



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: Ten New Cases

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For Immediate Release

There are ten (10) new cases of COVID-19 since our last update. One case was reported last night following the media release, and nine were reported today. Of the ten cases, two individuals were determined to be close contacts to known positive cases, one case was determined to be community spread, two cases were determined to be related to a congregate setting facility, and five of the cases remain 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 **FOUR (4)** individuals admitted in the COVID-19 unit at PeaceHealth Ketchikan Medical Center.

The total cumulative case count, including travelers, is 633. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 612. Of the 612 cases, there are **82** active, **2** deceased, and **528** recovered.

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

Level 4 - Very High	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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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. 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. General Information on the COVID-19 vaccine in Alaska is provided at <http://covidvax.alaska.gov>.