



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

MEDIA RELEASE: THREE NEW POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES

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For Immediate Release

There are three new cases of COVID-19 to report today. All three have been notified of the positive result and have been instructed to isolate.

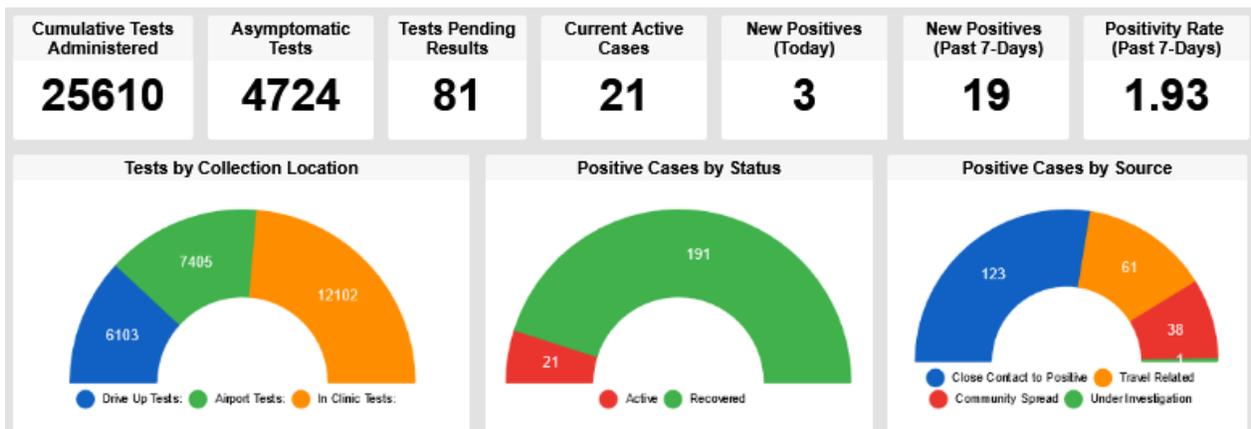
- One individual sought testing through the drive-up clinic on December 3rd due to symptoms. This person was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case.
- Two individuals sought testing through local clinics today. One person was experiencing symptoms and one person is currently asymptomatic. Both individuals self-reported as being close contacts to a known positive case.

Public Health is working with these positive individuals to notify anyone identified as close contacts and advise those close contacts to quarantine. 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 Source Data: The pending case from December 3rd remains under investigation as to the source. The contact investigation is still ongoing.

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

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 225. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **212**. Of the 212 cases, **21** are still active, and **191** have recovered.



Airport Traveler Test Result Update: There are still some pending airport traveler results from the week of Thanksgiving due to those tests being sent out of town for processing.

- ✈ If you tested on or before November 26 and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.
- ✈ There are a handful of outstanding test results from tests taken on November 27, 28, and 29. Travelers tested on these dates can expect to receive results in the next couple of days.
- ✈ As of November 27, **NEGATIVE** results are uploaded into the Alaska Traveler Portal with an automated email to the traveler (not a phone call).
- ✈ Travelers with **POSITIVE** results will receive a phone call notifying them of the results
- ✈ Beginning November 30, the tests are once again being processed locally and the turnaround time for traveler tests is expected to be 24-48 hours.

It is imperative for travelers to follow the quarantine and testing requirements in the Alaska Health Orders 6 and 8. We strongly recommend that travelers go above these requirements and follow the recommended best practices for travelers, to ensure community health.

- ✈ **Alaska Travel Requirements:** Quarantine until a negative test result is received and following strict social distancing for a minimum of five days after arrival.
- ✈ **Best Practices for Community Health:** Quarantine for 10-14 days after arrival, and receive a second negative test 7-14 days after arrival.

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

- 🚗 The Berth 3 Drive-Up results are complete through December 3rd. If you tested on or before December 3rd and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.
- 🚗 Due to the volume of testing at Berth 3, only **POSITIVE** results will be notified by phone call.
- 🚗 If you require a copy of your test result, 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.

The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.

Level 2 - Moderate	Moderate: 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.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19. The Alaska Health Orders are available at www.covid19.alaska.gov.