



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

### EOC COVID-19 COVID-19 CASE COUNT UPDATE: FOUR NEW CASES

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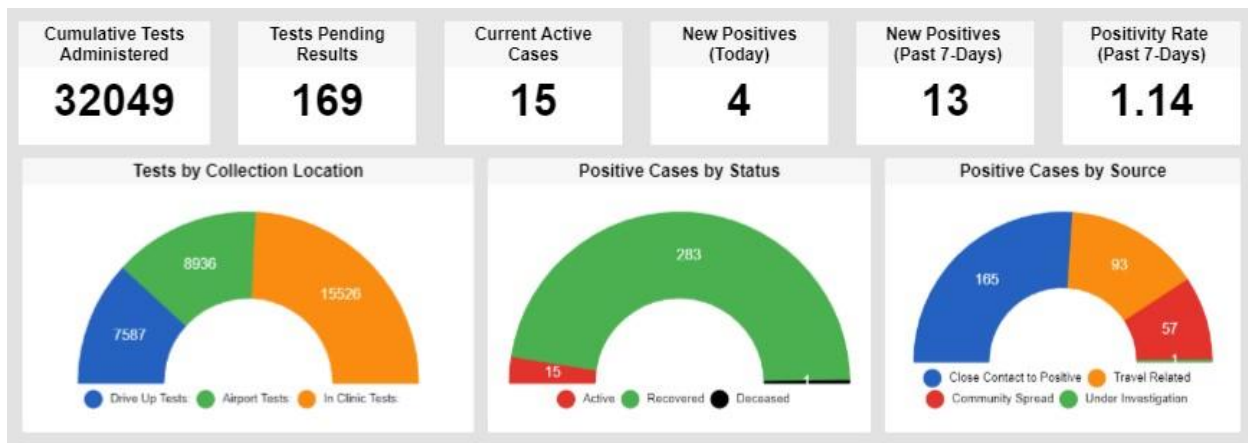
#### For Immediate Release

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

- Two individuals sought testing due to symptoms. Both were determined to be close contacts to known positive case(s). The contact investigations for both of these individuals are complete.
- The third individual was asymptomatic, but sought testing due to being a close contact to a known positive. This contact investigation is complete.
- The fourth individual is asymptomatic, and the contact investigation is still in process. This individual is associated with a congregate living setting.
- 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 contact investigations for the two cases pending from January 29<sup>th</sup> are complete. One positive was associated with recent travel and the other was determined to be community spread.

Today's cases brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 316. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **299**. Of the 299 cases, there are **15** active, **1** deceased<sup>1</sup>, and **283** recovered.



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

## The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate.

<b>Level 2 - Moderate</b>	<b>Moderate:</b> 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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### Berth 3 Drive-Up Testing Clinic-Tuesday-Saturday

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](http://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 Saturday **January 30<sup>th</sup>**. If you tested on or before January 30<sup>th</sup> and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

### Airport Traveler Testing Update-Change of Clinic:

Effective Monday, February 1, 2021, the COVID-19 traveler testing site located at the Ketchikan International Airport will be operated by Capstone Clinic, an Alaskan company contracted by the State. Prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>, the operation was a function of the Ketchikan EOC and contracted to Creekside Clinic of Ketchikan. Capstone will be operating inside the airport terminal building on the first floor. Hours of operation will be generally 8 am to 8 pm daily, including greeting the last flight. Vouchers for the second follow-up traveler tests can be used at the airport or at any participating clinic, including the Berth 3 drive-up testing clinic.

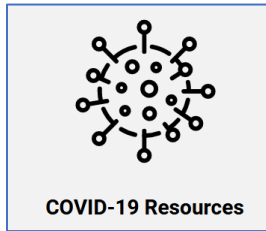
Results for traveler tests are expected to be provided within a 48-72 hour turnaround time. The Covid Secure App will continue to be used for screening, testing, and results (through the Alaska Traveler Portal at <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com> ). **Positive and negative test results will be sent via the Covid Secure App with an email to the traveler.** Public Health will follow up with a call to the positive person and will proceed with contact tracing.

Travelers with questions on airport traveler testing should direct questions to the following contacts:

- Email: [info@covidsecureapp.com](mailto:info@covidsecureapp.com)
- Phone: 907-864-4642

Information about the Alaska Travel Orders and requirements is available at: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>

- **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](http://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](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19).

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