



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

MEDIA RELEASE: TWO NEW POSITIVE CASES IN KETCHIKAN

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For Immediate Release

Two (2) new positive test results for COVID-19 have been identified through a local health care provider. The individuals are non-residents currently staying in Ketchikan for work. Both of these individuals had been in close contact to a person who was previously reported as testing positive to COVID-19. Both individuals are asymptomatic and sought testing during their monitored quarantine due to their close contact with the positive case.

Following notification of the positive test results, these two individuals were placed into isolation. Public Health officials will continue to monitor their condition to ensure continued self-isolation.

Public Health officials will begin the contact investigation today 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.

These cases bring the cumulative COVID-19 case count, including travelers, to 34. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 30. Of the 30 cases, 5 are still active, and 25 have recovered.

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.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan is provided at www.kgbak.us/913/COVID-19-Response. 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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