



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

**MEDIA RELEASE: THREE POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES**

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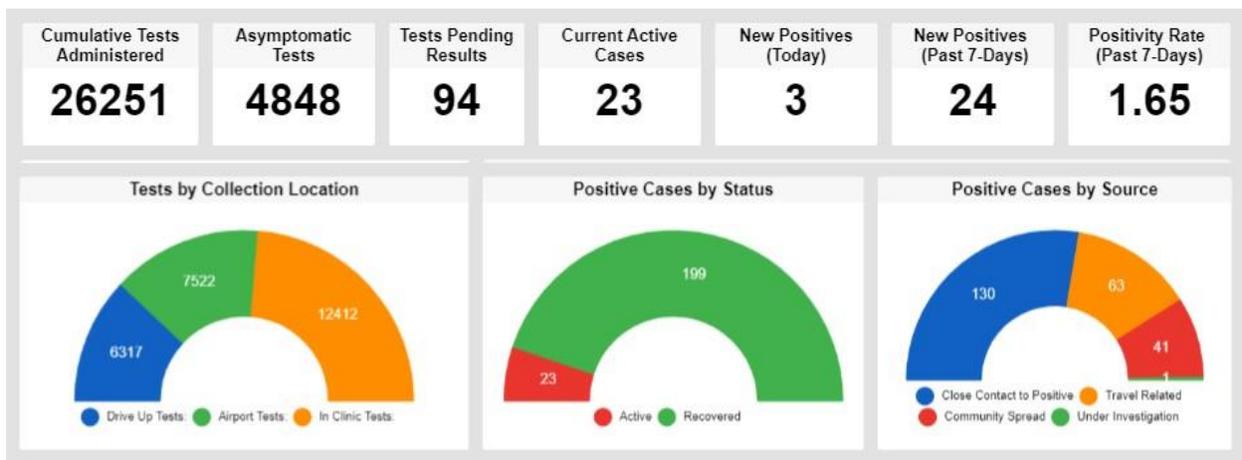
**For Immediate Release**

There were three new cases of COVID-19 reported today through local clinic(s). One individual had been in quarantine due to being a close contact of a known positive case. This individual sought testing after becoming symptomatic. The second positive case was an individual who was asymptomatic, but sought testing as required by their employer. The third positive case was a person who intended to travel, and sought testing prior to departing. This individual had slight symptoms.

There was one positive case under investigation from yesterday. This case was found to be a close contact to a known positive case.

Public Health has begun the contact investigation and is working with these 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.

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 235. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **222**. Of the 222 cases, **23** are still active, and **199** have recovered.



**Airport Traveler Test Result Update:** 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.

**Drive-Up Test Result Update:** Please refer to the dashboard at [www.kgbak.us/covid19](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19) for the most current information on Drive-Up Testing results. Only positive results will receive a phone call. The

Berth 3 Drive-Up results are complete through **December 5th**. If you tested on or before December 5th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

**The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.**

<b>Level 2 - Moderate</b>	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](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19). The Alaska Health Orders are available at [www.covid19.alaska.gov](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov).

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