



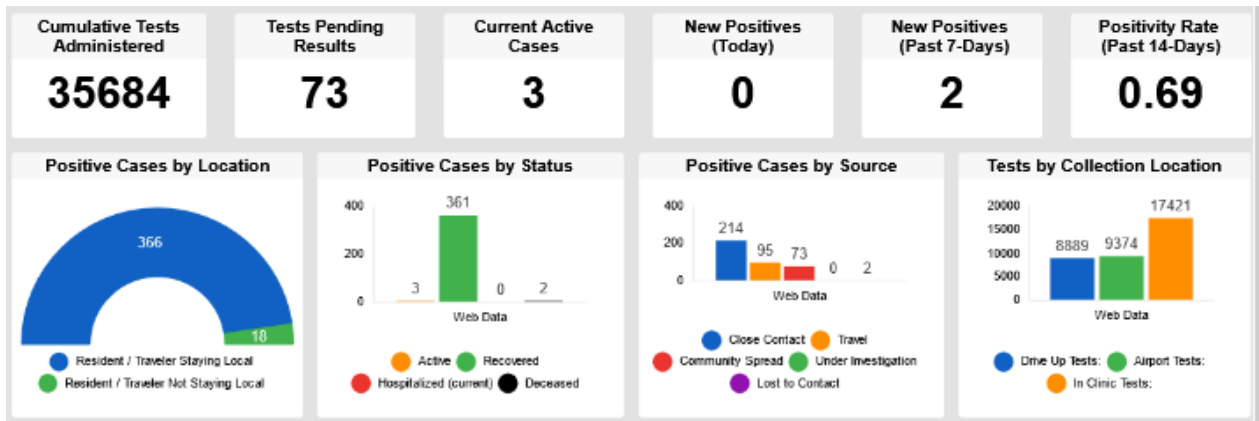
KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH, CITY OF KETCHIKAN, AND CITY OF SAXMAN

**EOC COVID-19 CASE UPDATE: NO NEW CASES | RISK LEVEL REDUCED TO LEVEL 1 - LOW**

Date: March 4, 2021  
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**For Immediate Release**

There were no new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. The total cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, is 384. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is **366**. Of the 366 cases, there are **3** active, **2** deceased, and **361** recovered.



**Community Risk Level Lowered to Level 1 – Low**

Ketchikan has done a great job responding to the COVID-19 mitigation recommendations. We have seen a steady decline in the number of positive cases. In the past seven days, there have been two positive cases. The positivity rate (percentage of positive tests conducted) is currently at 0.69%. Based on these statistics the EOC has lowered the Community Risk Level to Level 1 – Low.

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
<b>Level 1 - Low</b>	<p>Minimum:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can travel outside home with safety measures**</li> <li>Schools: Staff 100%, Students 100% with safety measures***</li> <li>Indoor and Outdoor mass gatherings with safety measures** gathering &gt;500 people requires coordination with and plan submitted to EOC in advance</li> <li>Businesses open with safety measures**</li> <li>Healthcare services with safety measures**</li> <li>Minimal safe visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes)</li> <li>Recreation with safety measures**</li> </ul>

**Under Level 1-Low, the following health and safety precautions are recommended:**

- Public Health Social Measures: Recommend masks in specific settings where social distancing cannot be maintained;
- Schools: Schools open 100% with annex sites and safety measures.
- Businesses and Offices: Recommend following all public health safety measures outlined in the Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan. Recommend allowance of telework for employees that are, live with, or care for high-risk population.

- Bars, Restaurants, Personal Services, Gyms: Follow all public health safety measures in the Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan.
- Travelers: Follow Alaska Health Advisories 6 and 8; the EOC continues to strongly recommend that travelers quarantine until receive results of negative test; follow strict social distancing for minimum of five days after arrival.

**Stay Diligent in  
order to Remain at  
Risk Level 1**

**In order to remain at Level 1 and not increase to Level 2,** Ketchikan residents need to be diligent in following all of the recommendations for health and safety precautions. We encourage Ketchikan residents, visitors, businesses, and organizations to follow these recommendations for the health and safety of our community. If we work together to protect

ourselves and others, we can keep our risk level low.

**Drive-Up Test Result Update:** Please refer to the dashboard at [www.kgbak.us/covid19](http://www.kgbak.us/covid19) for the most current information on Drive-Up Testing results. Only positive results will receive a phone call. The Berth 3 Drive-Up results are complete through **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you tested on or before March 2<sup>nd</sup> and have not been contacted, your result was **NEGATIVE**.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan's community risk, airport traveler testing, and local vaccination data, 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>. The Alaska Health Advisories are available at [www.covid19.alaska.gov](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov).

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<sup>i</sup> \*See Detailed Mitigation Measures table for more information. At all levels, individuals should wash hands, cover coughs, wear a mask in public as indicated, stay home if sick, maintain physical distancing, keep surfaces clean. Vulnerable people 60 and older or those with underlying conditions or immunocompromised should minimize travel outside the home.

\*\* Safety measures include appropriate measures to reduce transmission such as reducing occupancy, staggering shifts, working remotely, physical distancing, separating customers from employees, reducing public transportation use, screening employees, working in lower transmission geographic areas, reducing risk to vulnerable groups, keeping places clean with routine cleaning and disinfection, providing necessary supplies and equipment (e.g. sanitizer).

\*\*\* See [KGBSD Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Page](#) for additional information.