



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

EOC COVID-19 UPDATE: NEW FREE COVID-19 DRIVE UP RAPID TESTING SITE

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For Immediate Release

Effective Thursday, July 8, 2021 free drive-up COVID-19 testing will resume in Ketchikan at a new location, the Alaska Marine Highway Terminal parking lot. Hours of operation will be 10:30am-5:30 pm, seven days per week. Those interested in a test will find the mobile testing trailer in Lane 7 of the AMHS parking lot at 3501 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan.

The State of Alaska Department of Health and Social Services assumed responsibility for the free community testing on June 26th, 2021. The state's new testing provider is Beacon Occupational Health and Safety Services, an Anchorage based provider. The free COVID-19 test provided by Beacon will now be a rapid, 15 minute test, so results will be made available immediately after the test. Patients will be asked to remain in the location until their test has been completed.

For questions regarding Beacon's testing, please contact the following phone number: 907-375-4381.

COVID-19 testing is now widely available in Ketchikan, several local also clinics provide testing upon request, for a fee. A list of those clinics and contact information is available at <https://www.kgbak.us/969/COVID-19-Testing-Information>.

In the event of a surge in positive COVID-19 cases in our community, the EOC has the ability to activate a testing operation to meet the need.

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