



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

EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: SIX NEW CASES AND ONE HOSPITALIZATION

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For Immediate Release

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

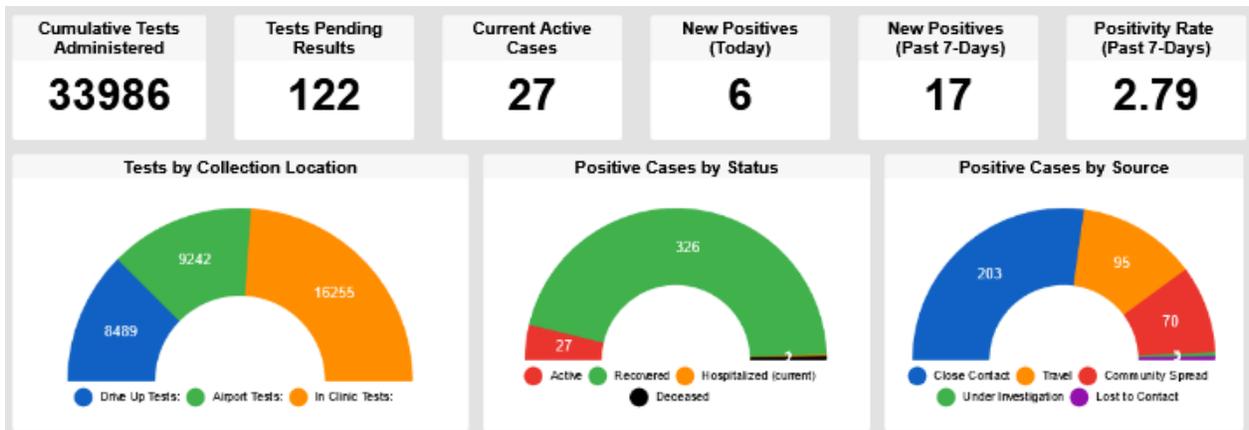
- Two of the cases were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases. Both of these individuals are symptomatic, and both contact investigations are complete.
- One of the cases was determined to be community spread. The individual is currently asymptomatic and the contact investigation is complete.
- Three of the cases remain under investigation as to the source of the virus and the contacts. Two of these individuals are currently asymptomatic, and one is symptomatic.

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

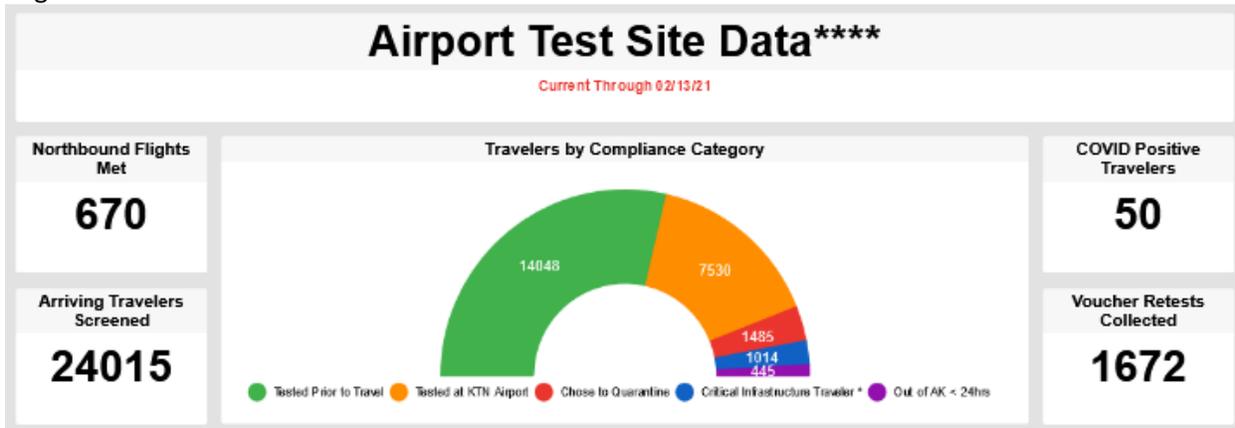
Regarding the four pending cases from February 16, three were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, and one was determined to be community spread.

There was one person admitted to the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Medical Center today.

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 373. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **355**. Of the 355 cases, there are **23** active, **2** deceased¹, and **324** recovered.



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



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.

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 15th**. If you tested on or before February 15th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

The Community Risk Level is at Level 3 – High

Level 3 - High	Significant: Limit non-essential travel outside home Schools: Open 50% with annex sites and safety measures*** Indoor: Limited small <20 mass gatherings with safety precautions (funeral, wedding, etc.) Outdoor: Limited small <30 gatherings with safety precautions Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Modified healthcare services (e.g. telemedicine, essential care, chronic care) No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with expanded safety measures (e.g. low risk) **
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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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ⁱ *See Detailed Mitigation Measures table for more information. At all levels, individuals should wash hands, cover coughs, wear a mask in public as indicated, stay home if sick, maintain physical distancing, keep surfaces clean. Vulnerable people 60 and older or those with underlying conditions or immunocompromised should minimize travel outside the home.

** Safety measures include appropriate measures to reduce transmission such as reducing occupancy, staggering shifts, working remotely, physical distancing, separating customers from employees, reducing public transportation use, screening employees, working in lower transmission geographic areas, reducing risk to vulnerable groups, keeping places clean with routine cleaning and disinfection, providing necessary supplies and equipment (e.g. sanitizer).

*** See [KGBSD Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Page](#) for additional information.