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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Positive COVID-19 Cases at Kayhi Weekend Events | Kayhi Closure April 28

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(Ketchikan, Alaska) – Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District has been notified of five positive COVID-19 cases of individuals who attended the wrestling tournament held at Kayhi on April 23 and 24, and one individual who attended the Kayhi prom and parent-sponsored after prom party held on April 24.

Public Health, District Nursing Staff, and Coaching Staff, are working together to identify close contacts and will reach out to anyone identified as a close contact and instruct them to quarantine. The contact tracing has been mostly completed and will be finalized within the next 24 hours.

Ketchikan High School will be closed Wednesday, April 28, with remote learning schedule in place. All activities, practices, and after-school events are cancelled for today and Wednesday. The Public Health Teen Vaccination Clinic will still occur Tuesday and Wednesday as scheduled.

We encourage anyone who attended the wrestling tournament, Kayhi prom, or the parent-sponsored prom after-party, to monitor for symptoms and cooperate fully with Public Health, the District Nursing Staff, or Coaching staff, should you be contacted by them. If you are notified that you are a close contact to a known positive, follow the directives for quarantine and testing.

These strategies, in addition to getting vaccinated, will help the District be able to finish out the school year with as much on-site learning and activities as possible.

District staff has sent a letter with additional information to Kayhi families.

We appreciate all the efforts of our staff, parents, and students during this time. A special thank you to our District Nurse, Principals, and Public Health for the extra time taken to ensure our schools are safe and healthy.

Beth Lougee, Superintendent

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