



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

EOC MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES

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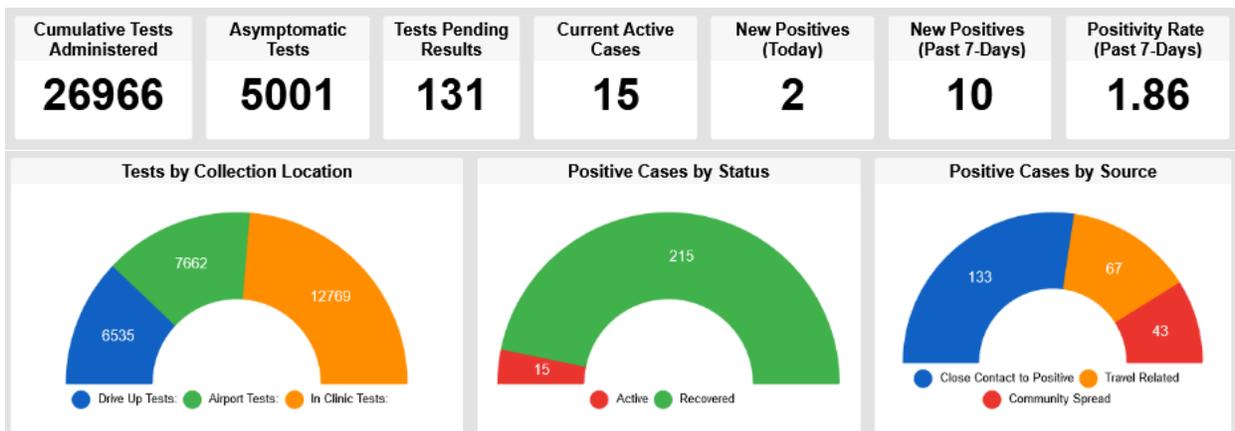
For Immediate Release

There were two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today through local clinics. Both individuals are symptomatic. One of the individuals had a history of recent travel. The contact investigation for this case has been completed. The source of the other case has been determined to be community spread and the contact investigation is ongoing.

During the contact investigation, Public Health will work with the individual who tested positive to notify anyone identified as close contacts and to 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.

There were no prior cases pending investigation.

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 243. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **230**. Of the 230 cases, **15** are still active, and **215** 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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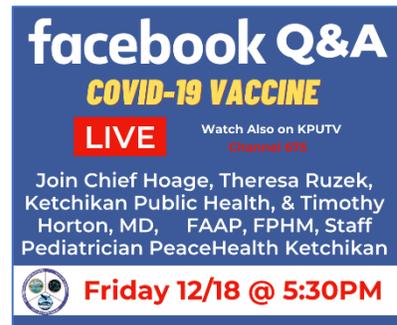
Airport Traveler Test Result Update: Travelers with **POSITIVE** results will receive a phone call notifying them of the results. **NEGATIVE** results are uploaded into the Alaska Traveler Portal with an automated email to the traveler (not a phone call).

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. Only positive results will receive a phone call. The Berth 3 Drive-Up results are complete through **December 12th**. If you tested on or before December 12th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

Facebook Live Event: COVID-19 Vaccine Panel Discussion Scheduled for December 18

The EOC is hosting a Covid-19 Vaccine Discussion through a Facebook Live Event on Friday, December 18, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. The Facebook Live Event will be accessible through the City of Ketchikan Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cityofketchikanalaska>.

The session will also be broadcast through KPU Channel 675.



The panelists for the discussion will be:

- Timothy Horton, MD, FAAP, FPHM, Staff Pediatrician PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center
- Theresa Ruzek, PHN IV, Ketchikan Public Health Nurse
- Abner Hoage, Ketchikan EOC Incident Commander

The panelists will provide information on the science of the vaccine as well as distribution of the vaccine in Ketchikan. Questions can be submitted to: covidquestions@kgbak.us or call 228-2464. Questions received by noon on December 17 will be included in the panel discussion. Additional questions will be taken from the Facebook Live feed.

Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Alaska is available at: <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including Community Risk Level indicator data, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19.

The Alaska Health Orders are available at www.covid19.alaska.gov.

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