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DATE: September 30, 2021  
 TO: CBJ Assembly  
 FROM: Mila Cosgrove, Incident Commander  
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High**

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
<b>Level 3 - High</b>	The community is experiencing high case positivity. The Delta variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	The hospital case loads have been increasing but covid positive patients are still contained to the CCU. Hospital capacity within in Alaska and in the Pacific Northwest is restricted.	Contact tracing is becoming more difficult due to the high number of contacts per positive individual and the ability to get information from some positive individuals.

**The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#) or by going to [Juneau.org/ COVID-19](https://Juneau.org/COVID-19)**

**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:**

Effective 10/1, Robert Barr will take over the EOC Incident Commander role and Denise Koch (Deputy Director, Engineering & Public Works) will take over as Planning Section Chief.

Case counts look like they are beginning to level out this week. For the month of September, we averaged 30.43 new cases a day in Juneau. The State of Alaska has been experiencing a backlog of data but is now mostly caught up – please see the note in the next paragraph. The EOC believes case counts are high, but below what is being reported by the State. The EOC reaches this conclusion by looking at BRH data which is reported real time and extrapolating from there. Based on that, the EOC believes the real case data is closer to 21 – 28 new cases per day.

DHSS provided the following statement to the ADN Tuesday about the backlogged cases: Each day is a mix of recently reported cases and ones that are “backlogged” (i.e., they were reported to us in the previous weeks or bulk reported in large numbers of cases from a specific testing facility). The drop in cases reported out today (yesterday when AK cases were 694) largely reflects the fact that our team was able to process through the bulk of backlogged cases last week and through the weekend. Going forward in the week

ahead, we will continue to process paper reports, smaller batches of electronic reports that are only about 5-7 days old, and daily reported cases. *It's important to underscore that people should be looking more at weekly trends, as there can be substantial day-to-day variation in daily electronic cases that are reported to us.*

Vaccine [Booster shots](#) are available to individuals who received the Pfizer vaccine more than 6 months ago and are:

- Age 65+
- Residents and staff in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ and have [underlying medical conditions](#), including asthma, diabetes, obesity
- Age 18+ and work in [high-risk settings](#), including healthcare workers, teachers, grocery store workers

If you fall into one of these groups, you can register on [juneau.org/vaccine](http://juneau.org/vaccine) to receive a booster shot this Friday or Saturday, October 1 & 2 at Centennial Hall, or call 586-6000. Flu shots will also be available to individuals at the clinic who wish to get one during the same visit.

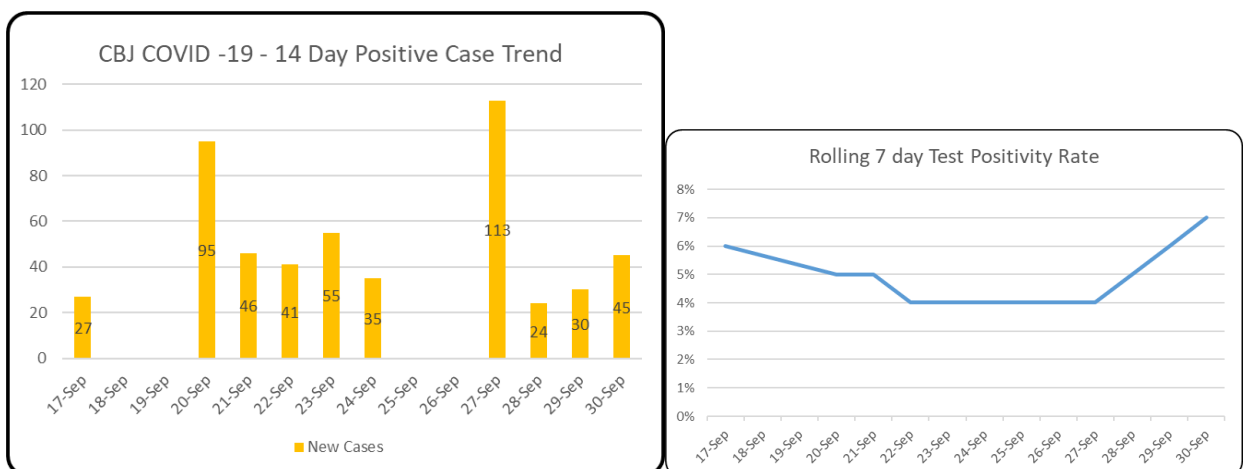
Testing continues among our vulnerable populations with some ongoing COVID related positivity. COVID positive individuals among this population are isolating either at their current shelter location or in respite hotel rooms.

The hospital system Statewide and in the Pacific Northwest continues to be significantly compromised. BRH is reporting intermittent difficulties in transporting patients when needed. ICUs beds in other locations are full and it takes time and resources to determine a place to transfer critically ill patients.

BRH reports significant case loads which has resulted in high hospital census. Staff is stretched thin but all services are covered. The Monoclonal antibody clinic is operational. Patients can get a referral by speaking with their primary physician or by calling the hospital directly.

Due to hospital overload, popup testing clinics on Mondays and Wednesdays are being temporarily cancelled. MIH staff will be redeployed to assist BRH with in home medical care and other services that will provide relief to hospital staffing.

**Numbers Report:** We are reporting 99 new cases since the last EOC report on September 27<sup>th</sup> (T-TH). 99 of these cases were among the resident population and no cases were reported for non residents.



**Vaccine Clinics:**

**Every Thursday in September & October:** 9 am – 4 pm, Juneau Public Health Center, 3412 Glacier Hwy

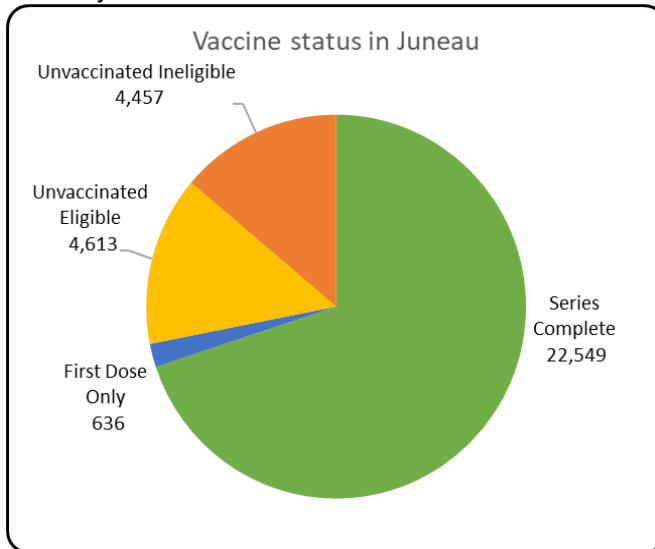
**Every day in September & October:** 12:30 – 9:30 -Juneau International Airport

**October 1&2:** Centennial Hall – Registration is currently open

Vaccine is also available through pharmacies and private providers

**Vaccine Numbers:**

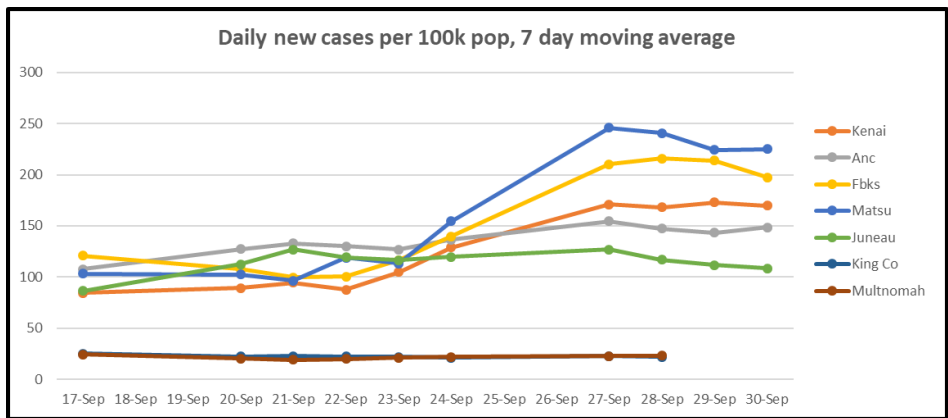
Data adjustments at the State level have revised our reporting numbers slightly.



Total: **71.9%** of the of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **69.9%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **83.4%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **81.1%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **97.2%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **93.3%** have completed the vaccine series.



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

