



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

**EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Eleven New Cases | Pfizer Vaccine Approved for 12-15 Year-Olds | Parent Vaccination Survey**

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**For Immediate Release**

Since our last update, there have been eleven (11) new cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan. One case was reported late evening on May 7; three cases were reported on May 8, and seven cases were reported today. Of the 11, six were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, and five remain under investigation.

During the contact investigations, Public Health will coordinate with the positive person to reach out to anyone who may be a close contact and instruct them to quarantine. In the event of a positive case associated with the School District, Public Health will coordinate with School District staff to reach out to anyone who may be identified as a potential close contact.

**Hospitalization Update:** There is currently one person admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 524. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 503. Of the 503 cases, there are **67** active, **2** deceased, and **434** recovered.

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).

**The Community Risk Level is at Level 3 – High**

Community Risk	Recommended General Mitigation Measures*
<b>Level 3 - High</b>	Significant: Limit non-essential travel outside home (unless vaccinated) Schools: Reference KGBSD Plans/Policies*** Indoor: Limited small <20 mass gatherings with safety precautions (funeral, wedding, etc.) Outdoor: Limited small <30 gatherings with safety precautions Businesses limited openings with safety measures** Modified healthcare services (e.g. telemedicine, essential care, chronic care) No non-essential visits to congregate facilities (e.g. nursing homes) Recreation with expanded safety measures (e.g. low risk) **

**As was described in our May 7<sup>th</sup> release, there is currently one risk indicator at Level 4. However, the EOC is giving the mitigation measures time to work and will reevaluate the risk level on Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

## **U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Authorizes Pfizer Vaccine for Youth Ages 12-15**

Today the FDA authorized the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 12-15. The EOC and Public Health are working on a plan for a public Pfizer clinic for 12-15 year-olds, and anticipate releasing details in the next couple of days.

**Please complete the  
Parent Vaccination  
Survey**

The EOC has put together a parent survey to help identify how many parents in Ketchikan will be seeking the vaccine for their children.

**Please complete the survey at:**

<http://bit.ly/ktn-covid-vaccine>

### **Please do your part to follow the mitigation measures now:**

- Stay home if you are sick (even slightly) or have been identified as a close contact.
- Avoid large gatherings, especially indoors.
- Wear a mask when you have to go out in public.
- Follow safe social distancing, and wash your hands often.
- Get vaccinated if you are able.

*\*Recommendations for Fully Vaccinated Individuals are available at: [www.kgbak.us/covidvax](http://www.kgbak.us/covidvax)*

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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