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

MEDIA RELEASE: ONE NEW KETCHIKAN RESIDENT POSITIVE CASE

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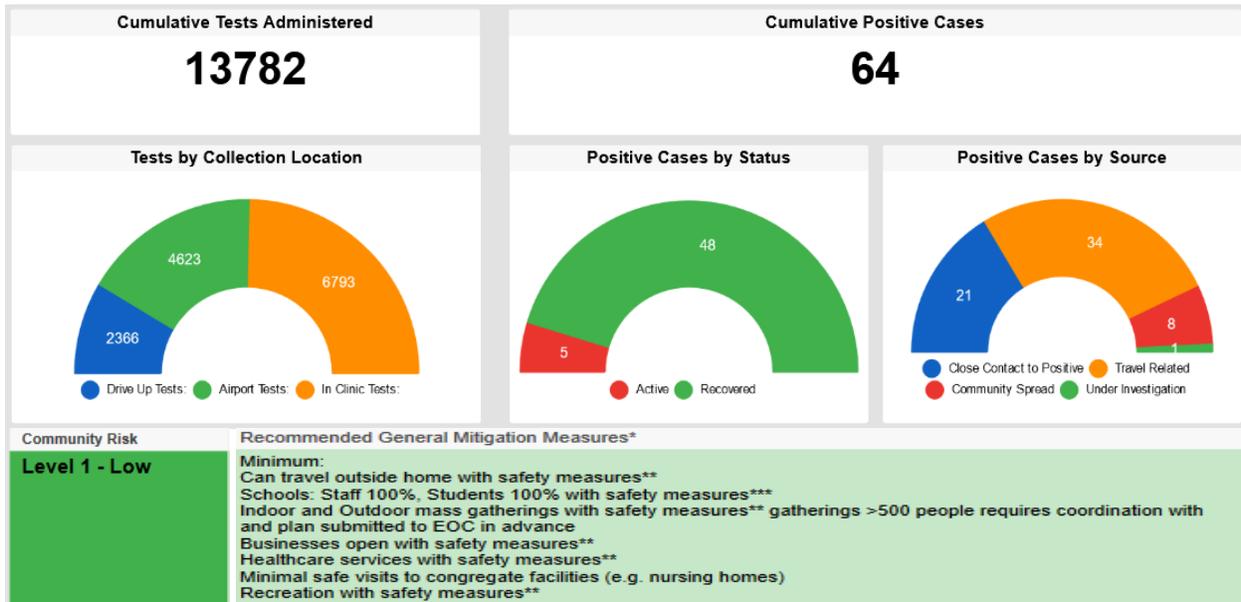Contact: Kacie Paxton, Public Information Officer, 228-2464

For Immediate Release

One new positive case of COVID-19 has been identified today through a local clinic. This individual is a Ketchikan resident who sought testing due to experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19. This person has been notified of the positive result, and is isolating at home. The source of how this person acquired the virus is under investigation. Public Health officials have begun the contact investigation and will reach out to any person who may have come into contact with this individual. Public Health will notify and quarantine additional persons as appropriate.

Regarding the two positive cases announced on August 28th, both cases were travel related.

Today's case brings the cumulative COVID-19 case count for Ketchikan, including travelers, to 64. The number of positive cases of individuals residing or staying in Ketchikan is 53. Of the 53 cases, 5 are still active, and 48 have recovered.

The current Community Risk Level is at Level 1 – Low.

Current information on the response to COVID-19 in Ketchikan, including additional data regarding Ketchikan's community risk, is provided at www.kgbak.us/covid19. 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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