



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: 13 New Cases | Sleeves Up for Summer Vaccine Campaign

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For Immediate Release

The EOC will provide daily COVID-19 updates Monday-Friday while we remain in Risk Level 3 – High.

There were 13 cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. Two cases were determined to be community spread; one case was related to recent travel; one case was determined to be close contact to a known positive; and nine remain under investigation.

Of the pending cases from May 4th, one was determined to be community spread; six were determined to be close contact to a known positive, and one remains 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.

Hospitalization Update: There are no patients currently admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 488. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **467**. Of the 431 cases, there are **42** active, **2** deceased, and **423** 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 3 – High

Level 3 - High	<p>Significant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit non-essential travel outside home Schools: Open 50% with annex sites and safety measures*** Indoor: Limited small <20 mass gatherings with safety precautions (funeral, wedding, etc.) Outdoor: Limited small <30 gatherings with safety precautions Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Modified healthcare services (e.g. telemedicine, essential care, chronic care) No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with expanded safety measures (e.g. low risk) **
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Sleeves Up for Summer, Ketchikan



The State of Alaska has initiated a Sleeves Up for Summer campaign encouraging every community to increase its vaccination rate by 25%. To see how Ketchikan is doing in this campaign, visit <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>.

Many eligible residents (16+) in Ketchikan have received one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Great job rolling up your sleeves! Let's remember that summer is just around the corner, and achieving high vaccination rates will help to protect Alaskans and reassure visitors that Ketchikan is a safe place to visit this summer.

Vaccinations are Effective:

Of the 77 positive cases since April 1st, only two of the individuals had been fully vaccinated; 18 were unvaccinated under age 16, and 57 were unvaccinated over age 16. This data points to the fact that the COVID-19 vaccine is effective to prevent the virus.

Interested in receiving the vaccine? The Ketchikan Public Health Center is holding weekly lunchtime COVID-19 vaccine clinics during the month of May at their office at 605 Gateway Court. Clinics will be held from 11:30am -12:15pm on these dates:

- Monday May 10
- Tuesday May 18
- Monday May 24

To sign up for an appointment to receive your first or second dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine, go to <https://myhealth.alaska.gov/> Click on "Find a Clinic" and then type in "Ketchikan" as the location, then select the date and available time for your appointment.

Appointments are also available at local providers for the Pfizer vaccine for anyone 16 and older, and Moderna vaccine for those 18 and older. To find and schedule an available appointments, see the list of providers at www.kgbak.us/covidvax.

If you are a Ketchikan business or organization interested in holding a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for your employees, customers or others in the community, contact Carlene Dixon, EOC Liaison Officer, to learn more: 907-204-0918.

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.

**Positive Cases by Vaccination Status
4/1 through 5/5 at 10 am**

