



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

EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: ONE NEW CASE

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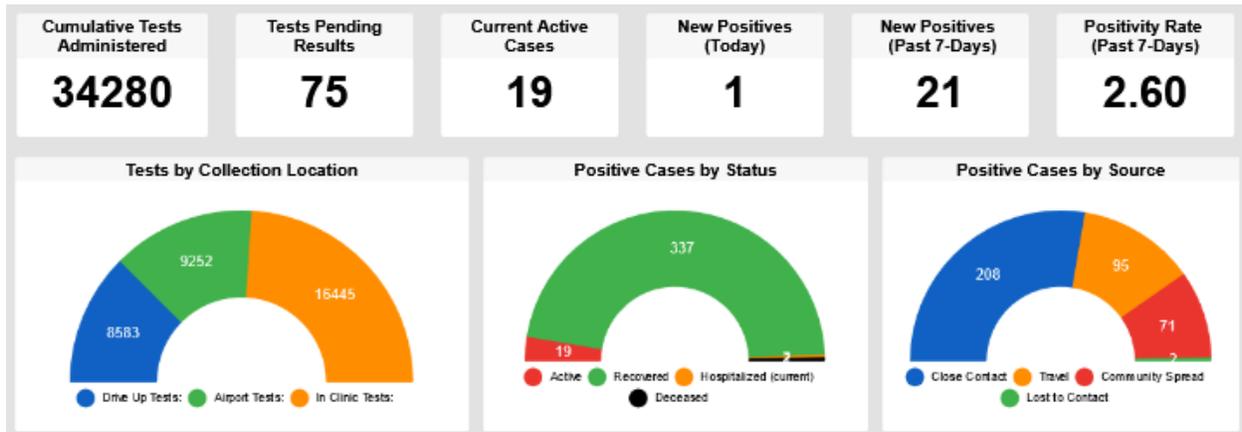
For Immediate Release

There was one case of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. This individual is symptomatic and has been determined to be a close contact to a known positive case. The contact investigation is ongoing. 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 three cases pending cases from February 17 and 18, two of the cases were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, and one of the cases was determined to be community spread.

There are currently two individuals admitted to the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Medical Center.

Today's cases bring the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 376. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **358**. Of the 358 cases, there are **19** active, **2** deceased¹, and **337** 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 16th**. If you tested on or before February 16th and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

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.

Thank You to Ketchikan Health Care Providers for Making Vaccine Available



Ketchikan Health Care Providers have gone above and beyond to make the COVID-19 vaccine available to our residents. They have scheduled home visits for those who were home-bound; scheduled weekend clinics; and set up clinics for congregate settings and vulnerable populations. Alaska is leading the nation in vaccine distribution, and Ketchikan is a shining example of that leadership. The EOC extends a heartfelt thank you to these local hometown heroes:

- Island Pharmacy**
- Safeway Pharmacy**
- Walmart Pharmacy**
- Creekside Clinic**
- Ketchikan Indian Community Health Clinic**
- Serenity Health Clinic**
- Legacy Health Clinic**
- Power of Wellness Clinic**
- Northway Clinic**
- PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center**
- Ketchikan Public Health Center**

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

Information on vaccine availability and how to schedule vaccine appointments is provided at www.kgbak.us/covidvax

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.

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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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.