



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

EOC MEDIA RELEASE: NO NEW CASES | KFD VACCINATIONS ISSUED

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For Immediate Release

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. There were no cases pending investigation.

The total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, remains at 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.

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>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**</p>
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Coping During Covid: Facebook Live Series Starting December 22



Please join us for our upcoming Facebook Live Series: Coping During Covid. This series will include panel discussions to address the difficulties and stressors experienced in our community during the pandemic. Our community has many resources and professionals who can help guide us through this difficult time.

The first session on January 22, 5:30 p.m. will cover "**Managing Stress and Strengthening Families**" with panelists:

- Samantha Funk, LPC, WISH
- JoNell Wallace, Schoenbar Counselor, KGBSD
- Jordan Tabb, LCSW, Community Connections
- Dustin Larna, CEO, Residential Youth Care (RYC)

Tune in through the City of Ketchikan Facebook page, KPU Channel 675, or the Live in Ketchikan YouTube Channel. Questions can be submitted ahead of time to covidquestions@kgbak.us

COVID-19 Vaccines Issued at KFD

Vaccines were administered to Ketchikan Fire Department and South Tongass Fire Department EMS personnel today.

Pictured to the right is EMT Greg Karlik administering the vaccine to Acting Fire Chief Scott Brainard.

Pictured below is EMT Karlik giving the vaccine to South Tongass Fire Chief Steve Rydeen.

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.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including Drive-Up and Traveler Testing data, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19.



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