



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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

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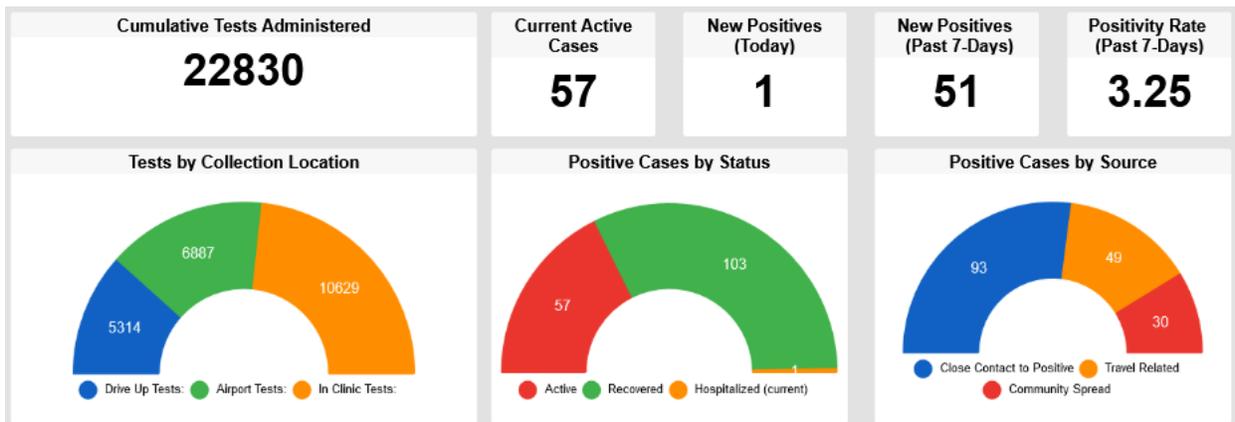
There was one new Covid-19 case identified in Ketchikan today through a local clinic. This individual is symptomatic and is a close contact to a known positive case. This individual has been notified of the positive test results, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health has begun the contact investigation and will coordinate with the individual who tested positive to reach out to anyone identified as close contacts to the positive case and advise those close contacts to quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts will receive a phone call either from Public Health or from the individual who tested positive.

Update on prior cases under investigation: Of the four previously reported cases from November 7 and November 9 that were pending investigation, three were determined to be close contacts to a known positive, one was travel related, and one was determined to be community spread.

There were no new hospitalizations reported today. One individual remains hospitalized.

Today's cases bring the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 172. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **160**. Of the 160 cases, **57** are still active, and **103** have recovered.



Our Community Risk Level remains at Level 3 – High. We continue to urge all citizens to follow the recommended mitigation measures so we can continue with the downward trend in positive cases.

Level 3 - High	Significant: 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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Risk Level 3 Recommended Mitigation Measures:

- Strongly recommend masks and social distancing be enforced in communal settings and public locations with 5 or more people. If six-foot distancing is not possible, then mask should be worn.
- Strongly recommend businesses encourage telework to the maximum extent possible, reduce capacity to ensure physical distancing can be maintained not to exceed 50% capacity; close shared spaces such as break rooms, kitchens, etc.
- Strongly recommend bars closed, restaurants reduce capacity to 50% and ensure physical distancing with reservations required. Delivery or curbside pick encouraged.
- Personal services (nail and hair salons, massages, etc.) appointments only with one customer per each service provider. No waiting areas.
- Gyms-no group activities and limit capacity to 25%.
- Indoor gatherings limited to fewer than 20 individuals.
- Outdoor gatherings limited to fewer than 30 individuals.
- Modified Healthcare services (telemedicine, essential care, chronic care)
- Stop non-essential visits to Pioneer Home, Jail, Youth Center, WISH.

The Drive Up Testing Site at Berth 3 will be OPEN for Wednesday, November 11th for Veterans' Day. Hours of operation: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 2:30-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

All of the tests conducted at the drive-up testing site through Saturday, November 7, have been processed, and all of the positive cases have been notified of their test results. **If you tested at the drive-up testing site on or before Saturday November 7th and have not been contacted, you can assume your test was negative.** You will still receive a phone call with the negative test results; however, based on the increased number of tests recently, it is taking longer for those follow-up phone calls to be completed. **It is important to remember that if you sought testing because you are a close contact to a positive case, you need to continue to quarantine for the full 14 days.**

For additional information on the Community Risk Level Matrix, please visit: <http://www.bit.ly/ktn-covid19-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.

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