



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

MEDIA RELEASE: SEVEN NEW POSITIVES

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For Immediate Release

As previously announced in the 3:00 pm EOC Media Release, there were seven new cases of Covid-19 in Ketchikan today. There were also the three previously reported hospitalizations today, which took Ketchikan’s total hospitalizations to four. Of the seven new cases today, one individual was asymptomatic and six were symptomatic. One of the positive cases had a recent history of travel, two were determined to be close contacts of known positive(s), two are considered to be community spread, and two are under investigation by Public Health.

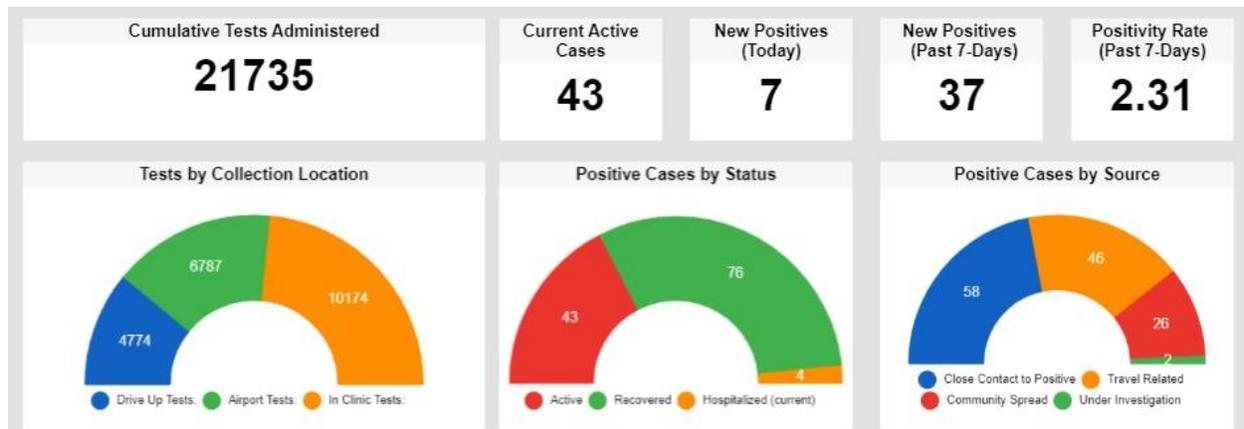
Of the five positive individuals who were under investigation from yesterday, two were determined to be close contacts of known positive(s), and 3 were considered to be community spread.

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.

Today’s case brings the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 132. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 119. Of the 119 cases, 43 are still active, and 76 have recovered. Due to the rise in positive test results to 0.2%, and due to the hospitalizations, Ketchikan’s Community Risk Level was raised to High today at 3:00 pm.

Ketchikan’s Community Risk Level-3-HIGH

Level 3 - High	Significant:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit non-essential travel outside home Schools: Open 50% with annex sites and safety measures*** Indoor: Limited small <20 mass gatherings with safety precautions (funeral, wedding, etc.) Outdoor: Limited small <30 gatherings with safety precautions Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Modified healthcare services (e.g. telemedicine, essential care, chronic care) No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with expanded safety measures (e.g. low risk)**



Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan 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.