



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

EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: ONE NEW CASE | RISK LEVEL REDUCED TO LEVEL 2 - MODERATE

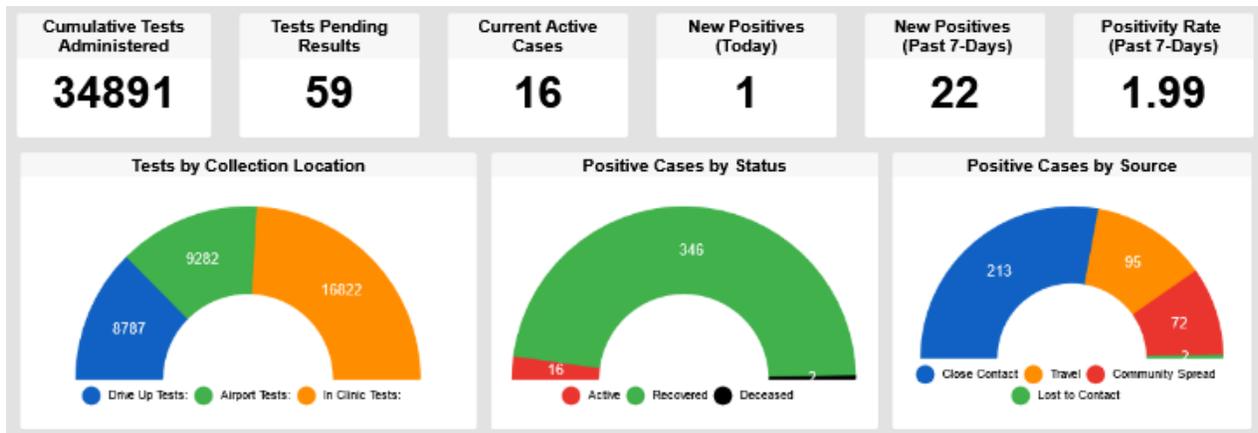
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For Immediate Release

There was one case of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. The individual is currently asymptomatic and was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case.

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. In the event of a positive case associated with the School District, Public Health will coordinate with the School District nursing staff to reach out to anyone who may be identified as a potential close contact.

Today's case brings the total cumulative Covid-19 case count, including travelers, to 382. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **364**. Of the 364 cases, there are **16** active, **2** deceased¹, and **346** recovered.



The Community Risk Level is Reduced to Level 2 – Moderate

With the reduction in the positivity rate (percent of positive cases based on number of tests issued) to below 2%, the risk level has been reduced to Level 2 – Moderate.

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>Moderate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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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¹ The number of deaths reported by the Ketchikan EOC is based on official notification from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

**Level 2 – Moderate
Health and Safety
Precautions**

Under Level 2 - Moderate, the following health and safety precautions are recommended:

- Public Health Social Measures: Strongly recommend masks and six (6) feet social distancing in communal settings and public locations with 20 or more people;
- Businesses and Offices: Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing including staggered schedules or teleworking, etc.
- Bars, Restaurants, Personal Services, Gyms: Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing; recommend reservations; encourage delivery or curbside pickup; personal services by appointment; no waiting areas; limit inside capacity to 50%.
- Travelers: Follow Alaska Health advisories 6 and 8; quarantine until receive results of negative test; follow strict social distancing for minimum of five days after arrival. Even though the traveler testing is not a State requirement, the EOC continues to advise adherence to these advisories for the safety of our community.

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 21st**. If you tested on or before February 21st 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. For questions regarding airport test results, call the Capstone Triage Line at 907-864-4642.

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.

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.

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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.