



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

EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: FOUR NEW CASES

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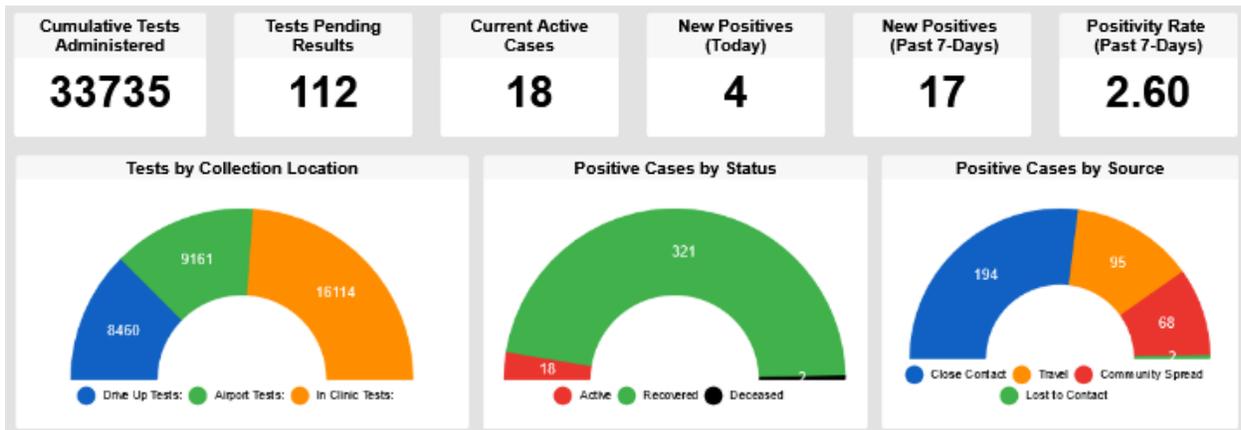
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There were four cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today.

- Three of the individuals were symptomatic and were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases.
- One of the individuals sought testing prior to a scheduled medical procedure. This individual is currently asymptomatic and the source was determined to be community spread.

The case pending from February 13th was determined to be community spread.

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 359. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **341**. Of the 341 cases, there are **18** active, **2** deceased¹, and **321** recovered.



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 **February 13th**. If you tested on or before February 13th 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.

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 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.

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

The Alaska Health Advisories 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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