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

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE IN KETCHIKAN

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For Immediate Release
We have received information from a local healthcare provider 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 seventeen (17).

This individual arrived to Ketchikan by plane and received a COVID-19 test at the traveler testing site at the airport upon arrival. The individual was instructed to self-quarantine while awaiting the test results. Upon notification of the positive result, the individual has been directed to isolate and is being monitored by healthcare providers.

Public Health officials have been notified and will initiate a contact investigation this evening and reach out to 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. 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 on Wednesday, June 10th, and Thursday, June 11th, 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.

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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