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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:****Two Positive COVID-19 Cases at Ketchikan High School**

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(Ketchikan, Alaska) – Ketchikan High School was recently notified of two positive COVID-19 cases within the Kayhi family. We are working closely with the Ketchikan EOC and Public Health to respond, appropriately taking all needed precautions to protect the health of our community, as well as assisting with identifying potential close contacts.

Each situation calls for different protocols. In this case, we will take the following steps:

1. Principal will notify Kayhi Staff, Students, and Parents.
2. The school facility will be closed down to on-site attendance, including the annex, for a minimum of 24 hours on Thursday, December 3rd. Staff and students will proceed with the remote learning schedule for Group 2 students on Thursday, December 3rd. (Group 1 students will continue with their asynchronous learning day as planned.) All activities, practices, and afterschool events will be cancelled for Thursday, December 3rd. Staff and students will be notified when they can return to school, and will proceed with the planned asynchronous learning day for Friday, December 4th.
3. Counseling services will continue to be available to all students during the temporary closure. Information has been provided to students and parents regarding how to access counseling support during this time.
4. Ketchikan Pest Control will disinfect the school building.
5. Custodial workers will conduct a deep cleaning of the building.
6. Updates to the public will go out as we receive updated information in collaboration with Public Health.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation while we prepare our school for re-opening. We encourage the Ketchikan community to take all recommended precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to protect our students, staff, and loved ones.

Beth Lougee, Superintendent

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