



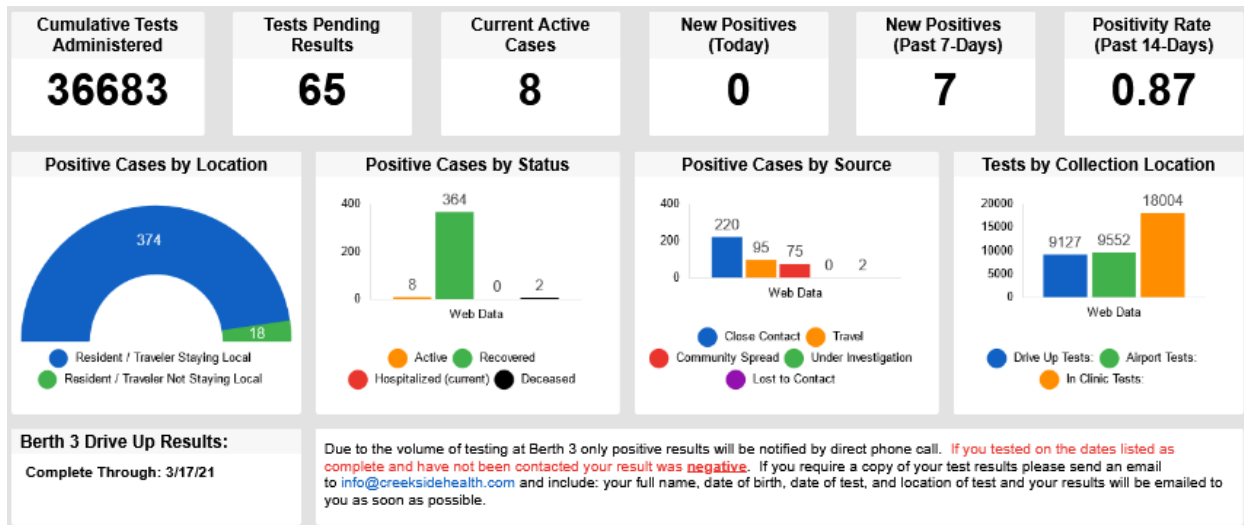
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND CITY OF SAXMAN

EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: NO NEW CASES | REVISED EOC UPDATE SCHEDULE

Date: March 19, 2021
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For Immediate Release

There were no cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. 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.



The Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
Level 1 - Low	Minimum: 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**

Revised EOC COVID-19 Update Schedule

Beginning March 20th, the EOC will issue formal COVID-19 case updates only on weekdays when a positive case has been reported. The EOC will provide a weekly COVID-19 update on Thursdays which will include information on current case count, vaccination rates, and testing operation updates. We will continue to issue media releases for critical and emergent information as necessary. The Ketchikan COVID-19 website and dashboard will continue to be updated daily on weekdays Monday-Friday.

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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

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.