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DATE: October 21, 2021
 TO: CBJ Assembly
 FROM: Robert Barr, Incident Commander
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High**

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
Level 3 - High	The community is experiencing high case positivity. The Delta variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	Local hospital case loads and staffing capacity have mostly stabilized, although there continue to be day-to-day spikes. Hospital capacity within in Alaska and in the Pacific Northwest remains significantly restricted.	Contact tracing remains difficult due to the high number of contacts per positive individual and the inability 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.**

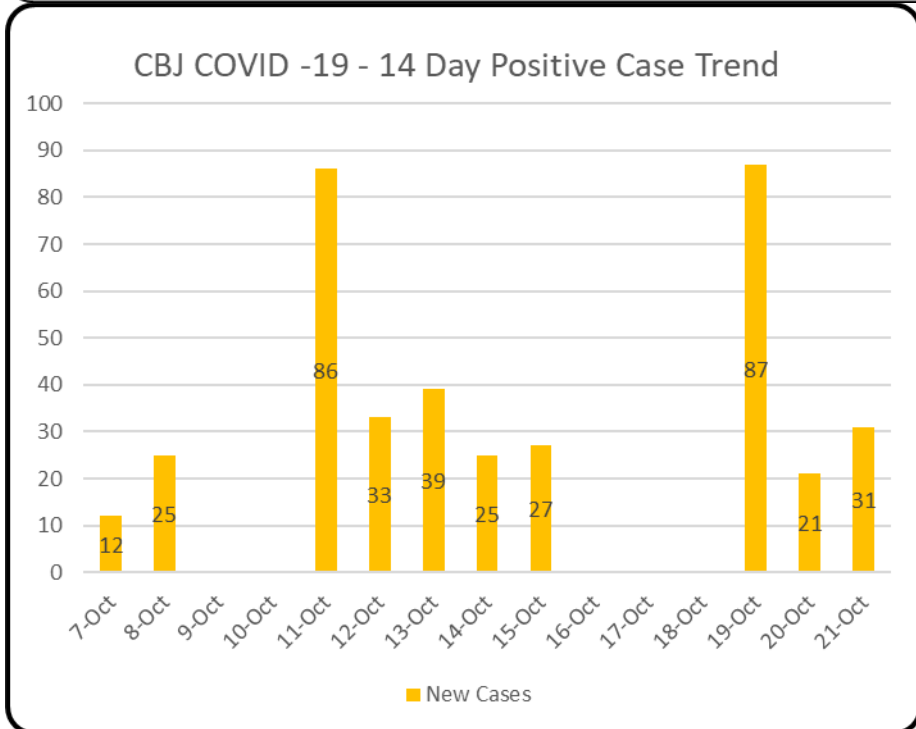
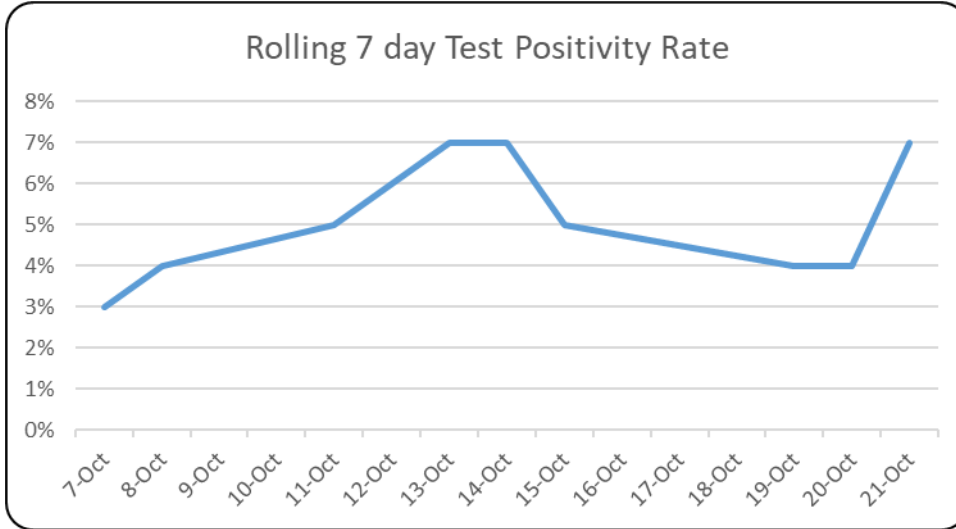
Issues of Note:

The average number of cases per day to date for October is 24.05. This represents a decline from 30.43 in September, but an increase from 21.13 in August. Our 7-day rolling test positivity rate is at 7%.

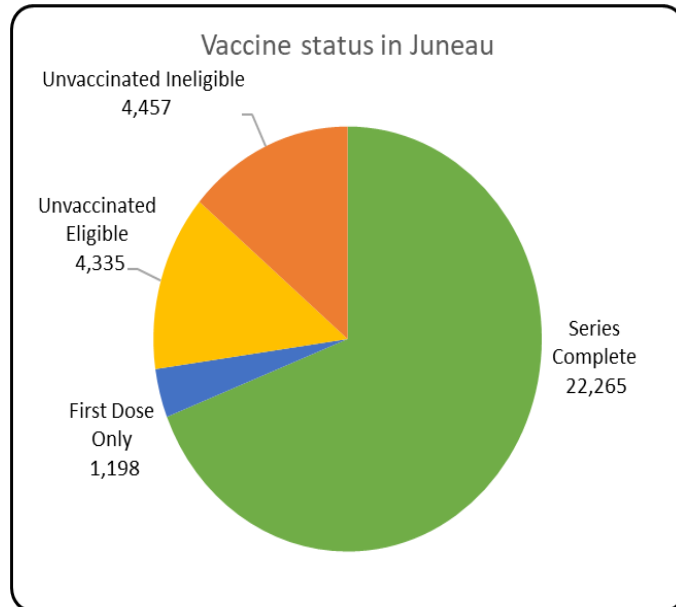
BRH reports stable staffing and lower COVID+ patient case load (3 yesterday, 2 today). Given the ebb and flow of cases, it would be reasonable to expect slightly higher case counts at the hospital next week. Given the state emergency workers contract, staffing at the hospital should remain stable through the end of that contract (December).

Pediatric vaccine planning continues. We anticipate offering multiple vaccine clinics at elementary and middle schools the week of November 8th. While we anticipate approval as early as November 4th, we are building in some time to account for shipping, the issuing of medical directives, staff/volunteer training, and general set-up/logistics. We are planning to administer roughly 1200 doses that first week. There are approximately 2700 children aged 5-11 in Juneau.

Numbers Report: We are reporting 52 new cases since the last EOC report on October 19th (W-TH). 51 are resident cases and 1 are nonresidents.



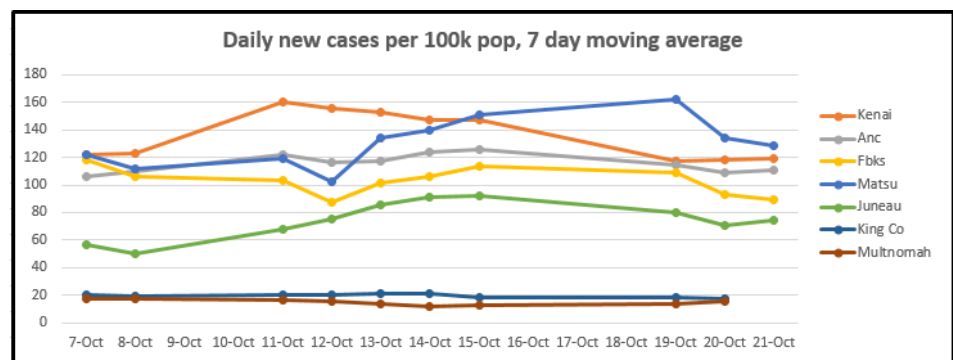
Vaccine Numbers:



Total: **72.7%** of the the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **69.0%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **84.4%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **80.1%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **94.4%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **91.1%** 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

