



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

EOC MEDIA RELEASE: FIVE NEW CASES OF COVID-19

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For Immediate Release

There were five cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today:

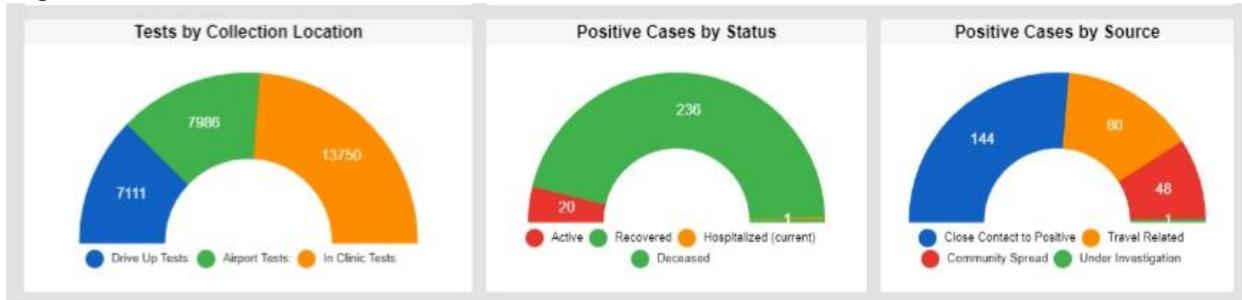
- One individual was reported through the Drive-Up testing clinic and was related to recent travel. This individual arrived on December 26th, had an initial negative test through the airport traveler testing, and had a positive test result for a second test on December 31st. This individual is currently asymptomatic and the contact investigation is complete.
- Two cases were reported through the airport traveler testing site. One arrived in Ketchikan on January 1st and one arrived on January 2nd. Both of these individuals are currently symptomatic and the contact investigations are ongoing.
- One individual sought testing at a local clinic today due to experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. This individual was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case, and the contact investigation is complete.
- One individual sought testing at a local clinic today due to a pre-medical appointment screening. This individual is currently asymptomatic. The source of this case and the contacts are still pending 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.

Hospitalization Update: There is currently one person admitted to the Ketchikan Covid unit.

These cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 273. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **257**. Of the 257 cases, **20** are still active, **1** deceased*, and **236** have recovered.

Cumulative Tests Administered	Tests Pending Results	Current Active Cases	New Positives (Today)	New Positives (Past 7-Days)	Positivity Rate (Past 7-Days)
28847	144	20	5	15	1.44



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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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 31st**. If you tested on or before December 31st and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

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.

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