



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

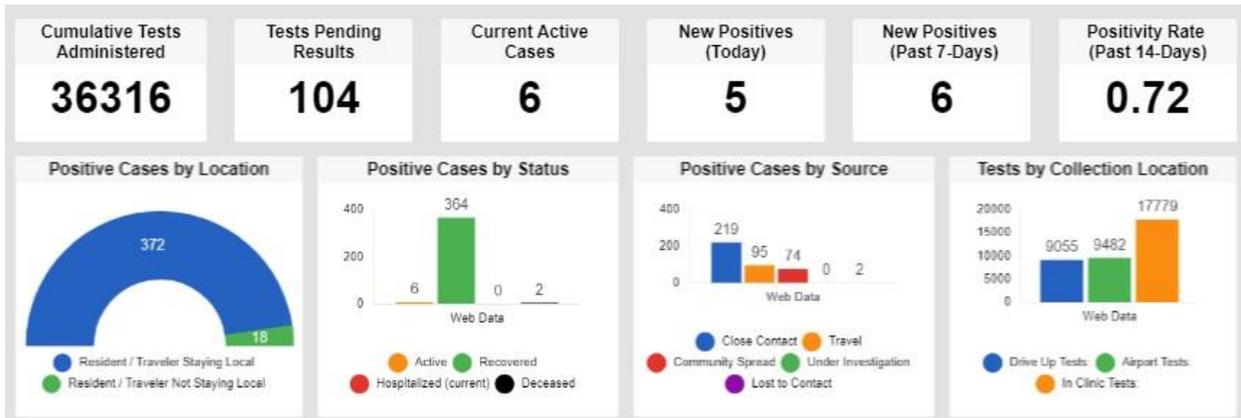
### EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: FIVE NEW CASES

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#### For Immediate Release

There were five cases of COVID-19 reported on March 13, 2021. Three of the individuals were symptomatic, and two were asymptomatic. Four of the cases were determined to be close contacts to a known positive case, and one was determined to be community spread. The contact investigations are complete for all five cases.

The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 390. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **372**. Of the 372 cases, there are **6** active, **2** deceased, and **364** recovered.



#### The Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
<b>Level 1 - Low</b>	<p><b>Minimum:</b>            Can travel outside home with safety measures**            Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures***            Indoor and Outdoor mass gatherings with safety measures*** gatherings &gt;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**</p>



**Remember to Schedule Your Vaccine Appointment!**

The EOC and Ketchikan Public Health Center are hosting **free** public COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics for **anyone age 18 or above**.

- March 16 and 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Ted Ferry Civic Center.
- March 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Saxman Community Center.

Appointments will be filled on a first come-first serve basis. Appointments for these clinics can be scheduled by phone at 907-646-3322, or online at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>. Search for Ted Ferry or Saxman in the search bar of section B on the website to locate the calendar.

After you've scheduled your appointment, here's what to expect at the clinic:

- ✓ Arrive at your scheduled time. Do not arrive early. Wait in your vehicle until your appointment time.
- ✓ Follow the signage for walking into the clinic site.
- ✓ Plan to complete a form upon arrival prior to receiving the vaccine.
- ✓ Plan to stay for a 15-minute observation period after receiving the vaccine.
- ✓ During the observation period you will be asked to schedule your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose appointment four weeks later.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan's community risk, Berth 3 drive-up testing, airport traveler testing, and local vaccination data, is provided at [www.kgbak.us/covid19](http://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](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov).

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<sup>i</sup> \*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.