



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Fourteen New Cases

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For Immediate Release

There are 14 new cases of COVID-19 in Ketchikan today. Three of the cases were determined to be close contacts to a known positive, and 11 are under investigation.

Public Health and School District Nursing Staff will work with the positive cases to identify close contacts, and will reach out to anyone identified as a close contact and instruct them to quarantine and seek testing as appropriate.

Hospitalization Update: There is currently one person admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 553. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 532. Of the 532 cases, there are **91** active, **2** deceased, and **439** recovered.

The Community Risk Level is Level 4 – Very High

Level 4 - Very High	Extreme: Stop non-essential travel outside home (unless vaccinated) Schools: Reference KGBSD Plans/Policies*** No gatherings >20 people Essential services only Modified healthcare services No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation locally with safety measures** (e.g. walking)
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Individual Positive Case Details Have Been Updated to Show Vaccination Status

The Community Dashboard has been updated to show vaccination status of positive case individuals. Public Health officials are working to add the data as once the contact tracing is complete. The status of cases will be added each day. The table of case details can be viewed at: <http://bit.ly/ktn-covid19-details>



Kayhi Vaccination Clinic for ages 12 and Up

With the FDA's authorization of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 12-15, there will be a free Pfizer vaccine clinic for anyone age 12 and older on Saturday, May 15th and Sunday, May 16th at Kayhi from 10am-2pm.

To reserve your appointment time:

- Go to <https://www.covidsecureapp.com/capstonevax.html>
- Scroll to "Ketchikan High School" and select your preferred date.

- If you are a parent of a child seeking vaccination, enter your child's information.
- If you have more than 1 child getting a vaccine, you will need to sign up each child individually.

Those age 12-17 must have a parent or guardian present at the appointment.

Drive-up COVID-19 testing will also be available at this clinic.

For additional vaccine information or to see a list of local providers go to: www.kgbak.us/covidvax

We need everyone's help to flatten the curve of COVID-19 transmission in Ketchikan, and stop the spread of this dangerous virus in our community. Many members of our community have been vaccinated and may continue following recommendations for vaccinated individuals. For unvaccinated individuals and those at highest risk of negative outcomes the EOC recommends the following mitigation measures. Please consider doing the following to help curb the spread of COVID-19 and to keep your neighbors, friends, and family members safe:

- If you have even minor symptoms, stay home!
- Travel outside the home only for essential purposes.
- Refrain from gathering in large groups, especially with multiple households.
- Avoid in-person visits with people in congregate settings; instead, keep in touch by phone or video chat.
- When you do go out, wear a mask over your nose and mouth, keep a 6-foot distance from others, and wash or sanitize your hands frequently.

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. General Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Alaska is provided at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>.