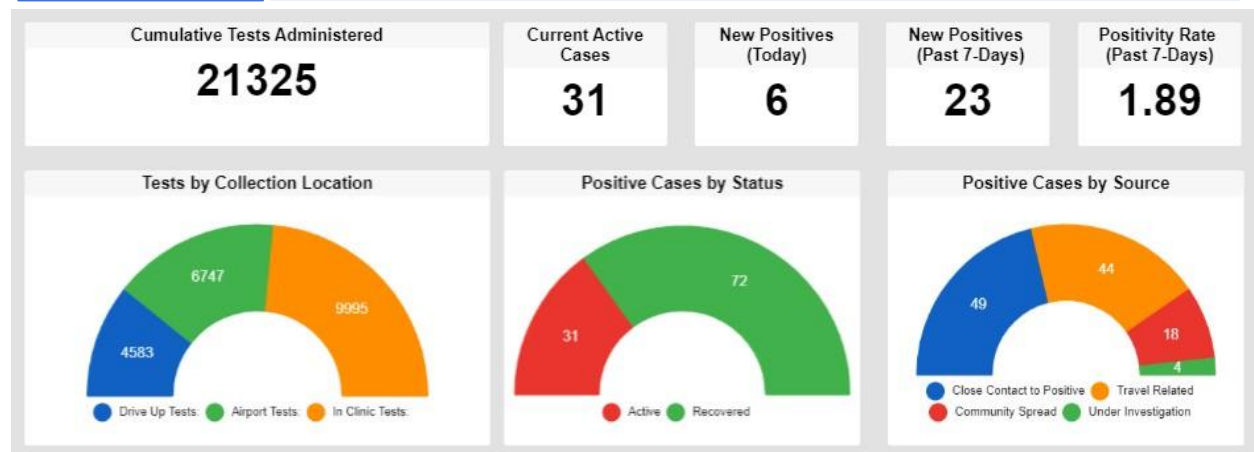
- Stay at home and avoid all public places and transportation until cleared by public health from isolation (except to get medical care).
- Keep at least 6 feet from people and animals, including those in your household.
- Avoid sharing personal household items (including the restroom), wash your hands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

Today's case brings the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 115. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 103. Of the 103 cases, 31 are still active, and 72 have recovered. Despite these new cases the community risk level remains at "Level 2 - Moderate".

Ketchikan's Community Risk Level-2 - Moderate

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>Moderate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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**
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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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