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TO: CBJ Assembly

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RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High** - Operational Period 35 (08/01/21 – 08/31/21)

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
Level 3 - High	The community is experiencing high case positivity. The Delta variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	The hospital case loads have been increasing but covid positive patients are still contained to the CCU. Hospital capacity within in Alaska and in the Pacific Northwest is restricted.	Contact tracing is becoming more difficult due to the high number of contacts per positive individual and the ability to get information from some positive individuals.

The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#) or by going to [Juneau.org/ COVID-19](https://juneau.org/COVID-19)

Situation Assessment: The 14 and 7 day case rates remain elevated at the very high alert level. The Delta variant is driving case transmission locally and statewide. The community is urged to be cautious. Everyone regardless of vaccination status is now required to mask when indoors in public places. It is highly recommended that individuals limit social contact to mitigate disease spread and allow for effective contact tracing. Individuals should test immediately if they have even mild symptoms. **The single most effective strategy to mitigate COVID is to get vaccinated.**

Issues of Note:

Due to the high volume of COVID cases the State's Public Health system is no longer able to provide specialized reporting at the local level. The Juneau EOC will continue to work closely with Juneau Public Health to understand how COVID is transmitting in the community, but case level detail will not be available. The EOC will pivot to the information available on the State dashboard. Not all reporting that we are used to seeing will be available.

Case counts continue at a high rate, averaging 19.43 new cases a day in Juneau for the month of August.

The EOC held a pop up testing clinic for downtown bar and restaurant workers last week. The testing site will continue on a weekly basis. In addition, other pop up sites are being considered and logistics worked out to provide testing in different locations.

Staffing has been increased at the FTC to handle a higher testing load. More appointments were made available over the weekend and it is expected that the FTC will be able to handle up to 220 tests per day by mid week.

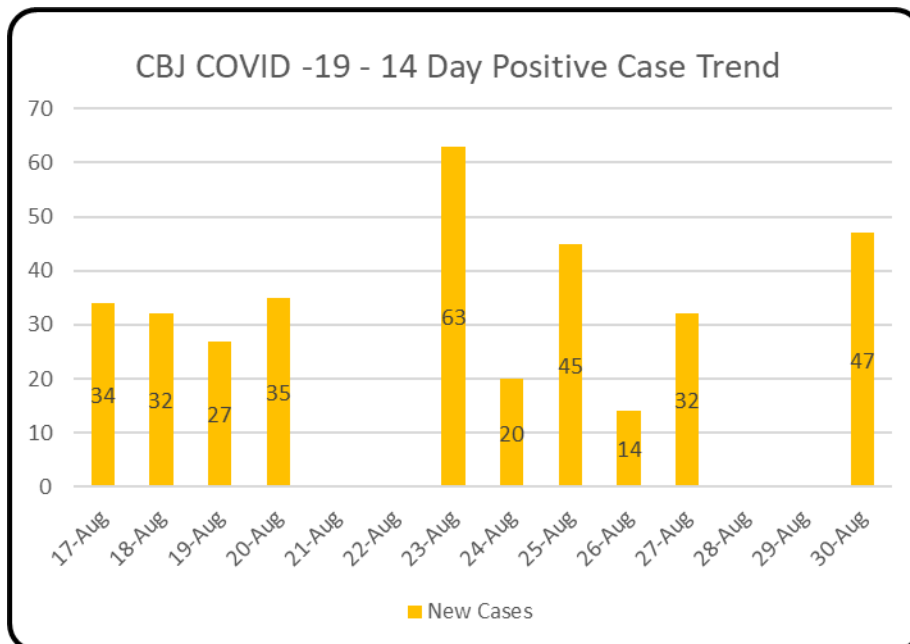
General Case Trends:

Juneau Public Health was able to report generalized case trends for the last 7 days.

- There continues to be small case activity with one of the mines. The mine is conducting regular testing, all individuals who are positive are isolating, and close contacts are in quarantine.
- A lot of cases are coming from household spread once one person in the house is positive, most people in the household also test positive over the next week or two.
- Regular screening testing is showing some case activity in congregate living situations. Facilities are being extra vigilant in COVID mitigation protocols.
- There is some case positivity on small and large cruise ships. Protocols are being followed closely and identified positives are not being allowed off the vessels.
- The School District continues to report regular case activity. They are monitoring closely and working issues classroom by classroom. Most case positivity is showing up in elementary schools as the age group is not yet eligible for vaccination.

Daily Numbers update: We are reporting 80 new cases since the last EOC report on August 26th (F-M). 78 residents and 2 onresidents. The State is reporting some difficulties in reporting data for Sunday so it is possible this does not represent the total cases during that time period.

The state is reporting 87,908 total positive cases, an increase of 1,155 new cases since the last EOC update on August 26th. The State is reporting some difficulties in reporting data for Sunday so it is possible this does not represent the total cases during that time period.



Weekly Summary – 14 day lookback for positive tests August 17^h – August 29th

Over the last 14 days there have been 349 positive cases in Juneau. Elevated case counts statewide, precludes Public Health from providing more detailed information at the local level about case acquisition, age, race, or gender breakdown, or vaccine breakthrough data.

Breakthrough Cases: Vaccine breakthrough (VB) infections of COVID are those detected in a person who is at least 2 weeks beyond their second dose of a 2-dose series or the only dose of a 1-dose series.

From January 1–August 21, 2021, 15 deaths, 76 hospitalizations, and 3,735 cases with a VB infection were reported among Alaska residents. These counts are provisional and subject to change as more data are compiled. In that same time frame, a total of 34,040 cases, 837 hospitalizations, and 137 deaths were reported.

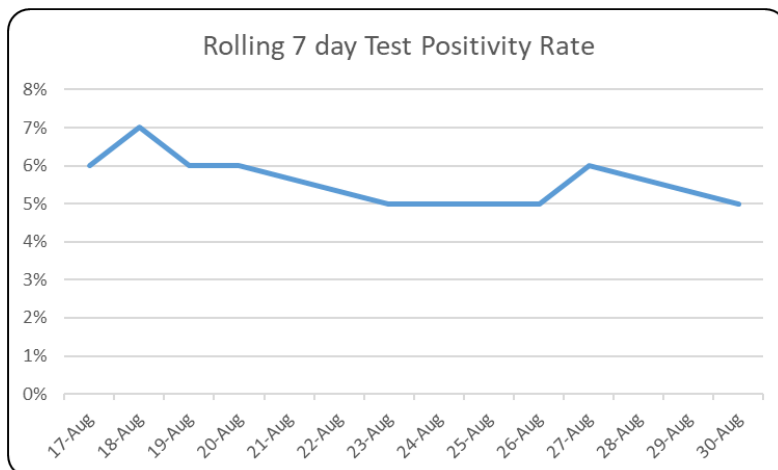
89% of all cases, 91% of all hospitalizations, and 89% of deaths among Alaska residents from January 1 through August 21, 2021 were in people who were not fully vaccinated.

Variants of Concern:

The Delta variant has become the dominant SARS-CoV-2 variant in Alaska. This variant transmits more easily than other variants. The State of Alaska weekly genomic surveillance report is online at http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/siteassets/pages/humancov/AKSeqCon_GenomicSituationReport.pdf

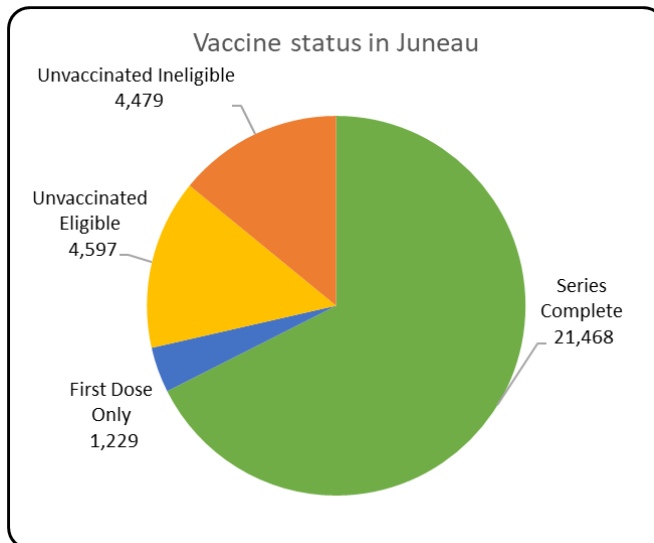
Testing Summary:

872 COVID tests were processed through BRH since the last EOC report bringing the total number of tests at BRH to 1,630 for the week. All tests processed through BRH are returning in less than 24 hours.



Vaccination Updates:

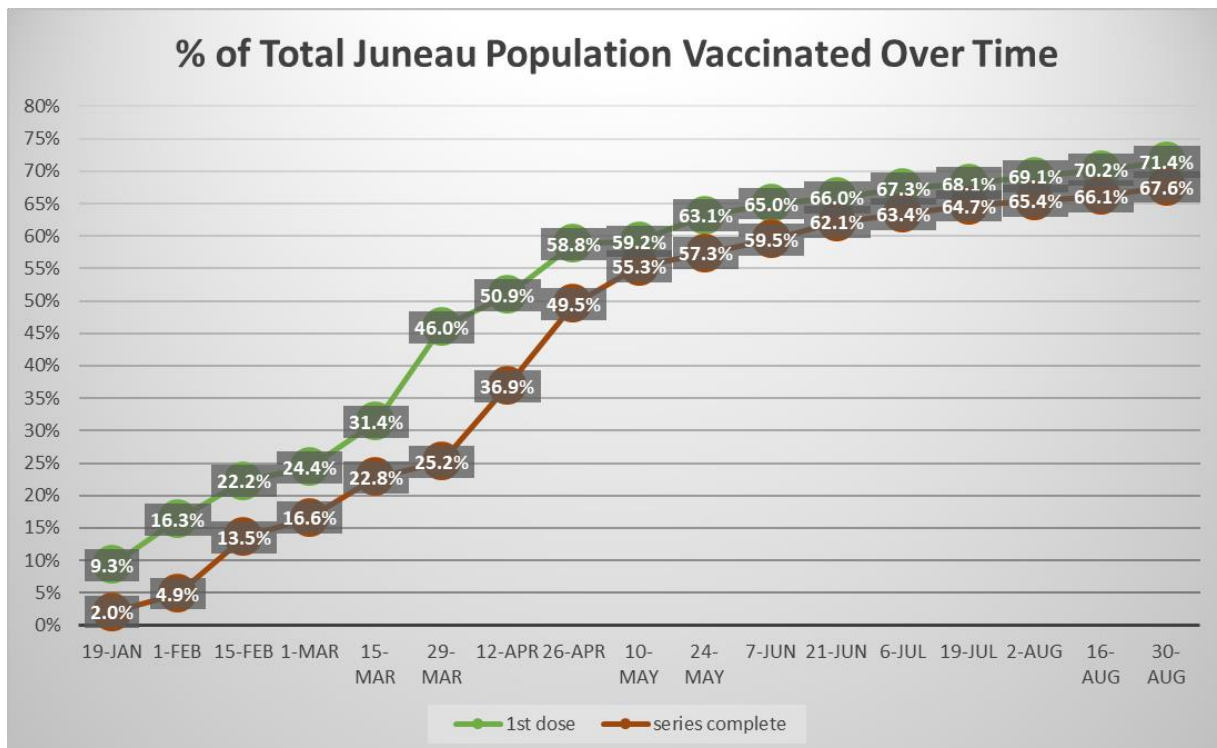
Last week, there were a total of 123, 1st doses and 277, 2nd doses administered in Juneau. However, there are data discrepancies with one day of reporting from last week. The data from that one day is not included at this point. We've reached out to the state who is conducting a quality check on that day's data prior to us reporting the numbers.



Total: **71.4%** of the of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **67.6%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **83.3%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **78.7%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **91.9%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **89.2%** have completed the vaccine series. (State updated dashboard)



Vaccine Clinics:

Every Thursday in August & September: 9 am – 4 pm, Juneau Public Health Center, 3412 Glacier Hwy

Every day in August & September: 12:30 – 9:30 -Juneau International Airport

Private providers and Pharmacies in town: [Juneau.org/vaccine](https://juneau.org/vaccine) to check appointment availability

