



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

**EOC MEDIA RELEASE: SEVEN NEW CASES OF COVID-19**

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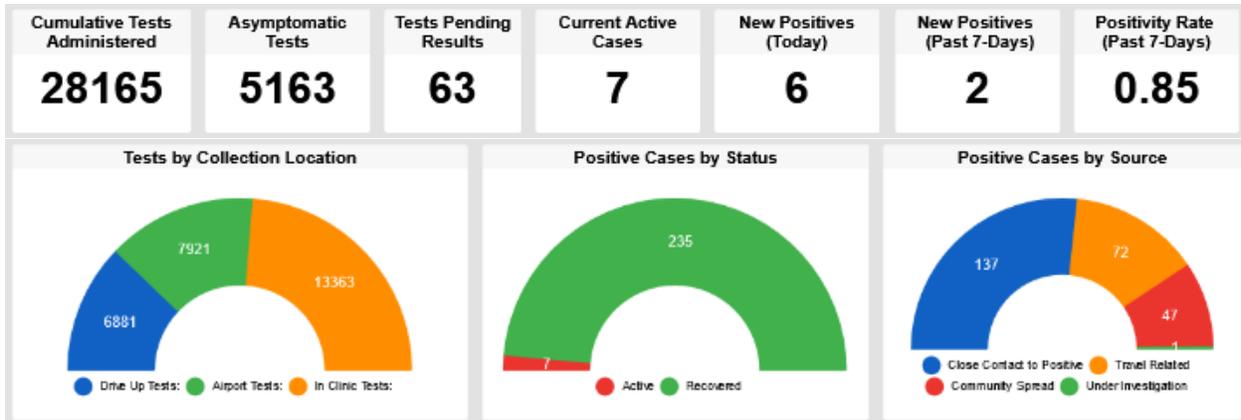
**For Immediate Release**

There are seven cases of COVID-19 to report in Ketchikan today.

- One case was reported on December 24 by a local clinic. This individual sought testing due to experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The source was determined to be community spread and all close contacts have been notified. This case was added to the dashboard on December 24.
- Two individuals were tested upon arrival to Ketchikan through the airport traveler testing site. One arrived on December 25 and continued on to a location outside Ketchikan. One arrived on December 26. The contact investigations are ongoing.
- Three individuals were tested through the drive-up testing clinic on December 26. All three were determined to be close contacts of known positive cases. One contact investigation is complete and the other two are ongoing.
- One individual sought testing at a local clinic today due to experiencing symptoms. The source and contacts for this case are under investigation.

During the contact investigations, Public Health will work with the individuals 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.

These cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 257. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **242**. Of the 243 cases, **7** are still active, and **235** have recovered.



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

<b>Level 2 - Moderate</b>	<b>Moderate:</b> 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](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 26th**. If you tested on or before December 26th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

**The Berth 3 Drive-up Testing Clinic will be closed on New Year's Day.**

### **Drive-Up Testing at Berth 3 – Holiday Schedule:**

The Berth 3 Drive-up Testing Clinic will be closed on New Year's Day. Except for this closure, the COVID-19 Testing Berth 3 Drive-up Clinic will be open its usual hours:

Daily – Tuesday through Saturday

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. AND 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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 Data, is provided at [www.kgbak.us/covid19](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19).

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