



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Sixteen New Cases

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For Immediate Release

There are 16 new cases of COVID-19 since our last update. Four of the cases were reported on May 15; five were reported on May 16, and seven were reported today.

Of the 16 cases, three were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, two were determined to be community spread, ten of the cases remain under investigation, and one of the cases was lost to contact, which means that Public Health was unable to contact the person after multiple attempts.

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 are currently two individuals admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 601. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 580. Of the 580 cases, there are **82** active, **2** deceased, and **496** 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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For vaccine information or to see a list of local providers go to: www.kgbak.us/covidvax. 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>.