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TO: CBJ Assembly

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**Situation Assessment:** Our 14 day and 7 day case rate indicators are in the High Alert level. The disease continues to move across all disease acquisition types: community spread, secondary transmission, and travel. A more aggressive strain of COVID-19 has been identified in Alaska. We caution the public to strictly adhere to all health orders related to travel and to continue strict adherence to masking and social distancing when outside your immediate home.

**Issues of Note:**
The Governor’s current emergency disaster declaration is set to expire on February 14th at 11:59pm. A bill (SB56) extending the emergency until September 21, 2021, has been filed. Given the current status at the legislature, the earliest anticipated action is the end of February. The state will come up with a bridge plan, but the state is recommending that local governments have standing emergency orders in place to cover the duration.

JSD is reporting two separate COVID exposure events. An individual tested positive at JDHS who participated in the January 29-30 Boys Basketball series between JDHS and Thunder Mountain High School that took place at TMHS. Due to possible exposure at that event, all teams involved – JDHS junior varsity and varsity boys basketball teams and TMHS junior varsity and varsity boys basketball teams – are quarantining and will test for COVID-19. Public Health and the school district have completed contact tracing and individuals who may have been exposed have already been contacted. In-person instruction has not been disrupted at either high school.

At Auke Bay, one classroom – staff and students – is currently quarantining. Public Health and the school district have completed contact tracing and individuals who may have been exposed have already been contacted. In-person instruction in the rest of the school has not been impacted.

JSD has information about COVID activity within the school district on their website.
Vaccine updates: 20.5% of the Juneau population age 16 and above have been vaccinated with 6.6% of the population having received their 2nd dose.

Registration for POD 2 is underway. The POD is currently open to healthcare workers and community members 65 years of age and up. We are verifying that all those registered are actually eligible. At present, there are about 350 appointments available. State data indicates that about 66% of those who are 65 years of age and older in Juneau have been vaccinated – leaving a balance of approximately 1500 individuals in that age grouping yet to be vaccinated. We are following the State’s decisions about when to open the next tier very closely.

Daily Numbers Report:
We are reporting 2 new cases today.

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Note: CBJ EOC data may differ from the data reported on the State of Alaska dashboard.

Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:
We are reporting 1 new resident case and 1 new nonresident case. The nonresident positive is travel related and associated with the mining industry. The resident positive is a staff member at Wildflower Court and the case is under investigation. At present, the case is being included in the current Wildflower Court cluster bringing the total positives to 11 with 3 recovered.

The State is reporting 184 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative total to 55,005 cases.

Testing: 2/03/21: 56 test results were received from the Fulgent Lab with collection dates between 01/30/2021 – 02/02/2021 – 1 test returned within 1 day, 19 tests returned in 2 days, 35 tests returned in 3 days, and 1 test returned in 4 days. Please note: We are in the process of determining how to report out airport testing with the conversion of operations to Capstone.
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.