



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

EOC COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE

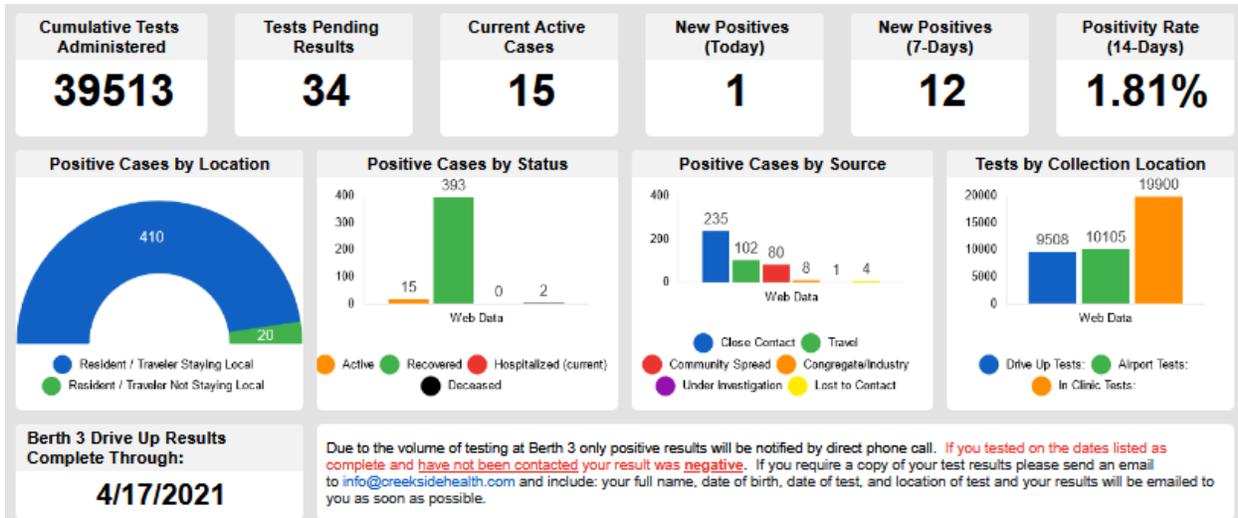
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For Immediate Release

There was one case of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. The individual is symptomatic, and the source and contacts remain under investigation.

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.

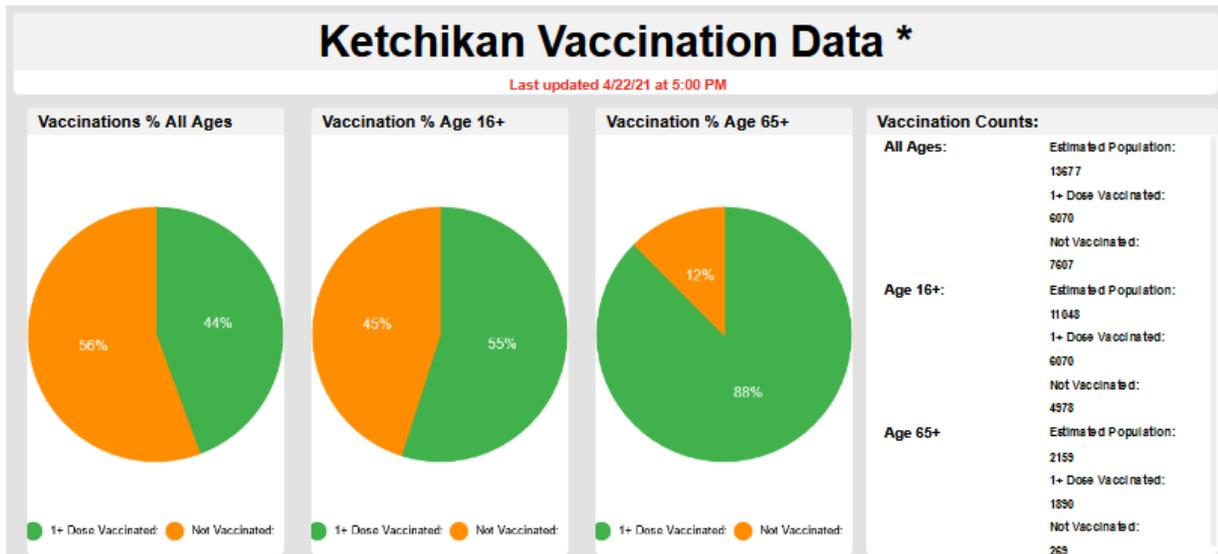
The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 430. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **410**. Of the 410 cases, there are **15** active, **2** deceased, and **393** recovered.



The Community Risk Level is at Level 2 – Moderate

Level 2 - Moderate	<p>Moderate: 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**</p>
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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

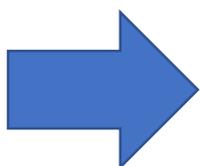
- **April 24** - Free Moderna Vaccine Clinic at Saxman Community Center; Make appointment at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov> (18 and older)
- **May 3, May 10, May 18** – Free Moderna lunch time vaccine clinics at Public Health Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.; Make appointment at <https://myhealth.alaska.gov> (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 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. For additional vaccine information, please visit the Alaska DHSS Vaccine page at: <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>

Changes to Announcement of Positive Cases



Beginning Friday, April 23rd, we will no longer be issuing a media release to announce new positive COVID-19 cases. We will continue to provide updates with positive case and vaccination information to the dashboard at www.kgbak.us/COVID19. These dashboard updates will be provided daily on weekdays (Monday through Friday) by 5:00 p.m. We will continue to issue a weekly COVID-19 update in the form of a media release on Thursdays. Additional media releases will be issued on an as-needed basis for emergent information.



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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