



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

**EOC COVID-19 MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW CASES |
RISK LEVEL INCREASED TO LEVEL 2 - MODERATE**

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For Immediate Release

There were two new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. Both of these cases were determined to be community spread. Of the two cases pending from April 19th, one case was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case, and the other case was determined to be community spread.

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.

The Community Risk Level is Increased to Level 2 – Moderate

There have been seven (7) community spread cases of COVID-19 in the past week. The positivity rate (percent of positive cases based on number of tests issued) has increased 2.01%. Because of these two factors, the risk level has been increased to Level 2 – Moderate.

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>Moderate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can travel outside home with safety measures Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures*** Indoor mid-size gatherings <50 with safety measures** Outdoor mid-size gatherings <100 with safety measures** Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Healthcare services with safety measures (e.g. elective procedures)** No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with safety measures**
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The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 429. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **409**. Of the 409 cases, there are **15** active, **2** deceased, and **392** recovered.

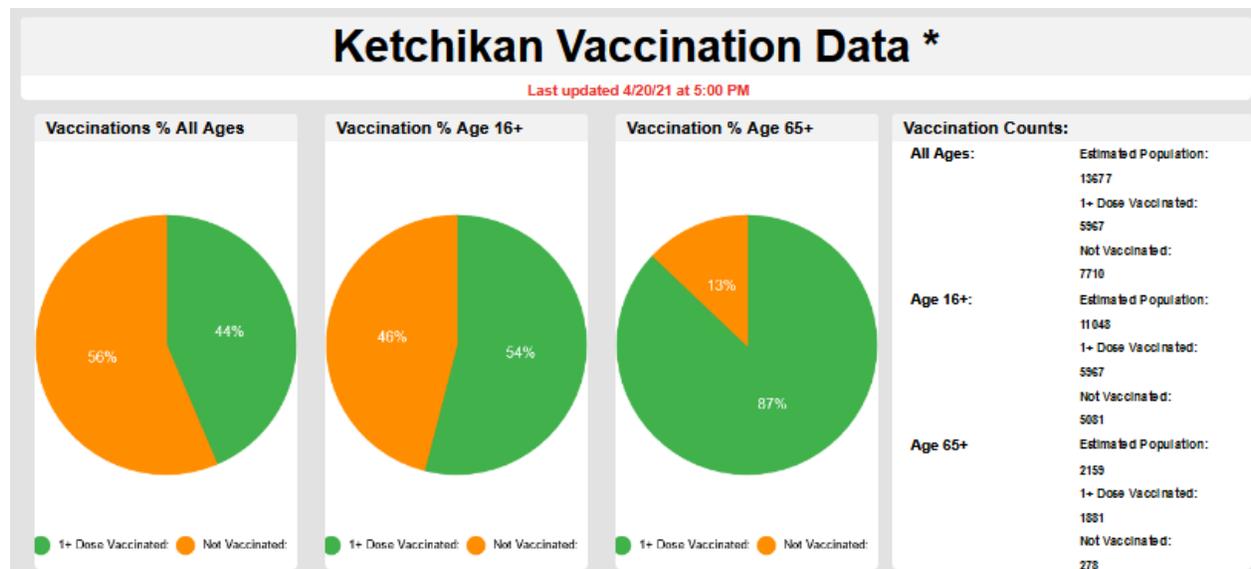
Cumulative Tests Administered 39399	Tests Pending Results 29	Current Active Cases 14	New Positives (Today) 2	New Positives (7-Days) 14	Positivity Rate (14-Days) 2.01%
Positive Cases by Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resident / Traveler Staying Local Resident / Traveler Not Staying Local 	Positive Cases by Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active Recovered Hospitalized (current) Deceased 	Positive Cases by Source <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close Contact Travel Community Spread Congregate/Industry Under Investigation Lost to Contact 	Tests by Collection Location <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drive Up Tests Airport Tests In Clinic Tests 		
Berth 3 Drive Up Results Complete Through: 4/17/2021	<p>Due to the volume of testing at Berth 3 only positive results will be notified by direct phone call. If you tested on the dates listed as complete and have not been contacted your result was negative. If you require a copy of your test results please send an email to info@creeksidehealth.com and include: your full name, date of birth, date of test, and location of test and your results will be emailed to you as soon as possible.</p>				

Level 2 – Moderate Health and Safety Precautions

Under Level 2 - Moderate, the following health and safety precautions are recommended*:

- **Public Health Social Measures:** Strongly recommend masks and six (6) feet social distancing in communal settings and public locations with 20 or more people;
- **Businesses and Offices:** Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing including staggered schedules or teleworking, etc.
- **Bars, Restaurants, Personal Services, Gyms:** Strongly recommend reduced capacity to ensure physical distancing; recommend reservations; encourage delivery or curbside pickup; personal services by appointment; no waiting areas; limit inside capacity to 50%.
- **Travelers:** Follow Alaska Health advisories 6 and 8; quarantine until receive results of negative test; follow strict social distancing for minimum of five days after arrival. Even though the traveler testing is not a State requirement, the EOC continues to advise adherence to these advisories for the safety of our community.

COVID-19 Vaccine Benefits the Community: The vaccine protects against COVID-19 disease and is one of the most important tools to end the pandemic. The vaccine is now available for anyone living or working in Alaska who is age 16 or older. Ketchikan’s vaccination rate is currently at 44 percent for the general population. With additional people becoming vaccinated and protected from the virus, the health risk to the community as a whole will decrease. The EOC recommends all citizens research the vaccine and determine if the vaccine is right for you. Additional information on the vaccine is available at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>



In order to reduce the risk level to Level 1 - Low, we need to be diligent in following these recommendations for health and safety precautions. We encourage Ketchikan residents, visitors, businesses, and organizations to follow these recommendations for the health and safety of our community. If we work together to protect ourselves and others, we can reduce the risk level.

Here’s what to do if you may have been exposed to COVID-19*:

Ketchikan Public Health and the EOC strongly recommend that you do the following:

1. Self-quarantine for a period of 10 days since your last exposure.
2. If you are asymptomatic, you can reduce the quarantine period in item 1 by:

- a. Getting tested for COVID-19 on day 6 or 7 after your last exposure, and self-quarantine until you receive a negative result.
 - b. If you receive a negative result and continue to be asymptomatic you can resume normal activities on day 8.
 - c. If your result is positive, continue to isolate and follow the advice of Public Health.
3. If at any time you become symptomatic you should seek testing for COVID-19 immediately:
 - a. If you receive a negative result continue to quarantine for at least 10 days and until you are fever free for 72 hours without the use of medication.
 - b. If you receive a positive test continue to isolate and follow advice of Public Health
 4. If you need guidance or have questions about self-quarantine, isolation, or when to test; call Public Health at 225-4350.

****EOC Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals are posted at www.kgbak.us/covid19***

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan's community risk, mitigation measures, Berth 3 drive-up testing, airport traveler testing, and local vaccination data, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19. The Alaska Health Advisories are available at www.covid19.alaska.gov.

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