



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

**EOC COVID-19 CASE COUNT UPDATE: TWO NEW CASES**

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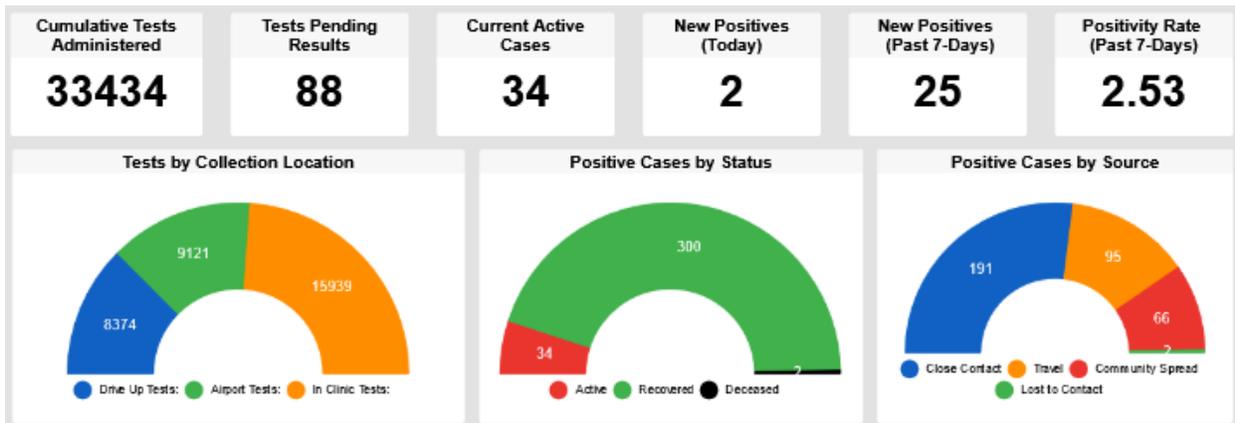
**For Immediate Release**

There were two cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. Both cases were determined to be community spread. One individual was symptomatic and one individual is currently asymptomatic. The contact investigations are complete.

Of the two pending cases from February 10<sup>th</sup>, one case was related to recent travel, and one case was determined to be close contact to a known positive case.

**Hospitalization Update:** There are currently no individuals admitted to the Ketchikan COVID unit. The EOC is able to provide information on the current number of individuals hospitalized at the PKMC COVID-19 Unit, but not the status of those individuals. The EOC does not have information about the identity of individuals who are positive cases or who have been admitted into the hospital. Additionally, the EOC, in general, does not have information on the status of individuals after they have been released or transferred from PKMC, unless we have been notified by the family. If a family provides information to us, we can work with them to coordinate the sharing of information.

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 354. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **336**. Of the 336 cases, there are **34** active, **2** deceased<sup>1</sup>, and **300** 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 3 – High**

**The following mitigation measures are strongly recommended during Risk Level 3 – High:**

- Recommend schools open at 50% with annex sites and safety measures.
- Strongly recommend masks and social distancing be practiced in communal settings and public locations.
- Strongly recommend businesses encourage telework to the maximum extent possible.
- For employees who cannot telework, we strongly recommend that the business reduce capacity to ensure physical distancing can be maintained not to exceed 50% capacity; close shared spaces such as break rooms, kitchens, etc.
- Strongly recommend bars closed, restaurants reduce capacity to 50% and ensure physical distancing with reservations required. Delivery or curbside pick-up encouraged.
- Personal services (nail and hair salons, massages, etc.) appointments only with one customer per each service provider. No waiting areas.
- Gyms-no group activities and limit capacity to 25%.
- Indoor gatherings limited to fewer than 20 individuals.
- Outdoor gatherings limited to fewer than 30 individuals.
- Modified Healthcare services (telemedicine, essential care, chronic care)
- Stop non-essential visits to Pioneer Home, Jail, Youth Center, WISH.

**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 **February 9<sup>th</sup>**. If you tested on or before February 9<sup>th</sup> and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

**Airport Traveler Test Results** will be posted on the Covid Secure App through the Alaska Traveler Portal at <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com>, with an email to the traveler. Public Health will follow up with a call to the positive person and will proceed with contact tracing.

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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