



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

**EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Nine New Cases**

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**For Immediate Release**

There are nine (9) new cases of COVID-19 since our last update. One case was reported last night following the media release, and eight were reported today. Of the eight, four individuals were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, three cases were determined to be community spread, and two of the cases remain under investigation.

Of the cases pending from May 18<sup>th</sup>, seven were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, and one remains under investigation. One case was lost to contact, which means Public Health was unable to speak with the positive individual after several attempts.

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.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 623. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 602. Of the 602 cases, there are **81** active, **2** deceased, and **519** recovered.

**The Community Risk Level is Level 4 – Very High**

<b>Level 4 - Very High</b>	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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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>.