



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

MEDIA RELEASE: FOUR NEW POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

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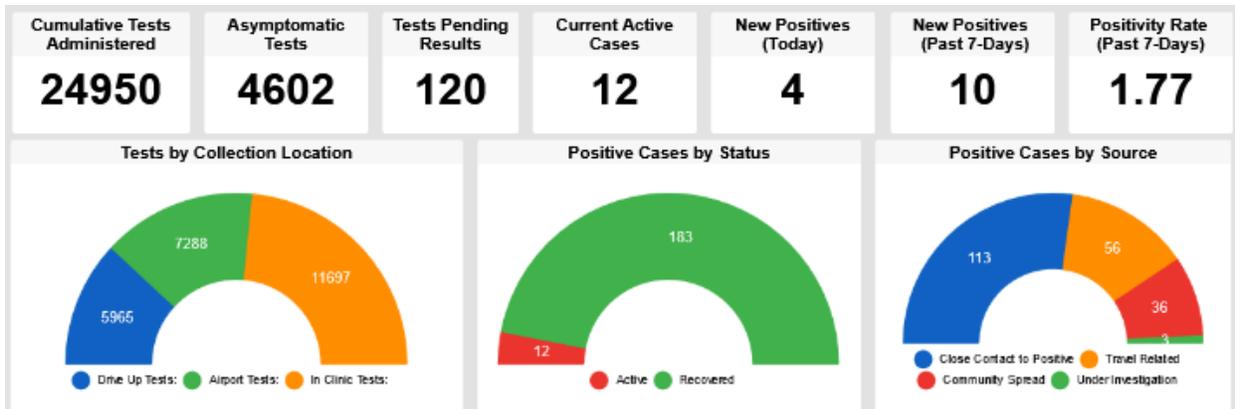
There are four new cases of COVID-19 to report today. One of the cases was reported on the evening of November 30th by a health care provider. This person sought testing due to symptoms of COVID-19, was notified of the positive result, and was instructed to isolate. The source of this case was determined to be community spread. The contact investigation for this case is complete and the close contacts have been notified.

Three of the cases were reported today by a health care provider. All three of these individuals sought testing based on symptoms of COVID-19, and are members of the same household. They have been notified of the positive results and have been instructed to isolate. The source for these three cases is under investigation. Public Health has begun the contact investigations and will coordinate to notify 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 whether you are a close contact to a known positive case is welcome to call Public Health at 225-4350.

Update on Cases Pending Investigation: The source of the case pending investigation from November 30th was determined to be by community spread.

Hospitalization Update: We received no reports of any individuals hospitalized today in the PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center (PKMC) Covid-19 unit.

This case brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 208. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **195**. Of the 195 cases, **12** are still active, and **183** have recovered.



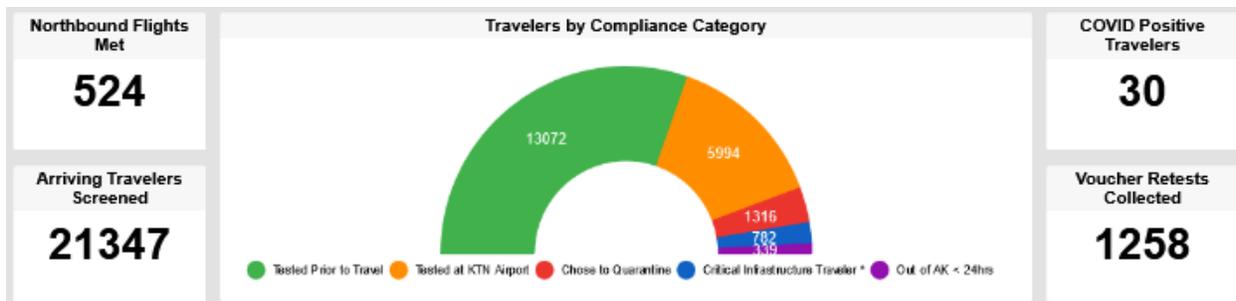
The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>Moderate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can travel outside home with safety measures Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures*** Indoor mid-size gatherings <50 with safety measures** Outdoor mid-size gatherings <100 with safety measures** Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Healthcare services with safety measures (e.g. elective procedures)** No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with safety measures**
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Under Level 2: Moderate, the following health and safety precautions are recommended:

- Public Health Social Measures: Strongly recommend masks and six (6) feet social distancing in communal settings and public locations with 20 or more people;
- Businesses and Offices: Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing including staggered schedules or teleworking, etc.
- Bars, Restaurants, Personal Services, Gyms: Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing; recommend reservations; encourage delivery or curbside pickup; personal services by appointment; no waiting areas; limit inside capacity to 50%.
- Travelers: Follow Alaska Health Orders 6 and 8; quarantine until receive results of negative test; follow strict social distancing for minimum of five days after arrival.

Airport Traveler Test Site Update, current through November 28th:



If you have questions about the status or result of a test taken at the airport, you can call 247-TEST (8378).

Please refer to the dashboard at www.kgbak.us/covid19 for the most current information on Drive-Up Testing results.

Drive-Up Test Result Update: Due to the volume of testing at Berth 3 only positive results will be notified by direct phone call. The Berth 3 Drive-Up results are complete through November 24th. **If you tested on or before November 24th and have not been contacted, your result was negative.** Please refer to the dashboard at www.kgbak.us/covid19 for the most current information on Drive-Up Testing results. If you require a copy of your test result. Please send an email to info@creeksidehealth.com and include your full name, date of birth, date of test, and location of test, and your results will be emailed to you as soon as possible.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan’s community risk, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19. The Alaska Health Orders are available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.covid19.alaska.gov.