



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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: UPDATE ON JUNE 9TH POSITIVE CASE

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For Immediate Release

We have received updated information from the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) that the individual reported as testing positive for COVID-19 on June 9th is located in Craig, Alaska.

The EOC learned today from Public Health Officials that additional information became available through the continued contact investigation with this individual. Due to a language barrier, this additional information was not readily available at the time of the initial contact and announcement of the positive case.

During the interview with the individual, Public Health learned that the individual, who arrived to Ketchikan by plane and received a COVID-19 test at the traveler testing site at the airport, proceeded to travel to Prince of Wales Island and is now located in Craig.

As reported in our June 9 release, the individual was instructed to self-quarantine while awaiting the test results. Upon notification of the positive result last evening, the individual was directed to isolate.

Part of the purpose of the traveler testing operation at the airport is to conduct testing for travelers who are changing modes of transportation and continuing on to other locations in Southeast Alaska. This detection of a positive case of a traveler whose final destination was another island community shows the importance of the testing program.

Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation to identify any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and quarantine 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.

Attached is the media release issued by the City of Craig.

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