



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

EOC MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW COVID-19 CASES

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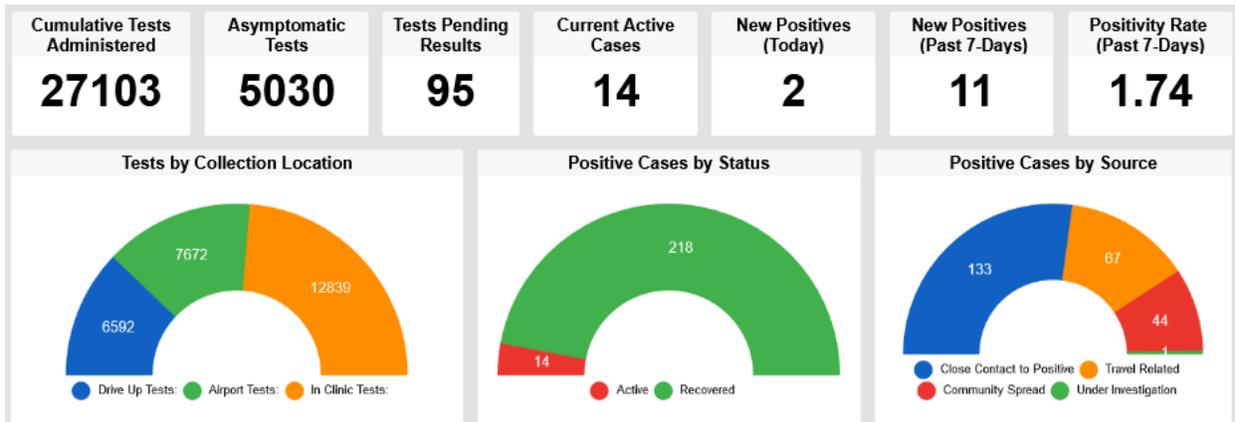
There were two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today through local clinics:

- One individual sought testing due to symptoms of COVID-19. This case has been determined to be community spread and the contact investigation is complete.
One individual sought testing as part of their employer's mitigation plan. This individual is currently asymptomatic. The source and contacts for this case are under investigation.

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 245. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 232. Of the 232 cases, 14 are still active, and 218 have recovered.



The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 - Moderate.

Table with 2 columns: Level 2 - Moderate (yellow background) and 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\*\*.

**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](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 12th**. If you tested on or before December 12th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine Shipment Received in Ketchikan**

The first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine was received in Ketchikan today. This first shipment is intended for Public Health nurses and Emergency Medical Service Providers.

The vaccine was picked up this morning and taken to the Public Health Clinic. Vaccines for EMS and health care providers will be scheduled in upcoming days.

*Pictured to the right are Public Health nurses Theresa Ruzek, PHN IV, and Chelsea Narvaez, RN.*

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



The Alaska Health Orders are available at [www.covid19.alaska.gov](http://www.covid19.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](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19).

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