



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

EOC COVID-19 MEDIA RELEASE: FOUR NEW CASES | RISK LEVEL INCREASED TO LEVEL 2 - MODERATE

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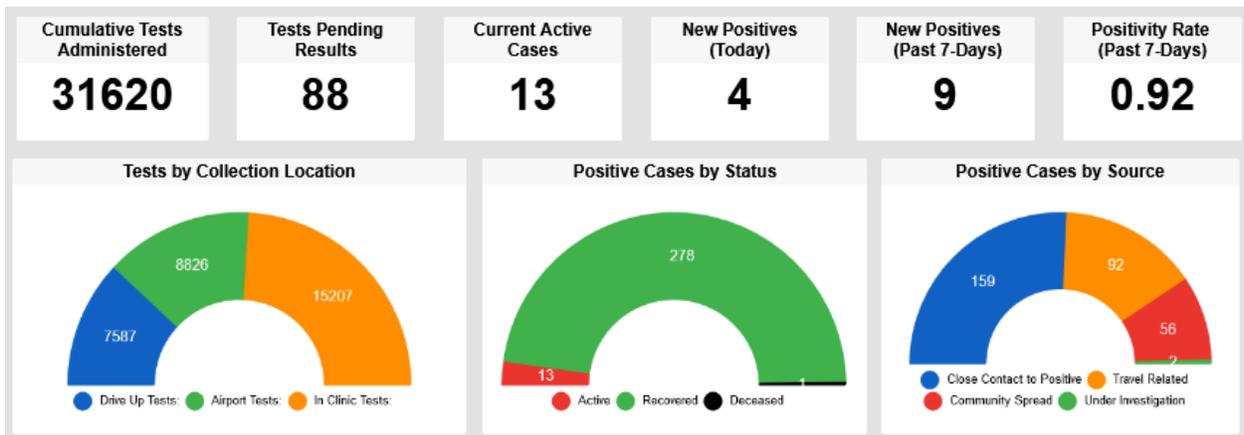
There were four positive COVID-19 cases reported in Ketchikan today.

- One individual sought testing due to symptoms, and was determined to be close contact to a known positive case. The contact investigation is complete.
- One individual sought testing due to symptoms, and the source was determined to be community spread. This contact investigation is complete.
- One individual sought testing due to symptoms, and the source and contact investigations are ongoing.
- One individual is currently asymptomatic, and the source and contact investigations are ongoing.

During the contact investigations, Public Health will work with the positive person to reach out to anyone who may be considered a close contact and instruct them to quarantine.

The case pending from January 25th was determined to be community spread. The case pending from January 27th was determined to be community spread.

Today's cases brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 309. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **292**. Of the 292 cases, there are **13** active, **1** deceased¹, and **278** recovered.



Community Risk Level is Increased to Level 2 - Moderate

With the recent uptick in positive cases, and specifically the increase in community spread cases, the Community Risk Level has been increased to Level 2 – Moderate.

¹ The number of deaths reported by the Ketchikan EOC is based on official notification from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

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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Under Level 2: Moderate, the following health and safety precautions are recommended:

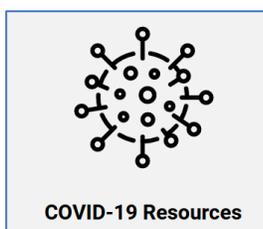
- Public Health Social Measures: Strongly recommend masks and six (6) feet social distancing in communal settings and public locations with 20 or more people;
- Businesses and Offices: Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing including staggered schedules or teleworking, etc.
- Bars, Restaurants, Personal Services, Gyms: Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing; recommend reservations; encourage delivery or curbside pickup; personal services by appointment; no waiting areas; limit inside capacity to 50%.
- Travelers: Follow Alaska Health Orders 6 and 8; quarantine until receive results of negative test; follow strict social distancing for minimum of five days after arrival.

In order to reduce the risk level, we need to be diligent in following the recommendations for health and safety precautions. We encourage Ketchikan residents, visitors, businesses, and organizations to follow these recommendations for the health and safety of our community. If we work together to protect ourselves and others, we can reduce the risk level.

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 26th**. If you tested on or before January 26th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

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).

- **Alaska Travel Requirements:** Quarantine until a negative test result is received and following strict social distancing for a minimum of five days after arrival.
- **Best Practices for Community Health:** Quarantine for 10-14 days after arrival, and receive a second negative test 7-14 days after arrival.



General Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Alaska: <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>

The Alaska Health Orders are available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.covid19.alaska.gov.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan’s community risk, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19.