DATE: October 22, 2020

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 anticipate 13 clients at the Hall this evening. We will be performing another round of testing for the unsheltered population and related support organizations tomorrow.

We continue to engage with businesses impacted by the mitigation strategies who have exemption requests, both for gatherings and fitness classes. Those with mitigation plans in place can submit an exemption request to the EOC for consideration.

As a reminder, the community-wide influenza vaccination events (PODs) are occurring this weekend. Saturday at TMHS and Sunday at FDMS, both events 10a-2p. Saturday is drive-through only, ages 9 and up. Sunday is targeted for families with younger children, 6 months and up.

Daily Numbers Report:
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Assembly EOC Update
CBJ COVID-19 Response

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Note: CBJ EOC data may differ from the data reported on the State of Alaska dashboard due to lags in data entry on the state level.

Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

We are reporting 5 new resident and 2 new non-resident cases (mining) today. One of these is associated with our PEH cluster which brings the total cluster count to 68 (one case from yesterday was associated with the cluster today).

Of the remaining cases being reported today, 2 are travel related, 1 is secondary, 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 208 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative case count to 12,790.

Testing:

On 10/21: 306 results were returned that were collected between 10/9 and 10/18, or a 3 – 12 day turnaround. 302 of these results were returned in 3 – 6 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.