



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

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

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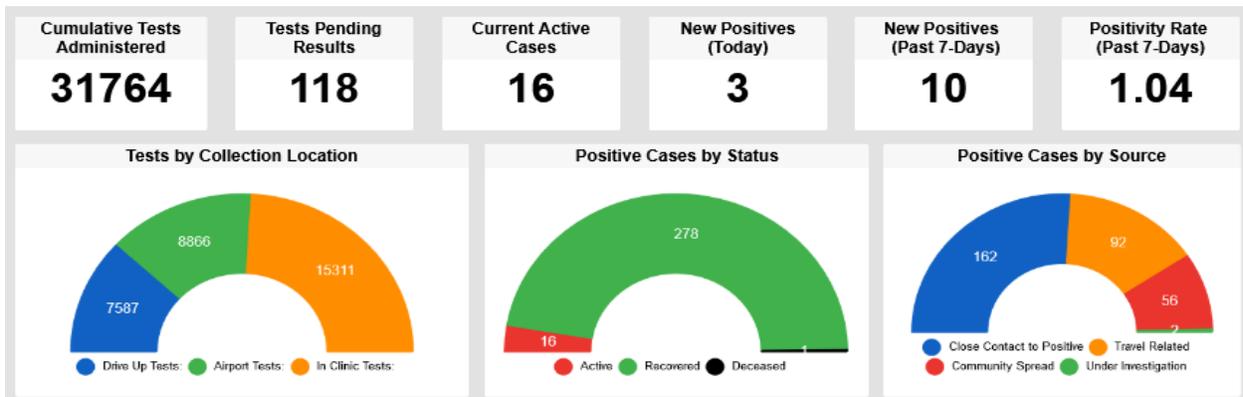
For Immediate Release

There were three 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.
- Two individuals who tested positive are still under investigation as to the source and the contacts. During the contact investigations, Public Health will work with the positive persons to reach out to anyone who may be considered a close contact and instruct them to quarantine.

The two cases pending from January 28th were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases.

Today's cases brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 312. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **295**. Of the 295 cases, there are **16** active, **1** deceased¹, and **278** recovered.



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



The Berth 3 Drive-Up Testing Clinic has expanded its normal days of operation to include Sunday 1/31 and Monday 2/1. Drive-Up Testing will be available for free testing at Berth 3 for anyone anyone who:

- is symptomatic,
- believes they may be a close contact to a known positive,
- may have recently been exposed to COVID-19, or
- has recently traveled.

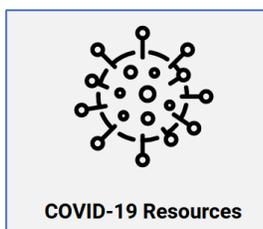
The hours of the Berth 3 Drive-Up Clinic are 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. AND 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Anyone with questions or concerns about recent exposure to COVID-19 is encouraged call Public Health at 225-4350.

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 27th**. If you tested on or before January 27th 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.

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