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TO: CBJ Assembly

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Situation Assessment: Our overall number of positive cases are climbing compared to previous weeks. Our 7 and 14 day case rate indicators are rising within the high alert level range. The disease is transferring within the unsheltered cluster and by community spread - residents are urged to take appropriate cautions and in particular to refrain from indoor, unmasked activities with individuals outside of family bubbles.

Issues of Note:
The EOC continues to manage Centennial Hall as an isolation support center. We’ve received nearly all of the results from our Friday testing. We anticipate 14 clients at the Hall this evening.

We are re-engaging with many of the organizations – primarily churches – who have submitted large gathering exemption requests due to the large gathering reduction associated with being at level 3. In general, organizations are able to ensure adequate mitigation measures at the high risk level and continue their operations.

We reached out to 42 of the bars and restaurants for whom we have contact information today regarding the level 3 mitigation measures.

As a reminder, the community-wide influenza vaccination events (PODs) are occurring this weekend. Saturday at TMHS and Sunday at FDMS. Saturday is drive-through only, ages 9 and up. Sunday is targeted for families with younger children.

Daily Numbers Report:

The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found here or by going to Juneau.org/COVID-19
Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

We are reporting 11 new resident cases today. Four of these are associated with our PEH cluster which brings the total cluster count to 66. Of those 66, 27 are recovered and 16 are peripherally connected with people experiencing homelessness.

Of the remaining cases being reported today, 3 are travel related and the rest are under investigation.

The effectiveness of contact tracing is somewhat limited with many of our current cases related to the unsheltered/vulnerable population cluster due to many individuals lack of clear contact information and occasional mental/behavioral health challenges.

The state dashboard is showing a lower number of resident cases and nonresident cases than what is reported on the CBJ dashboard. In addition, our recovered numbers continue to be larger than what is being reported by the state. This is due to the timing of reporting. CBJ numbers are more accurate.

The State of Alaska is reporting 202 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative case count to 12,559.

We began reporting the “resident” number rather than the “combined” number for our 7 and 14-day case rate indicators. These numbers come from the state dashboard and the combined number is less accurate due to mathematical issues in the background. The combined number was more accurate when we were seeing more non-resident (but present in Juneau) cases over the summer.

Testing:

On 10/20: 116 results were returned between 10/12 and 10/16, or a 4 – 8 day turnaround. 106 of these results were returned in 4 – 5 days.
This chart tracks the number of new cases in the past 7 days, controlled for population. King County (Seattle) and Multnomah County (Portland) are included for context and due to travel frequency. The source data for Alaska is from the SOA dashboard. Out of state data is from the Harvard Global Health Institute (https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/) and generally lags a day behind most of our other reporting. Policy recommendations at varying levels (<1, <10, <25, 25+) can be found on their website.