



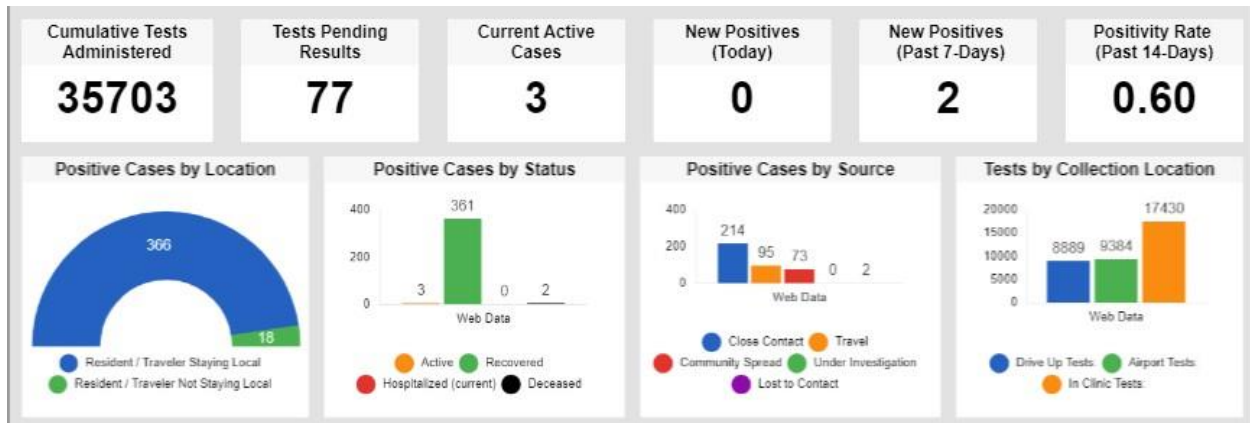
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND CITY OF SAXMAN

EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: NO NEW CASES

Date: March 5, 2021
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For Immediate Release

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 384. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **366**. Of the 366 cases, there are **3** active, **2** deceased, and **361** recovered.

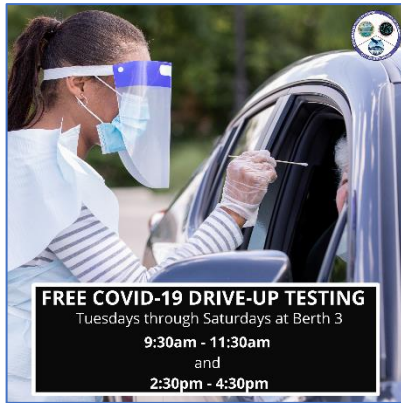


The Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
Level 1 - Low	<p>Minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can travel outside home with safety measures** Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures*** Indoor and Outdoor mass gatherings with safety measures** >500 people requires coordination with and plan submitted to EOC in advance Businesses open with safety measures** Healthcare services with safety measures** Minimal safe visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with safety measures**

In order to remain at Level 1 and not increase to Level 2, Ketchikan residents need to be diligent in following all of the recommendations for health and safety precautions. We encourage Ketchikan residents, visitors, businesses, and organizations to follow these recommendations for the health and safety of our community. If we work together to protect ourselves and others, we can keep our risk level low.

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 **March 3rd**. If you tested on or before March 3rd and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.



The Free Berth 3 Drive-Up Testing Clinic is back to its regular schedule and will be available Tuesday through Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. AND 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. The clinic will NOT be open on Sunday or Monday.

Testing will be available Tuesday - Saturday for anyone who:

- Has symptoms of COVID-19.
- Has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone with confirmed COVID-19.
- Has taken part in activities that put them at higher risk for COVID-19 because they cannot socially distance as needed, such as travel, attending large social or mass gatherings, or being in crowded indoor settings.
- Has been asked or referred to get testing by their healthcare provider, local Public Health Office or state health department.

If you do get tested because you have COVID-19 symptoms or have had a close contact with someone who has it, you should self-quarantine at home pending test results and follow the advice of your healthcare provider or a public health professional. Anyone with questions or concerns about recent exposure to COVID-19 is encouraged call Public Health at 225-4350.

No Scheduled EOC Updates until Monday, March 8th

There are no scheduled media releases or updates through the weekend unless there is a change in Community Risk Level to announce. The next scheduled EOC Media Release will be on Monday, March 8th. For information on Traveler Testing, Drive-Up Testing, Community Risk data, and local vaccine information, please visit www.kgbak.us/covid19.

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Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan's community risk, airport traveler testing, and local vaccination data, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19. General Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Alaska is provided at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>. The Alaska Health Advisories are available at www.covid19.alaska.gov.

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¹ *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.