



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

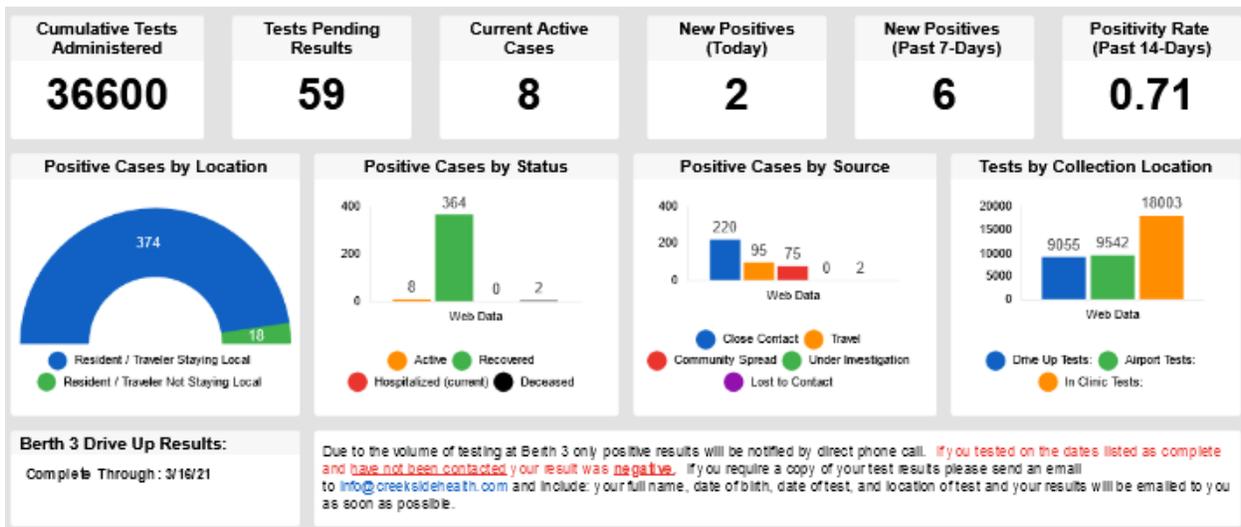
**EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: TWO NEW CASES**

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**For Immediate Release**

There were two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. Both individuals are symptomatic. One case was determined to be community spread and the contact investigation is complete. One case was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case, and the contact investigation is ongoing. During the contact investigation, Public Health will coordinate with the positive person to reach out to anyone identified as a close contact and instruct them to quarantine and seek testing as appropriate.

The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 392. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **374**. Of the 374 cases, there are **8** active, **2** deceased, and **364** recovered.



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**Ted Ferry COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Update:** 615 doses of the Moderna vaccine were administered on March 16 and 17 at the Ted Ferry Civic Center. The clinic was made possible by a generous donation by SouthEast Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC). The EOC and Public Health Center want to thank the many volunteers who helped

with registration, distribution, vaccination, waiting area, and check out. We also want to thank everyone who participated in the clinic and got their first dose of the vaccine!

### **Additional Vaccine Clinic and Appointments Available:**

The next EOC-hosted public clinic will be held on March 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Saxman Community Center. Appointments for this clinic can be scheduled by phone at 907-646-3322, or online at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>. Search for "Saxman" in the search bar of section B on the website to locate the calendar. In addition, local health care providers have appointments available. Information how to schedule appointments with a local provider is available at [www.kgbak.us/covidvax](http://www.kgbak.us/covidvax).

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

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
<b>Level 1 - Low</b>	<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 >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**

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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.