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**EOC MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW COVID-19 CASE | FIRST VACCINATION ISSUED**

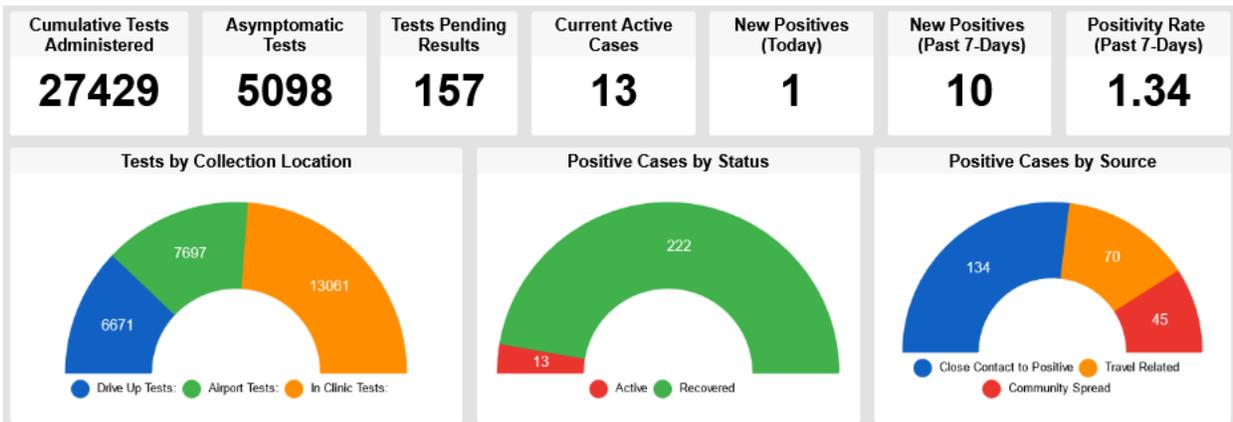
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**For Immediate Release**

One case of COVID-19 was reported in Ketchikan today. This individual sought testing on December 17 through the Drive-Up Testing Clinic due to symptoms of COVID-19. The source of the case has been determined to be community spread. The contact investigation is complete and close contacts have been notified.

**Update on cases pending investigation:** The pending case announced December 16<sup>th</sup> has been determined to be related to travel. The individual is a Ketchikan resident not staying locally. The pending case from December 17<sup>th</sup> was determined to be close contact to a known positive.

Today's case brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 249. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **235**. Of the 235 cases, **13** are still active, and **222** have recovered.



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

<b>Level 2 - Moderate</b>	<p><b>Moderate:</b>          Can travel outside home with safety measures          Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures***          Indoor mid-size gatherings &lt;50 with safety measures**          Outdoor mid-size gatherings &lt;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**</p>
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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](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 16th**. If you tested on or before December 16th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

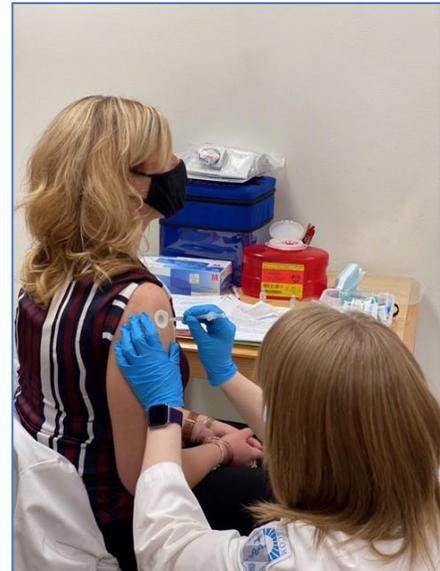
### **First COVID-19 Vaccines in Ketchikan**

Ketchikan's first vaccinations were administered today to pharmacists at Island Pharmacy and to workers and residents at assisted living centers.

Pictured to the right is pharmacist Kalli Kline administering a COVID-19 vaccine to pharmacist Torrie Wolery.

Kline and Wolery provided doses today at assisted living centers.

Vaccinations are scheduled to be given to Ketchikan EMS Personnel on Saturday, December 19.



### **Tune into our COVID-19 Vaccine Facebook Live Event**

**tonight at 5:30 p.m.** on the City of Ketchikan Facebook page, KPU Channel 675, or the Live in Ketchikan YouTube Channel.

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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