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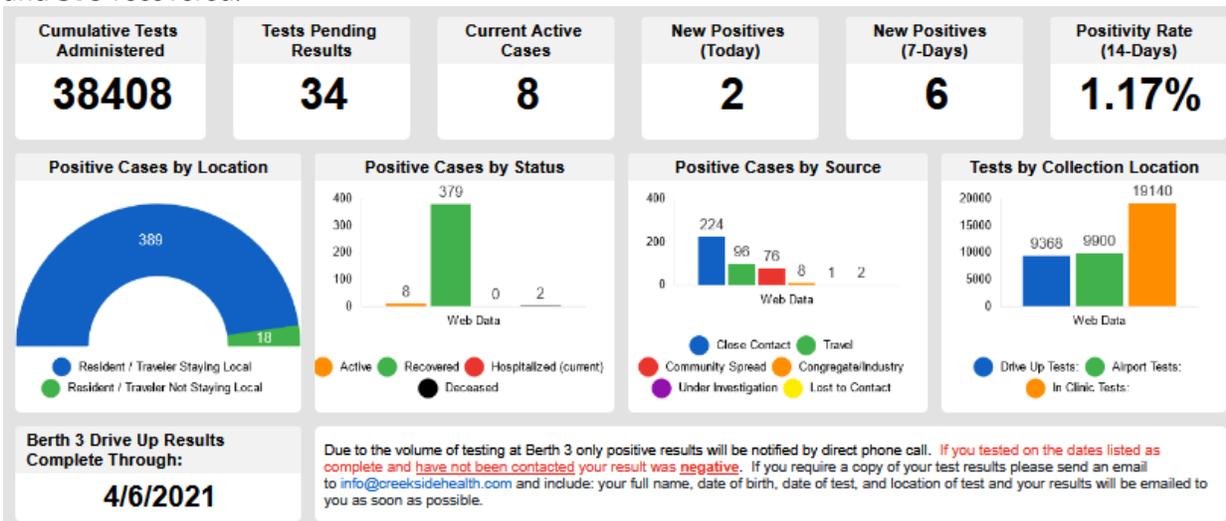
EOC COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

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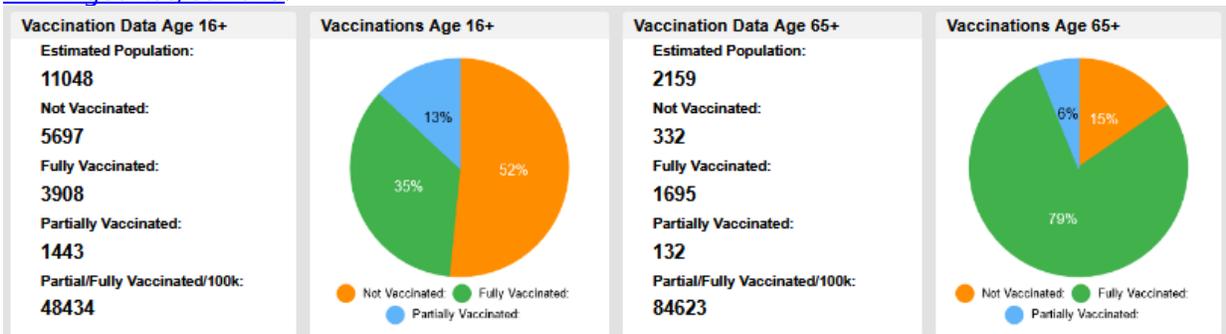
For Immediate Release

There were two cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. Both individuals were symptomatic. One case was determined to be a close contact to a known positive, and one case is under investigation as to the source. The contact investigations are ongoing. During the contact investigations, Public Health will coordinate with the positive person to reach out to anyone who may be a close contact and instruct them to quarantine. In the event of a positive case associated with the School District, Public Health will coordinate with the School District nursing staff to reach out to anyone who may be identified as a potential close contact.

The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 407. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **389**. Of the 389 cases, there are **8** active, **2** deceased, and **379** recovered.



The COVID-19 vaccine data has been updated and is available on the Ketchikan dashboard at www.kgbak.us/covid19.



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**

New Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

The EOC's Unified Command team has developed recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals. The recommendations are in line with CDC and Alaska Public Health guidance. The EOC recommendations will be released on Friday, April 9th.

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

- **April 9** – Creekside Free Drive-up Clinic @ Berth 3 from Noon to 2pm; call 220-9982 for more information. (18 and older)
- **April 17** - Pfizer PeaceHealth Teen COVID Vaccine Clinic; make appointment by phone at (907)-228-8140. (16-18 year olds)
- **April 13** - Free Public Clinic at Ted Ferry Civic Center; Make appointment at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov> (18 and older)
- **April 20** - Johnson and Johnson Vaccine Clinic at Public Health Center. Make appointment at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov> (18 and older)
- **April 24** - Free Public Clinic at Saxman Community Center; Make appointment at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov> (18 and older)

Additional Vaccine Appointments are also available at local providers. To find and schedule an available appointment:

1. Make an appointment directly with a local Ketchikan provider. See the list of providers at 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 <https://myhealth.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.

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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ⁱ *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.