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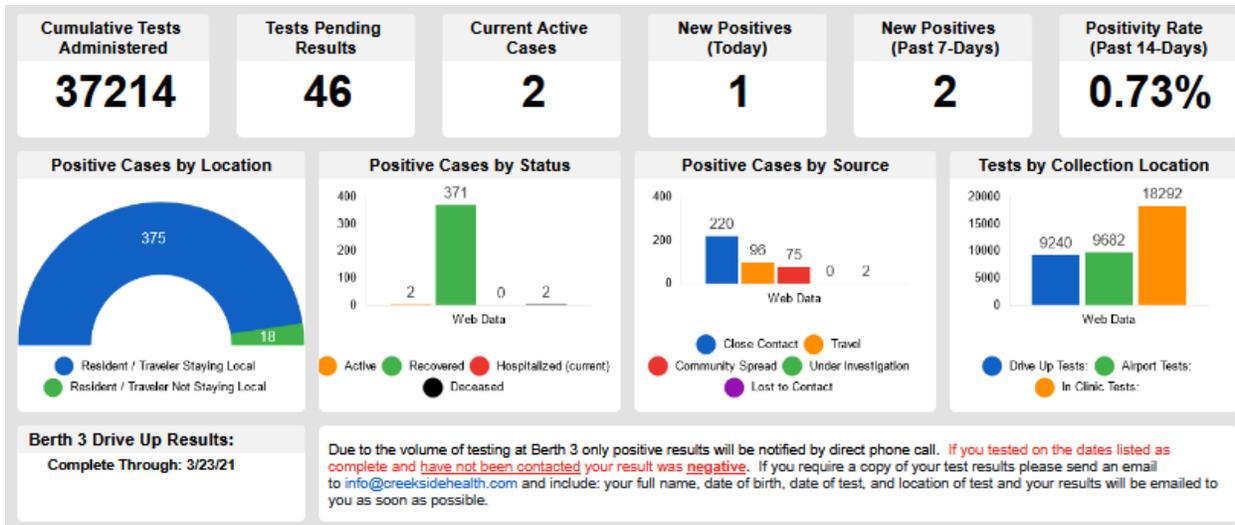
**EOC COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE**

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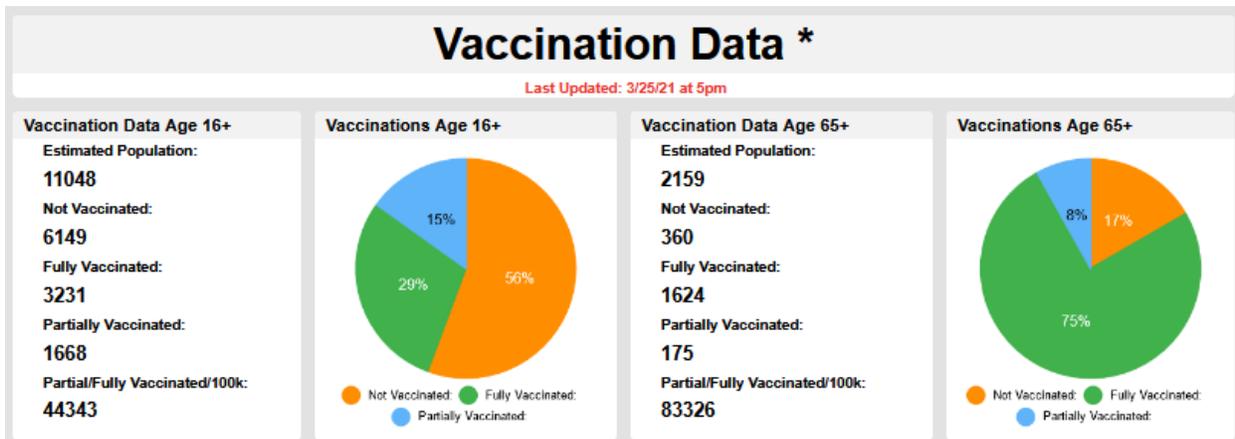
**For Immediate Release**

There was one case of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. This individual was tested as part of an employer screening program, and is currently asymptomatic. The source of the case was determined to be related to travel, and the contact investigation is ongoing.

The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 393. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **375**. Of the 375 cases, there are **2** active, **2** deceased, and **371** recovered.



The COVID-19 vaccine data has been updated and is available on the Ketchikan dashboard at [www.kgbak.us/covid19](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19).



## 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**

### Risk Matrix Being Updated to Consider Vaccination Rates

The Ketchikan EOC has updated its community risk indicators to account for the increasing number of Ketchikan residents who have gotten vaccinated. Starting Friday, March 26, we will begin using these new indicators to set the community risk level.

The new indicators are available in the [VRA – Community Risk Dashboard](#) page.

To compare incremental adjustments to the risk indicators, visit [the VRA – Adjusted Risk Indicator Metrics Compared](#) page.

The new risk levels take the following into consideration:

- Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to test or quarantine following a close contact with a positive.
- Lower prevalence of COVID in the community leads to fewer people being tested.
- Even though a positive case may increase our positivity rate due to lower testing numbers, the overall community risk lessens with the significantly increased number of vaccinated individuals.

These adjustments represent relatively small incremental changes that should help keep us in the right place without risking overestimating--or underestimating--our current risk.

Please email your comments, questions, and suggestions to [covidquestions@kgbak.us](mailto:covidquestions@kgbak.us).



### Vaccine Appointments Available at March 27 Saxman Clinic:

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).

### Upcoming Pfizer Vaccine Information and Clinics for 16 and 17 year olds

1. March 31: Drs. Horton and Bhagat – COVID Vaccine Zoom Q&A with seniors (11:50 am) and juniors (12:25 pm)
2. April 6 & 7: Free Teen Vaccine Clinic @ Kayhi 3:30-6:00 pm; sponsored by Public Health; parents must attend the vaccination appointment with their youth.
  - April 6th - Register at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov/reg/9254701676>
  - April 7th - Register at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov/reg/5127669087>
3. April 17: PeaceHealth Teen COVID Vaccine Clinic, registration fee applied; make appointment by phone at (907)-228-8140.



**Covid-19 Pfizer Vaccination Clinic FREE!**

**For ALL teens ages 16-17**

**3:30-6:00pm**  
**April 6 & April 7**  
**@ Kayhi commons**

Register for your appointment today!

Alaska Department of Health and Social Services logo and Kayhi Commons logo.

**Additional Vaccine Appointments** are also available at local providers for the Pfizer vaccine for anyone 16 and older, and Moderna vaccine for those 18 and older. To find and schedule an available appointments:

1. Make an appointment directly with a local Ketchikan provider. See the list of providers at [www.kgbak.us/covidvax](http://www.kgbak.us/covidvax)
2. Members of the Ketchikan Indian Community or Saxman tribal citizens may call the Ketchikan Indian Community Clinic at 907.228.9200.
3. Appointments can be scheduled online at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>
4. Call 907-646-3322 for assistance with scheduling an appointment. The call line is now staffed Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on weekends.

The EOC recommends that you research the COVID-19 vaccine to determine if it is right for you. Before scheduling your appointment, contact your healthcare provider to discuss the vaccine and available options.

### **Be sure to keep your COVID-19 vaccination appointment!**

COVID-19 vaccines have a limited shelf life once a vial is open. Local healthcare providers set up appointments so that they can open a vial of COVID-19 vaccine and use all the doses in the vial while it is still good. When a person does not show up for their shot, the unused vaccine may expire and have to be discarded. With so many people waiting to get the vaccine, it is important to use every bit of it to help end this pandemic. If you have an appointment and have to reschedule, please contact your provider as soon as possible to do so.



**The Free Berth 3 Drive-Up Testing Clinic** is 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.

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.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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).

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> See [KGBSD Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Page](#) for additional information.