DATE: August 19, 2021
TO: CBJ Assembly
FROM: Mila Cosgrove, Incident Commander
RE: Situational Update – Level 3 Modified High - Operational Period 35 (08/01/21 – 08/31/21)

**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:**
The EOC is reporting one new death in Juneau, a male in his 50s. Our thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

Case counts continue at a high rate, averaging 17.21 new cases a day in Juneau for the month of August. This is the highest rate we’ve experienced since the beginning of the pandemic.

The EOC will implement full Level 3 community mitigation measures effective at 5:00 pm on Friday, August 20th. We will hold a press conference tomorrow morning at 9:00 am to announce the change and underscore the importance of community action.

There is case transmission among the shelter and housing first population putting significant stress on the existing respite program. Temporary lodging used for isolation is in demand due to summer visitors. We continue to work the issue.
Supply chain constraints related to rapid testing and other ancillary COVID related items is causing some operational delays. Staffing is also constrained and BRH, JSD and CBJ are reporting difficulty in filling positions.

For August 18 and 19, the Juneau School District reports nine individuals who’ve tested positive for COVID-19 and were infectious while in school – three at Auke Bay Elementary, one at Harborview Elementary, one at Sayeik: Gastineau Elementary, one at Sit’ Eeti Shaanáx Glacier Valley Elementary, and three at Thunder Mountain High School. COVID-19 cases related to schools are posted on the district website as they are reported.

Planning is underway for vaccine clinics to administer booster shots when fully authorized and to plan for vaccination of the 5 – 11 year old community.

Numbers Report: We are reporting 97 new cases since the last EOC report on August 16th (T-TH).

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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 88 new resident cases and 9 new nonresident cases. 11 cases are community spread, 24 cases are secondary infection, 4 cases are travel, and the remaining 56 cases are under investigation.

The out of town youth sports cluster is up to 22 positives with 18 recovered.

The state is reporting 82,687 total positive cases, an increase of 1,802 new cases since August 16th.

Vaccine Clinics:
Every Thursday in August: 9 am – 4 pm, Juneau Public Health Center, 3412 Glacier Hwy
Every day in August: 12:30 – 9:30 - Juneau International Airport
Vaccine is also available through pharmacies and private providers
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.