



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

EOC MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW CASE OF COVID-19

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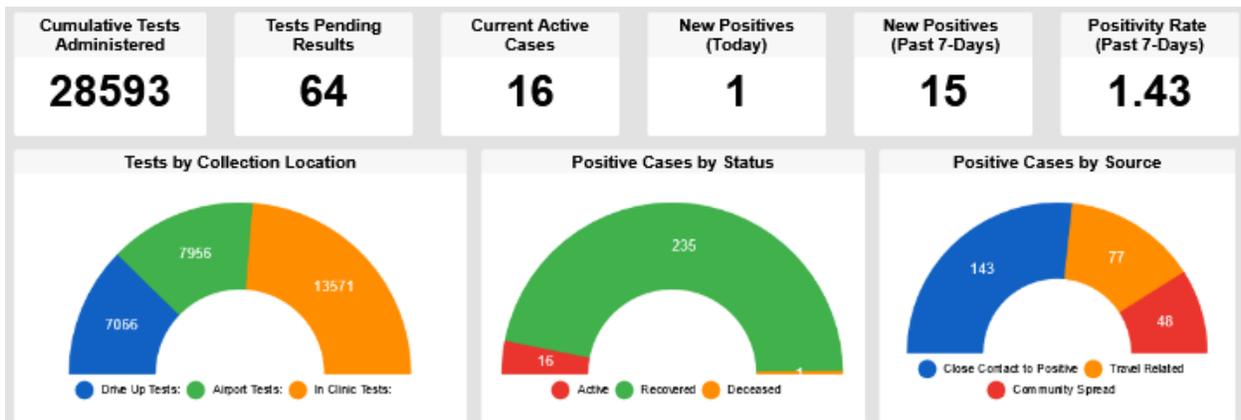
For Immediate Release

There was one new case of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today by a local clinic. This case was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case residing in the same household. This individual is currently asymptomatic, has been notified of the positive result, and has been instructed to isolate. This contact investigation is complete.

Update on cases pending investigation: The case pending investigation from December 30th was determined to be community spread. The individual was part of a congregate setting facility. All close contacts have been notified and have been instructed to quarantine.

Today's case brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 268. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **252**. Of the 252 cases, **16** are still active, **1** deceased*, and **235** have recovered.

**The case categorized as deceased is the same case announced on December 19th as reported by the family. The EOC received official notification from DHSS attributing the death to COVID-19 today. The death will be reported through the State DHSS, and has now been added to the Ketchikan dashboard.*



No Scheduled EOC Releases or Updates until Monday, January 4th

There are no scheduled media releases or updates through the holiday weekend unless there is a change in Community Risk Level.

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The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.

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| 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 29th**. If you tested on or before December 29th 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.

For General public questions about COVID-19 vaccine distribution:

- Email: covid19vaccine@alaska.gov
- Phone: 1-907-646-3322

Medical providers may direct medical questions to:

- Email: covid19vaccine@alaska.gov
- Phone: 1-833-751-4212

General Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Alaska: <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.