



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Five New Cases

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For Immediate Release

There are five new cases of COVID-19 reported today. All five were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases. Of the pending cases from May 22-24, two were determined to be community spread, and three remain 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 (PHKMC).

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is **654**. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **633**. Of the 633 cases, there are **63** active, **2** deceased, and **568** 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>.