



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

MEDIA RELEASE: HOSPITALIZATION UPDATE

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This release corrects previously announced hospitalization information provided on November 17 and 18.

On November 16, one individual who had been hospitalized at the PeaceHealth Medical Center Covid-19 Unit was transferred to another medical facility. Our November 17 media release stated that the individual was discharged, which was in error.

Our hearts go out to this individual and to the family members and friends. The patient's daughter Michelle, along with her siblings, issued this statement for the community:

"Our mother Julie was medevaced to Bellingham, Washington, and is in critical condition. We would like to say, on behalf of our mother who we love very much, thank you to everyone for all the support and prayer. This is a very serious virus and we would like to ask the community to stay safe, wear your masks, wash your hands, and social distance whenever possible. We would like to keep all of our elders and at-risk people in our community safe."

Along with this family, we continue to urge all citizens to follow the recommendations for safe social distancing, mask wearing, and hygiene. Please take the extra precautions to protect yourself and your loved ones. While most people who get this virus are able to recover with few symptoms or long-term effects, there are many who are hit hard by Covid-19 and become very ill. It is for these most vulnerable members of our community that we need to stay diligent.

Our Community Risk Level remains at Level 3 – High.

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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