



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Risk Level Reduced to Level 1 - Low

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For Immediate Release

There was one positive case of COVID-19 reported today. This individual was determined to be a traveler not staying locally.

Hospitalization Update: There is currently **one (1)** individual admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center (PHKMC).

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is **676**. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **654**. Of the 654 cases, there are **5** active, **2** deceased, and **647** recovered.

The Community Risk Level is Reduced to Level 1 – Low

We have had no community spread cases in the past seven days. The total number of positive cases has declined to 19 in the past 14 days. The positivity rate (percent of positive cases based on number of tests issued) has reduced to 1.67%. Because of these factors, the risk level has been lowered to Level 1 – Low.

Level 1 Recommendations for Unvaccinated individuals:

Level 1 - Low	Minimum: Can travel outside home with safety measures** Schools: Reference KGBSD Plans/Policies*** Indoor and Outdoor mass gatherings with safety measures** gatherings >500 people requires coordination with and plan submitted to EOC in advance Businesses open with safety measures** Healthcare services with safety measures** Minimal safe visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with safety measures**
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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>

Several New Vaccine Opportunities Available

The COVID-19 vaccine protects against the virus and is a great way to help revitalize Ketchikan's economy. Community immunity, achieved when we reach high vaccination rates, will help protect Ketchikan from COVID-19 and will keep our island up and running. The EOC encourages individuals to research the Covid-19



vaccine, talk with your doctor, and decide if it is the best choice for you. Whether you choose to get the vaccine or not, please continue to follow safety guidelines to help keep our community safe.

Ketchikan Public Health Center (605 Gateway Court) has vaccine appointments available at <http://hss.state.ak.us/appts.htm>

- Moderna Mondays - Moderna clinics on Mondays from 11:30am-12:20pm. (18 and older)
- Pfizer Fridays – Pfizer clinics on Fridays from 11:30am-12:20pm. (12 and older)

Free Pfizer Vaccine Clinics for anyone ages 12 and older, sponsored by Ketchikan Chamber and First City Rotary:

- June 11, 3-6pm at the Plaza
- June 12, 11am to 2pm at Landing Sunny Point Conference Center
- Those ages 12-17 must have a parent or guardian present at the appointment.

Free Moderna Vaccine Clinic for those 18 and older, sponsored by Southeast Alaska Independent Living (SAIL):

- June 14, 10am to 12:30pm at the Plaza, Suite 222
- Call 204-0918 to confirm; at least 10 registrations are needed to hold the clinic

Additional vaccine appointments are also available at local health care providers.

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

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

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.

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