



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

MEDIA RELEASE: SIX NEW POSITIVES

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For Immediate Release

Ketchikan had six additional Covid-19 cases reported today. Of the six new cases, one individual was asymptomatic and five were symptomatic. Five of the positive individuals were determined to be close contacts of known positive(s), and one is still under investigation by Public Health.

Of the two positive individuals who were under investigation from yesterday, both were determined to be close contacts of known positive(s).

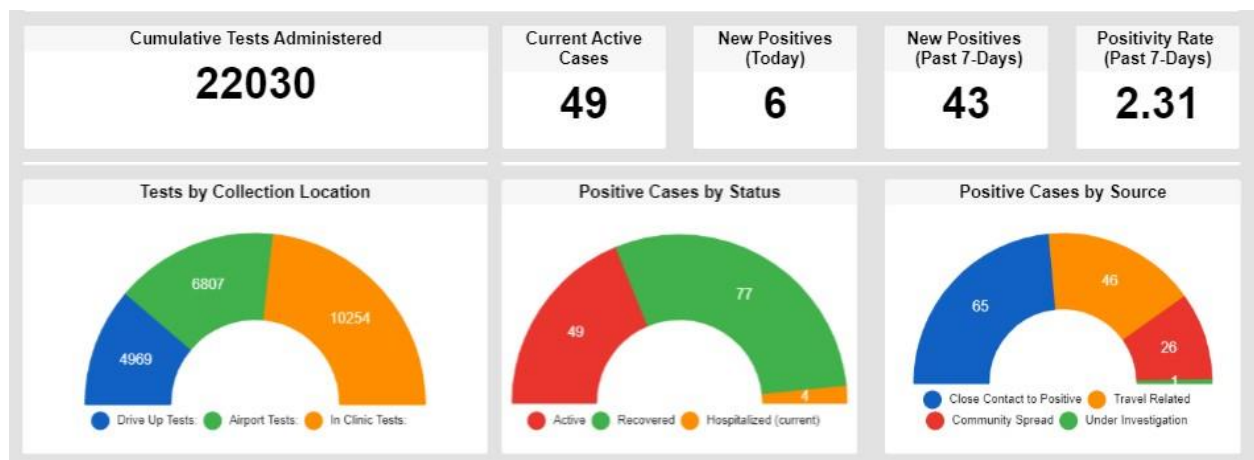
There were no new hospitalizations today. The four previous previously hospitalized patients remain hospitalized.

The newly identified positives 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 investigation and will be in touch with anyone who may have been in close contact with these individuals; however, Public Health has also asked individuals to reach out to their own close contacts and advise them to quarantine until Public Health reaches out. This has become necessary since the Health Department’s caseload has increased substantially in the last week.

Today’s case brings the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 138. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 126. Of the 126 cases, 49 are still active, and 77 have recovered.

Ketchikan’s Community Risk Level-3-HIGH

Level 3 - High	<p>Significant:</p> <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)**
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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.

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