



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | ONE NEW CASE IN KETCHIKAN

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For Immediate Release

We have received information from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that there has been one (1) new positive test result for COVID-19 in Ketchikan. This brings the total number of positive cases in Ketchikan to thirteen (13).

This individual does not have a history of recent travel. Upon becoming symptomatic, this individual was placed into self-quarantine, and was tested for COVID-19 through the Creekside Clinic. Public Health will continue its contact investigation with this individual to determine whether this case is related to close contact to a prior case. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Following the positive test results, Ketchikan Public Health officials contacted this individual and will continue to monitor their condition to ensure continued self-isolation. Public Health officials are conducting a contact investigation and reach out to any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and isolate additional persons as appropriate. Through the contact investigation, Public Health will direct testing of persons that meet criteria based on contact with any confirmed case of COVID-19. Individuals who meet the criteria are being tested in accordance with CDC and State of Alaska priorities.

In accordance with Governor Dunleavy's Health Mandate #11 and in order to stop the spread of COVID-19, effective at 5:00 today, all persons in Alaska, except for those engaged in essential services and essential business activities, are **mandated to remain at their place of residence and practice social distancing**. Social distancing is defined as maintaining a distance of six feet or greater from any individuals with whom you do not currently reside.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, **call your healthcare provider for medical advice**.

Information on COVID-19, including the Governor's Health Mandates, is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.coronavirus.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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