



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

EOC COVID-19 CASE COUNT UPDATE: THREE NEW LOCAL CASES

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For Immediate Release

There were three new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today for residents staying local. There was one case reported for a traveler not staying local, for a total of four cases reported today.

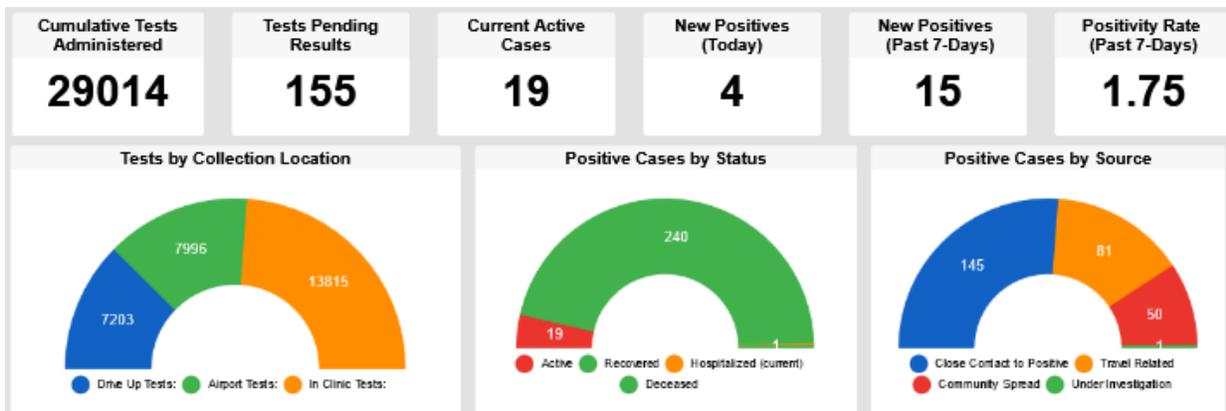
- One of the individuals was tested at the airport traveler testing on January 2nd, and continued on to another location.
- Two cases were identified through the Drive-Up Testing Clinic on January 2nd. One case was determined to be close contact to a known positive, and one was determined to be community spread. Both individuals are symptomatic and the contact investigations are complete.
- One individual sought testing at a local clinic due to experiencing symptoms of COVID-19. The source and the contacts for this case are still under investigation.

During the contact investigation, 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.

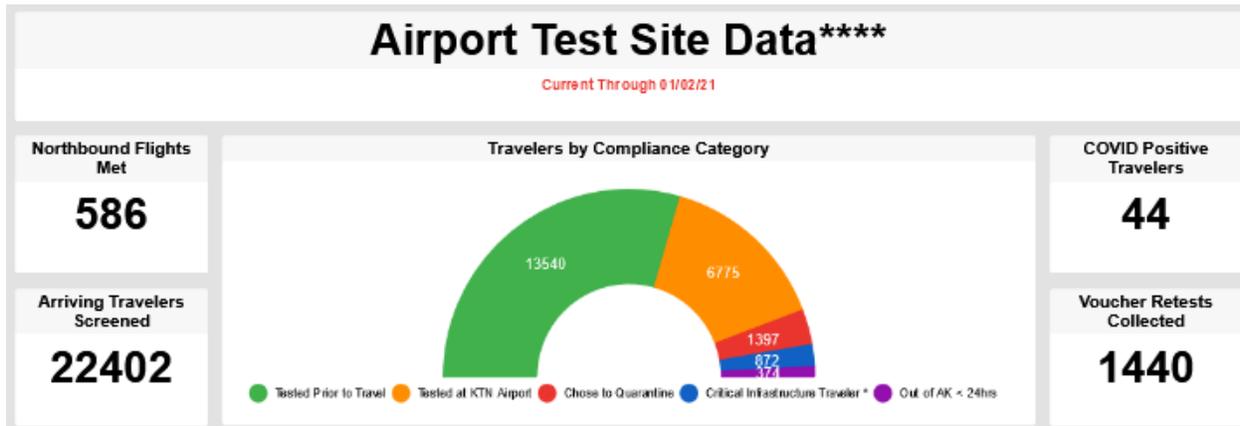
Update on Cases Pending Investigation: The case pending investigation from January 4th was determined to be community spread.

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 277. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **260**. Of the 260 cases, **19** are still active, **1** deceased, and **240** have recovered.



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 **January 2nd**. If you tested on or before January 2nd and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>Moderate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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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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