



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: FOUR NEW CASES | KAYHI AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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For Immediate Release

There were four cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. Two of the cases were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, and two of the cases remain under investigation. 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 School District staff to reach out to anyone who may be identified as a potential close contact.

Ketchikan High School Update

Ketchikan High School is scheduled to reopen at 100% capacity on Monday, May 3rd. Kayhi reported two new positive cases of COVID-19 over the past two days. Based on contact tracing conducted by Public Health and District nursing staff, as well as ongoing mitigation efforts, Kayhi is able to resume in-person learning, as well as activities and practices on Monday. Please see the attached letter to families from Kayhi Principal Jason House.

Reminder to Use Caution and Be Diligent when Attending Community Events

The EOC has recently approved many mitigation plans for community events. The EOC encourages healthy outdoor activities, and urges everyone to follow the recommended mitigation measures for these activities. Public gatherings include a mix of both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals. In order to stop the spread in Ketchikan, please remember to

- Wear a mask in public settings if you are closer than six feet to others.
- Avoid large gatherings, especially indoor spaces that do not offer fresh air.
- Wash your hands often, or use hand sanitizer.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 452. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **431**. Of the 431 cases, there are **17** active, **2** deceased, and **412** recovered.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional case data, local vaccination data, Ketchikan’s community risk, Berth 3 drive-up testing, and airport traveler testing, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19.

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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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.