



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Six New Cases

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For Immediate Release

There are six new cases of COVID-19 reported today. Three individuals were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, one case was related to a congregate setting facility, and two of the cases remain under investigation. Of the pending cases from May 20th, one was determined to be a close contact, three were determined to be community spread, and one remains 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 are currently **THREE (3)** individuals admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 639. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 618. Of the 618 cases, there are **76** active, **2** deceased, and **540** recovered.

Community Risk Level 4 – Very High Recommendations for unvaccinated individuals:

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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CDC Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals are available at:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html>

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>.

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