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DATE: October 28, 2020  
 TO: CBJ Assembly  
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 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High-** Operational Period 24 (10/15/2020 – 10/29/2020)

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity	<b>The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found <a href="#">here</a> or by going to <a href="#">Juneau.org/COVID-19</a></b>
<b>Level 3 - High</b>	Community spread based cases are occurring at an increasing rate and the unsheltered/vulnerable population cluster is growing.	The hospital case load is stable.	Contact tracing efforts are constrained due to the nature and volume of cases.	

**Situation Assessment:** Our overall number of positive cases are climbing compared to previous weeks. Our 7 and 14 day case rate indicators are in the very high alert level range. The disease is transferring within the unsheltered cluster and by community spread among other populations, and contact tracing is impaired due to caseloads and the nature of contacts required. Residents must take appropriate cautions, including limiting social bubbles to immediate family members.

**Issues of Note:**

We had a Unified Command meeting today.

BRH: COVID related construction for the testing equipment and triage area is going well. The project should be completed on a timely basis. Rainforest Recovery is reopening with appropriate COVID protocols in place. The hospital continues to see COVID positive patients but has adjusted workflow and it is working smoothly.

JSD: The district continues to plan for bringing elementary students back into classrooms in November. There are many details to work out and plans are still very much in fluctuation. In the meantime, groups of students are being accommodate on site including special needs, those who need internet connections, and some hands on classes.

The EOC raised the alert level in the Public Health Capacity risk category to High yesterday. Due to increasing case positivity across the state, our local Public Health office is seeing a delay in the reporting of COVID positive test results from private providers and testing facilities other than tests done through CCFR. The individuals who test positive are being notified directly form providers but notification to local Public Health is lagging.

Public Health reported that they received 3 calls today based on the communications information we pushed out yesterday about notifying PH if someone receive a COVID positive test result. We are hopeful this will speed up contact tracing and quarantine of close contacts.

Of the 95 active cases, 23 are active within the vulnerable/unsheltered population cluster. Case activity outside of the cluster is significant, particularly around family and social gatherings. The CBJ EOC urges residents to refrain from indoor, unmasked gatherings and limit social bubbles to immediate family members.

The EOC continues to manage Centennial Hall as an isolation support center. We have at least 6 new positive cases out of the round of testing that was conducted on 10/23. We believe about half of the 140 tests from that date have returned. Another round of testing will occur on Friday the 30<sup>th</sup>.

We have confirmation that Fulgent Labs received the first batch of test samples today around 12:30 pm.

Commercial airline passenger loads are stabilizing at a lower level. Please see the chart at the end of this report for more information.

**Daily Numbers Report:**

We are reporting 12 new cases today

COVID-19 In Juneau				
	Active	Recovered	Deceased	Cumulative
Resident	93	390	3	486
Non Resident	2	102	0	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>590</b>

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.

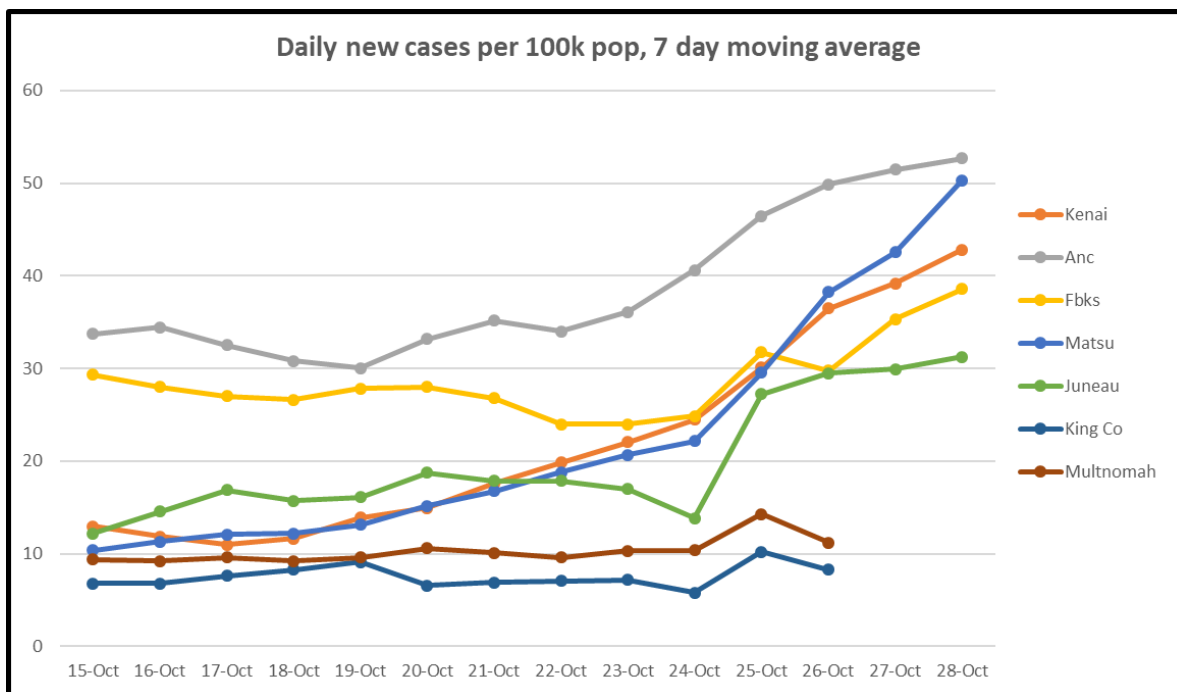
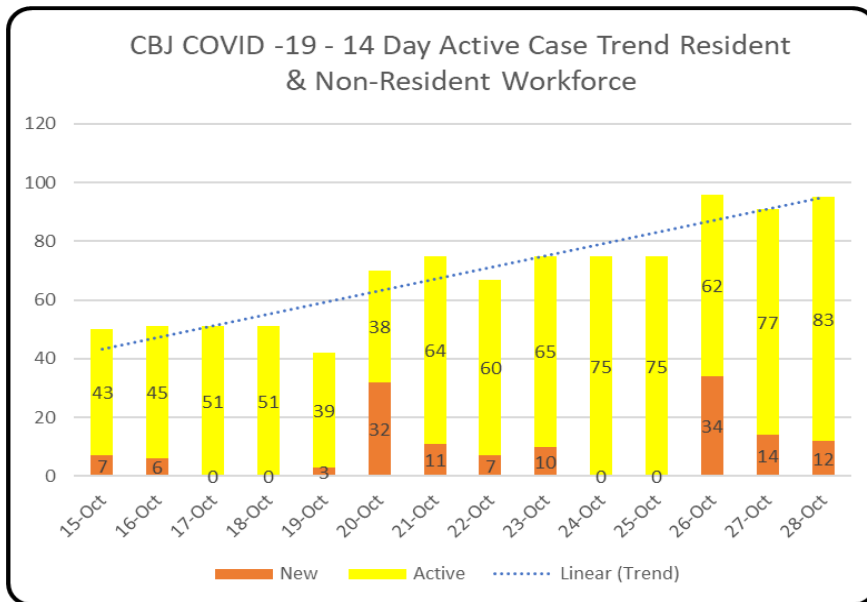
Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

Public Health is attributing one of the new cases to secondary transmission. The remaining cases are under investigation.

Of the new cases, six are linked to other cases among Juneau’s vulnerable/unsheltered population, bringing that cluster total to 85 so far. Within the cluster, 23 cases are active and 62 have recovered. The cluster includes family members, friends, individuals who work for a social service organization, and those who live with someone who works for one of these agencies.

The State of Alaska is reporting 353 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative case count to 15,155.

Testing: 186 test results were received with collection dates between 10/21/2020 - 10/24/2020. This represents a 3 – 6 day turnaround time. Tests were fairly evenly spread across the 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

