



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

### **EOC MEDIA RELEASE: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FULLY VACCINATED INDIVIDUALS**

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#### **For Immediate Release**

In line with CDC and Alaska Public Health guidance the Ketchikan Unified Command makes the following recommendations for "Fully Vaccinated Individuals" in Ketchikan. For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or  $\geq 2$  weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Janssen). These recommendations may be updated and expanded based on the level of community spread of COVID-19, the percentage of the population that is fully vaccinated, and the rapidly evolving science on COVID-19 vaccines.

#### **Fully Vaccinated Individuals Can:**

- ✓ Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- ✓ Visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing.
- ✓ Refrain from testing before or after domestic or international travel (unless required by the destination or their employer)
  - Testing post travel is still strongly encouraged to help keep COVID out of our community.
- ✓ Refrain from self-quarantine after domestic or international travel (unless required by their employer)
- ✓ Refrain from quarantine following exposure to a known positive person with COVID-19 (as long as they remain symptom free) unless they live/work in a group setting like a correctional facility or group home.
  - Testing 5-7 days post exposure is still strongly encouraged to help limit potential for spread within the community.

#### **Fully Vaccinated Individuals Should Continue to:**

- ✓ Continue to take appropriate precautions in public settings including physical distancing and wearing a mask when physical distancing cannot be maintained
- ✓ Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease, or have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease.
- ✓ Avoid gatherings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- ✓ Follow guidance by individual employers.
- ✓ Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

***See Page 3 for an at-a-glance graphic of the EOC Recommendations.***

**Both the CDC and Alaska Public Health have issued guidance with regards to recommendations for fully vaccinated Individuals.**

- CDC – Interim Public Health Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated People (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>)
- Alaska Public Health – What to expect after you are vaccinated (<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/vaccineinfo.aspx#traveling>)

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).

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## Activity

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Refrain from self-quarantine after domestic or international travel (unless required by their employer)	
Refrain from quarantine following exposure to a known positive person with COVID-19 provided they remain symptom free and unless they live/work in a group setting like a correctional facility or group home. (Testing 5-7 days post exposure is still strongly encouraged to help limit the potential for spread.)	
Attend large gatherings where physical distancing cannot be maintained.	