



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

MEDIA RELEASE: FIVE NEW POSITIVE CASES IDENTIFIED AT TRAVELER TESTING SITE

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For Immediate Release

Five (5) new positive test results for COVID-19 have been identified through the traveler testing site at the Ketchikan airport. All five people arrived on Wednesday, June 10th, and all were instructed to quarantine until receiving test results.

- One individual is a Ketchikan resident.
- One individual was traveling to Ketchikan as a visitor.
- One individual is a nonresident and is staying in Ketchikan for work.
- Two individuals were traveling to Prince of Wales (POW) Island, and participated in the traveler testing at the Ketchikan airport prior to continuing to POW. These two individuals stayed overnight at a Ketchikan hotel before traveling to POW the next day. While in Ketchikan, the two self-quarantined at the hotel.

All five individuals have been contacted by a health care provider with notification of the positive result. All five individuals have been directed to isolate and are being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health officials have been notified and will begin the contact investigations this afternoon and reach out to any person who may have come into contact with these individuals. 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. Individuals who meet the criteria are being tested in accordance with CDC and State of Alaska priorities.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop symptoms, such as a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice or use the Testing Hotline and call 247-TEST (8378). The EOC Drive-Up COVID-19 Testing Clinic will be open each Wednesday and Thursday from 11 am to 1 pm at Berth 3.

Information regarding the Alaska Health Mandate 10.1 (International and Interstate Travel) is available at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>. Information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at www.covid19.alaska.gov.

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