



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

EOC COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

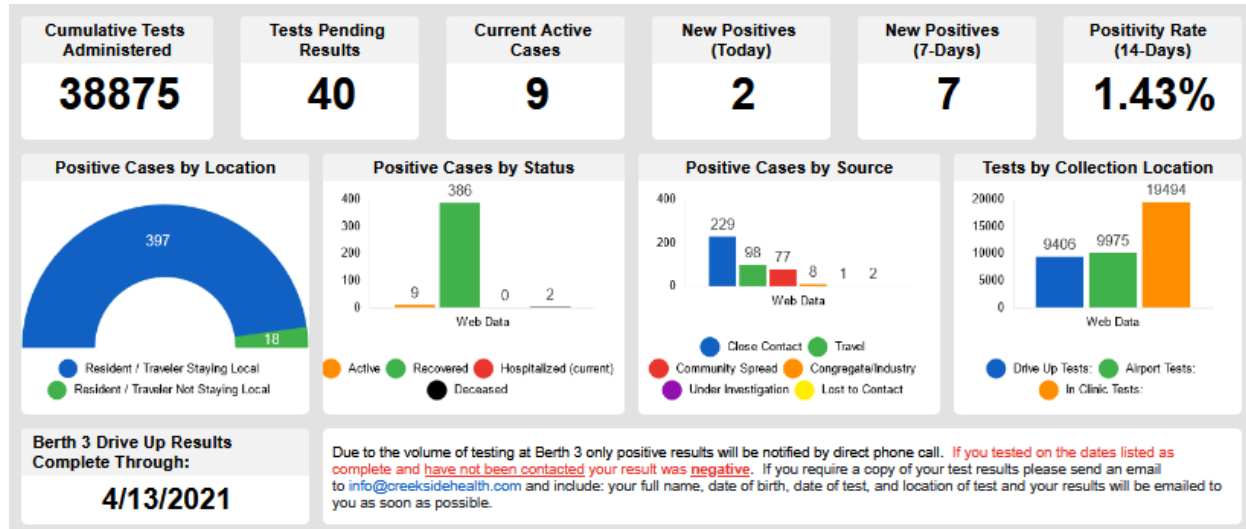
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For Immediate Release

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 the contact investigation is complete. One case is under investigation as to the source, and the contact investigation is ongoing. During the contact investigation, 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 pending case from April 13 was determined to be community spread. The case reported on April 14 was determined to be a duplicate and has been removed from the case count.

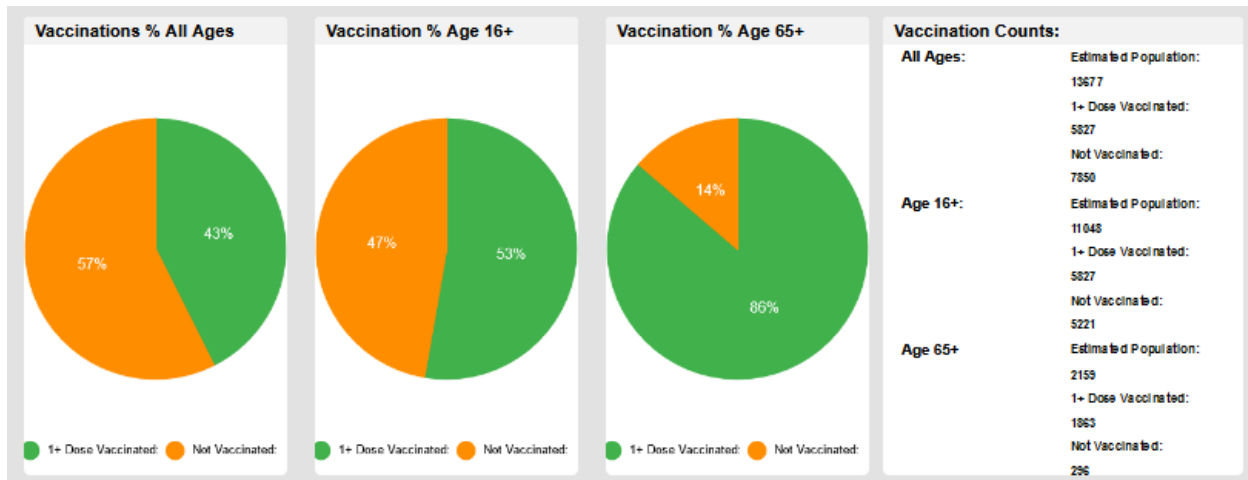
The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 415. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **398**. Of the 398 cases, there are **9** active, **2** deceased, and **386** recovered.



The Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low

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

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



Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

- **April 17** - Pfizer PeaceHealth Teen COVID Vaccine Clinic; make appointment by phone at (907)-228-8140. (16-18 year olds)
- **April 24** - Free Moderna Vaccine 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.

Updated information regarding the Johnson & Johnson vaccine from Alaska DHSS:

- If you received the J&J vaccine more than a month ago, the risk is very low at this time.
- If you have received the J&J COVID-19 vaccine in the last few weeks, the risk is also low (1 in one million currently) but be aware of these symptoms. If you develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination, contact your healthcare provider, or go to the emergency room or urgent care. Let your healthcare providers know that you recently received J&J vaccine.
- We continue to encourage those with currently scheduled appointments for Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to keep their appointments and move forward with vaccination.
- If you are scheduled to receive the J&J vaccine, please contact your healthcare provider, vaccination location, or clinic to schedule another appointment for a Pfizer or Moderna vaccine.

For additional vaccine information, please visit the Alaska DHSS Vaccine page at:

<http://covidvax.alaska.gov>



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.