



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

### JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | EOC UPDATES

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#### For Immediate Release

This brief provides an update on information from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and its partner agencies.

#### COVID-19 Case Count Update

There were no additional cases of COVID-19 reported in Ketchikan today. The total number of positive cases of COVID-19 in Ketchikan remains at sixteen (16). Of these cases, two (2) individuals had a recent history of travel, and thirteen (13) individuals were identified as having been in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19.

Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Category					
	Travel-Related	Non-Travel Related	Close Contact to Positive Case	Travel/Contact Under Investigation	Total Cases
Total by category	2	1	13	0	16

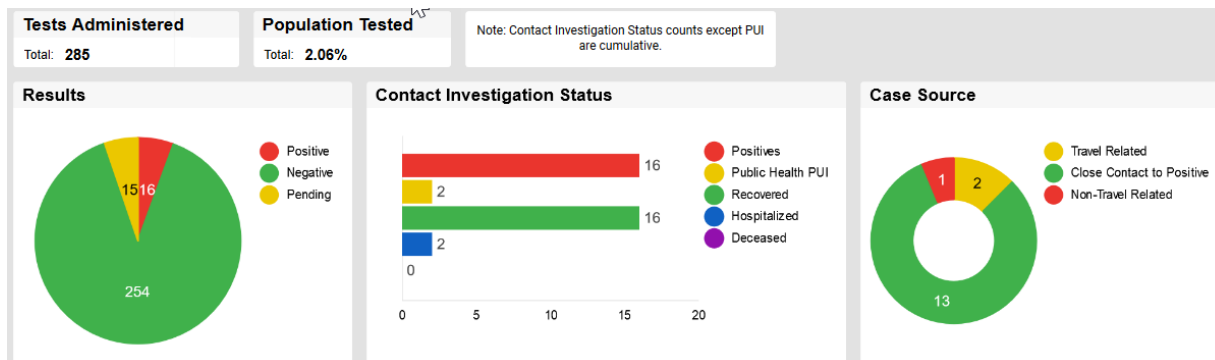
Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Count by Date	
Date	# Cases
3/17/2020	1
3/19/2020	1
3/20/2020	1
3/21/2020	3
3/24/2020	3
3/25/2020	2
3/26/2020	1
3/28/2020	1
4/1/2020	1
4/11/2020	1
4/20/2020	1
Total	16

Ketchikan COVID-19 Case Recovery Information
16 of the 16 cases have recovered and are no longer being monitored by Public Health.
<b>Criteria for release from monitoring/isolation:</b>
* At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as resolution of fever without the use of fever reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and,
* At least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

## COVID-19 Testing Update

285 tests have been conducted for COVID-19 in Ketchikan, with the following results:

Tests Conducted	Positive Results	Negative Results	Pending Results
285	16	254	15



<b>If you experience <u>any</u> symptoms of COVID-19, contact your regular provider or our testing hotline at 247-TEST (8378)</b>	<b>Testing capacity:</b>	
	Current Test kits:	880
	Test kits on order:	15,400
	Test kits expected within 2 weeks:	2,000

## Ketchikan Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Inventory

Ketchikan currently has the following PPE equipment available, with additional equipment on order:

Current Inventory	Quantity
N95 Masks (ea)	881
Surgical Masks (ea)	42049
Masks with Face Shields	2008
Goggles (ea)	101
Exam Gloves (bx 100)	959
Gowns (ea)	1718
Gowns heavy duty (ea)	3
Gowns Kit, full isolation	4
Hoods	16
PAPR (ea)	33
PAPR Hoods (ea)	115
Hand Sanitizer (4oz bottle)	1833
Hand Sanitizer (8oz bottle)	80
Hand Sanitizer (16oz pump)	24
Alcohol Prep Pads (ea)	40615
Sanitation Wipes (containers)	446

### **Gateway Recreation Center Use as Emergency Homeless Shelter Scheduled to End May 3**

With the changes in the Governor's Health Mandates, the EOC has determined that the Homeless Shelter operated at the Recreation Center can close. As of Sunday, May 3rd, shelter operations will cease at the center. First City Homeless Services will reopen its day shelter at the Methodist Church. The EOC will begin the cleaning of the Recreation Center on May 4th to include removal of equipment, furniture and floor coverings, and will perform pest control and disinfection treatments. Following the cleaning, Borough staff will be transitioned back to the Recreation Center to prepare the facility for operations within the constraints of the Governor's Health and Economic Recovery Mandates. The goal is to have the center available for operations by Memorial Day weekend or sooner.

### **Updates to Health Mandates to Reopen Alaska's Economy**

Governor Dunleavy, with Dr. Anne Zink, and DHSS Commissioner Crum, have announced the *Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan* effective Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to Health Mandate 16 released on April 22, the following announcements were made during the Governor's press conference tonight to be effective on April 24th:

- Households may engage in outdoor activities in family groups of less than 20.
- Fishing charters can resume for single household unit or up to 25% capacity of mixed units.
- Gyms can resume for outdoor activities of groups less than 20 with social distancing.
- Campgrounds are opened with social distancing in place.
- Alaskans are encouraged to "get out and see Alaska."
- Childcare and daycamps will be allowed.

New information is expected to be provided on the website on April 24<sup>th</sup> for fishing charters, religious services, childcare, gyms, and remote lodges.

### **Health Mandate 17 – Protective Measures for Independent Commercial Fishing Vessels**

This mandate was announced tonight, effective April 24<sup>th</sup>, and placed on the health mandate website. The purpose of this Mandate is to enact protective measures for independent commercial fishing vessels operating within Alaskan waters and ports in order to prevent, slow, and otherwise disrupt the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. The mandate requires protective measures and plans, and includes two appendices:

1. The Alaska Protective Plan for Commercial Fishing Vessels
2. Mandate 17 Acknowledgement Form

We encourage business owners to read the full texts of the revised mandates and ensure that your business can fully comply with the mandates prior to opening.

Health Mandate 16, as well as the attachments and guidance documents for restaurants, retail, personal services, non-public facing businesses, public-facing businesses are available at:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/reopen/>

Health Mandate 17 and all health mandates, are available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates/>.

Individuals, travelers, and business owners can submit questions to [covidquestions@alaska.gov](mailto:covidquestions@alaska.gov).

### **Ongoing Social Distancing**

Ketchikan's social distancing efforts are working and we are seeing the positive results with the lack of positive COVID-19 cases this week. We urge the community to continue to practice safe social distancing and to:

- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear cloth masks in public.
- Stay at least six feet away from others in public settings.
- Wash your hands.
- Don't touch your face.

### **EOC Information**

The Ketchikan EOC Unified Command Objectives for response to the COVID-19 Emergency are:

1. Safeguard the health and safety of personnel and the public
2. Slow/stop the spread of COVID-19
3. Increase COVID-19 testing capacity
4. Care for the sick
5. Provide public information
6. Mitigate community/economic impact

Additional current information is available on the State of Alaska's new collaborative website at [www.covid19.alaska.gov](http://www.covid19.alaska.gov). EOC information and the response to the COVID-19 outbreak in Ketchikan is updated daily on the COVID-19 Response page at <https://www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response>.

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