



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

### MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE

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#### For Immediate Release

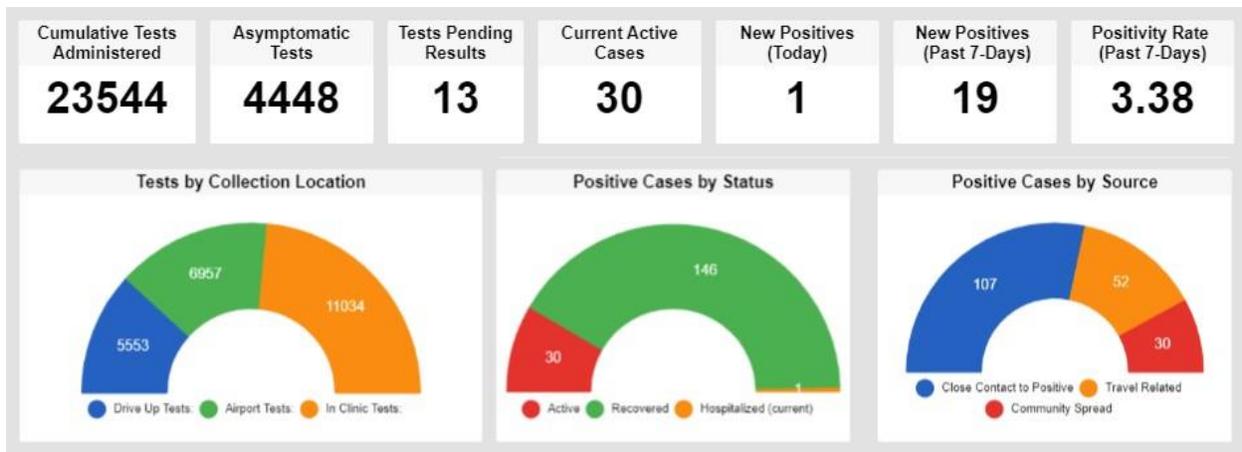
One new case of Covid-19 was reported in Ketchikan today. This individual sought testing at a local clinic due to symptoms of the virus, is a close contact to a known positive case, and had been under quarantine. This person has been notified of the positive test result, has been directed to isolate, and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health has begun the contact investigation, and will coordinate with the positive individual to reach out to anyone identified as close contacts, and advise those close contacts to quarantine for 14 days. Close contacts should receive a phone call either from Public Health or from the individual who tested positive. **Anyone with questions or concerns whether you are a close contact to a known positive case is welcome to call Public Health at 225-4350.**

**Hospitalization Update:** There were no new hospitalizations today. One individual remains hospitalized in the Covid-19 unit in Ketchikan.

**Update on previously reported positive cases pending investigation:** There were no prior cases pending investigation.

**Today's cases bring the cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 189.** The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **176**. Of the 176 cases, **30** are still active, and **146** have recovered.





**The Drive-Up test results are complete through Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.** Due to the volume of testing at Berth 3, only positive results will be notified by direct phone call. The date that drive up testing results are complete through has been added to the dashboard at [www.kgbak.us/covid19](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19). **If you tested on or before November 14<sup>th</sup> at the drive-up site, and have not been contacted, your result was negative.**

**If you require a copy of your drive-up test results,** please send an email to [info@creeksidehealth.com](mailto:info@creeksidehealth.com) and include: your full name, date of birth, date of test, and location of test. Your results will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

**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 to realize a downward trend in positive cases.

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| <b>Level 3 - High</b> | Significant:<br>Limit non-essential travel outside home<br>Schools: Open 50% with annex sites and safety measures***<br>Indoor: Limited small <20 mass gatherings with safety precautions (funeral, wedding, etc.)<br>Outdoor: Limited small <30 gatherings with safety precautions<br>Businesses limited openings with safety measures**<br>Modified healthcare services (e.g. telemedicine, essential care, chronic care)<br>No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes)<br>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 practiced in communal settings and public locations with 5 or more people. If six-foot distancing is not possible, then masks should be worn.
- **In light of the Governor’s November 12<sup>th</sup> announcement, we are strongly recommending that any Ketchikan businesses, organizations, and local governments that can operate remotely are urged to send their employees home as soon as possible.** We strongly recommend businesses encourage telework to the maximum extent possible.
- For employees who cannot telework, we strongly recommend that the business 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.

**Facebook Live Q&A Session Scheduled for November 20<sup>th</sup>**

Join us next Friday, November 20th at 5:30 p.m. on the City of Ketchikan Facebook Page as we go live for a Q&A with Abner Hoage, EOC Emergency Manager, Theresa Ruzek, PHN IV, Ketchikan Public Health, and Dori Stevens, Chief Administrative Officer, PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center. Send us your questions via email to [covidquestions@kgbak.us](mailto:covidquestions@kgbak.us).

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](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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