



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

EOC MEDIA RELEASE: THREE NEW CASES OF COVID-19

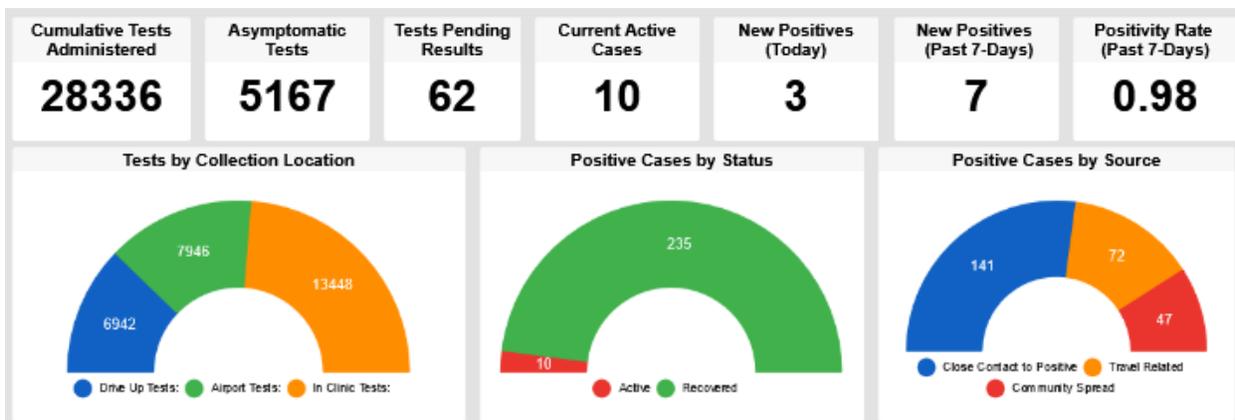
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For Immediate Release

There are three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. All three individuals sought testing at local clinics due to experiencing symptoms, and all three were determined to be close contacts to a known positive case. Two of these individuals reside in the same household. The contact investigations have been completed for all three cases and close contacts have been notified.

Update on cases pending investigation: The case pending investigation from December 28 was determined to be close contact to a known positive case. The contact investigation is complete.

These cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 260. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **245**. Of the 245 cases, **10** are still active, and **235** have recovered.



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.

The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.

Level 2 - Moderate	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**
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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 26th**. If you tested on or before December 26th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

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 Community Risk Data, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19.

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