



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: BOROUGH AND CITY FACILITY STATUS UNDER RISK LEVEL 3

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For Immediate Release

This brief provides updated information on Borough and City facilities related to the May 4th announcement to the increase to Community Risk Level 3 – High.



Ketchikan Gateway Borough Changes:

The **White Cliff Building** will remain open to the public, with the following measures in place:

- All public meetings will be held electronically.
- Masks required for the public and staff.
- Citizens are encouraged to conduct business over the phone or internet. Visit www.kgbak.us for services.

The **Gateway Recreation Center** will implement the following Level 3 measures:

- Rooms will be limited to 25% capacity.
- Swim Lessons will be canceled.
- Various programs will be canceled and participants will be notified.
- Open swims will be cancelled.
- Sauna limited to 3.
- Drop-in activities will be limited.

The Borough Transit Bus Program will be adjusted as follows during Level 3:

- Essential rides only, such as healthcare, appointments, employment, grocery shopping.
- Face coverings required for all riders.
- Bus capacity will be limited to 10-15 riders at one time depending on the number of household groups riding. Examples of a household group are couples or parents with children or individuals that share a household. If the bus is at capacity, it will not pick-up additional passengers until someone exits. Consider taking an earlier bus to ensure you will make it to work on time. Avoid peak travel times 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Paratransit capacity will be limited to 3 riders at one time.

The Pat Wise Animal Shelter:

- Volunteer program has been suspended.
- Residents will be welcomed at the shelter to pick up and drop off animals, and adopt animals.
- All members of the public will be required to wear a mask and adhere to six-foot social distancing.

- Numbers of visitors to the shelter will be limited to no more than two patrons at a time.



City of Ketchikan and KPU Changes:

All City and KPU facilities will remain open to the public:

- Public occupancy will be limited to 50% capacity or less to maintain physical distancing
 - Public and staff will be required to wear masks. Complimentary masks are available at each public location.
 - All public meetings will be held electronically.
 - Public programs will continue to be held virtually.
- Citizens are encouraged to conduct business over the phone or internet. Visit www.ktn-ak.us for services.



City of Saxman Changes:

The City of Saxman facilities have implemented the following measures:

- Saxman City Hall is closed to the public.
 - Citizens are encouraged to conduct business over the phone by calling 225-4166.
- Customers can call and make an appointment if staff can't help them on the phone. Many needs can be completed online at www.cityofsaxman.com.
 - Council meetings will be live streamed with council in chambers. Public testimony can be submitted on the website or dropped in the drop box.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including positive 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.

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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