



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 to report since our last update. Two cases were reported last night after the media release, and three cases were reported today. Of the five cases, one was determined to be related to recent travel; one case was determined to be a close contact to a known positive case, and three 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 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 **659**. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **638**. Of the 638 cases, there are **57** active, **2** deceased, and **579** recovered.

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

<b>Level 4 - Very High</b>	<p>Extreme:          Stop non-essential travel outside home (unless vaccinated)          Schools: Reference KGBSD Plans/Policies***          No gatherings &gt;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)</p>
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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](http://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](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19).

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