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DATE: April 27, 2022
 TO: CBJ Assembly
 FROM: Robert Barr, Incident Commander
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 1 Minimal**

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
Level 1 - Minimal	The community case load has recently been in the 10-20 cases/day range and is stable. The Omicron variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	Local hospital case loads are intermittently significant but not with COVID patients. COVID-related staffing shortages have largely resolved.	Statewide contact tracing has effectively ended. Local public health can assist when necessary. Residents are encouraged to self-contact trace upon a positive test.

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:

While case counts remain high as compared to previous phases of the pandemic, we are in a stable part of Omicron-based case activity. A variety of tools are available to the public to mitigation the spread of COVID-19, including high quality masks, easily accessible testing, safe and effective vaccines, and therapeutic drugs to treat those at high risk of severe COVID. **The single most effective strategy to mitigation COVID is to stay up-to-date on vaccinations.**

Issues of Note:

EOC reports in this format began on July 29th, 2020, about 4 months into the pandemic. Almost 21 months later, today's report is our final one. At today's joint EOC meeting, we spent a little time reflecting on the past 2+ years. Foremost among what was shared was the appreciation we have and the value we all received in developing new relationships and building on existing ones throughout the participating organizations. There is no question that the pandemic caused a significant amount of harm, suffering, and death. One silver lining is that it served to strengthen our ability to respond to emergencies together. While we hope not to need to stand up an ICS structure again for this type of work in the future, we are confident we will be stronger due to this experience and we will continue to exercise that muscle through emergency management training.

Public Health staff pulled together some data yesterday on vaccinations. During calendar year 2021, in partnership with all of the usual organizations, we provided 25,705 vaccine doses:

- 22 total locations (not counting home visits or BRH)
- 20,104 doses given at Centennial Hall

- 2,744 doses given at schools
- 1,752 doses given at the Juneau Public Health Center
- 1,104 doses given at other sites

Over the last couple of days, we learned that the way the CDC calculates [risk levels](#) is complicated and not as applicable to Juneau as we originally thought. In short, the hospitalization metrics, which drive risk level escalation, are tied to [health service areas](#) and the HSA Juneau is part of includes all communities in upper Lynn Canal. We published an [information release](#) today explaining this in conjunction with the Juneau School Board's decision last night to remove this metric from consideration when making policy decisions about masking in schools.

From a numbers perspective, we are essentially status quo from last week – about 13 reported cases/day, on average. Transitioning COVID-19 testing is underway and BRH plans to be up and running by May 8th. Other molecular testing providers in town include (but are not necessarily limited to): Capstone Clinic at the Mendenhall Mall, SEARHC, and Juneau Urgent Care. Antigen tests and KN95 masks continue to be available to individuals through our distribution sites as well as through <https://www.covidtests.gov>.

There has been some federal chaos around mask requirements in public transportation hubs and when aboard public transportation. Currently masks are optional. Unless the local situation changes significantly, we plan (and may be required) to follow whatever the most recent federal guidance is on this topic.

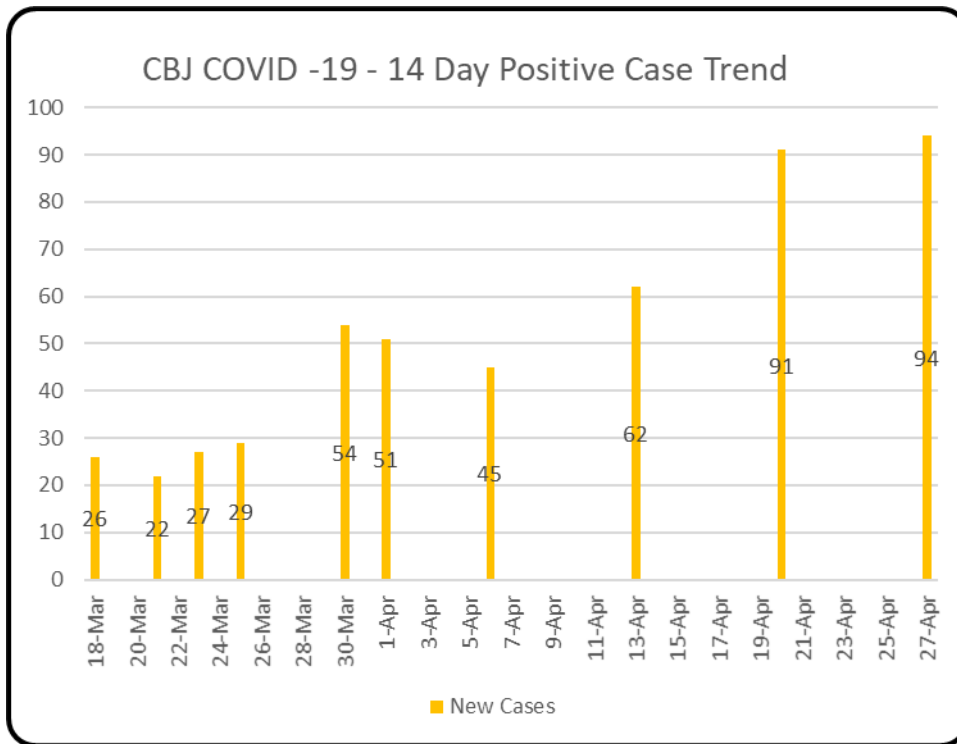
The State Department of Health and Social Services maintains a good website on [COVID-19 therapeutic options](#).

We urge those who contract COVID to reach out to their physician (or lacking a physician, BRH) early in their disease course to determine whether or not therapeutics might be a good choice for them. Therapeutics are more widely available than they were earlier in the pandemic.

The latest DHSS Weekly Update (includes Vaccine breakthrough data that used to be included in this report) is [available here](#).

Daily Numbers update: We are reporting 94 new cases since the last EOC report on April 20th (7 days).

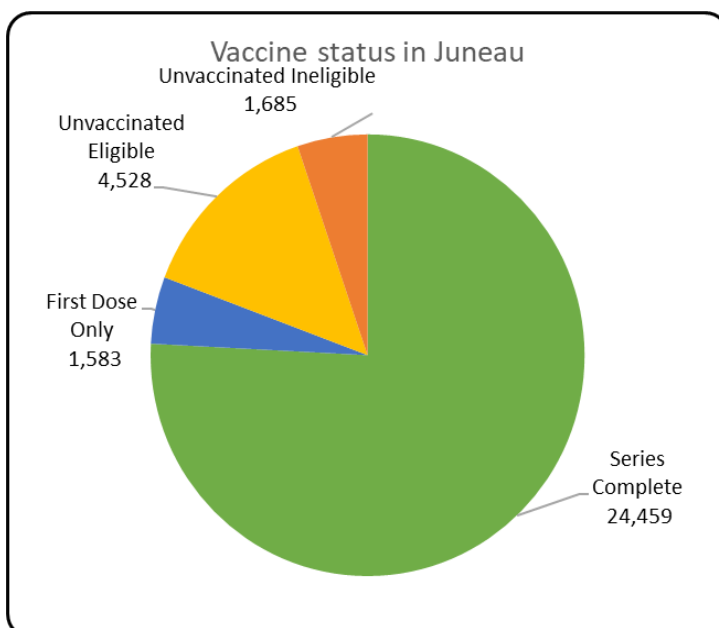
Statewide, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reports 1,435 new people identified with COVID-19 and unfortunately 4 new deaths for data reported 4/20-4/26. The total number of resident deaths is 1,219. Alaska has had 244,914 cumulative resident cases of COVID-19 and a total of 8,088 nonresidents.



Testing Summary:

PCR testing at BRH continues to return results in under 24 hours, with very few exceptions. Molecular testing is also available through other providers in town, and antigen tests are widely available.

Vaccination Updates:



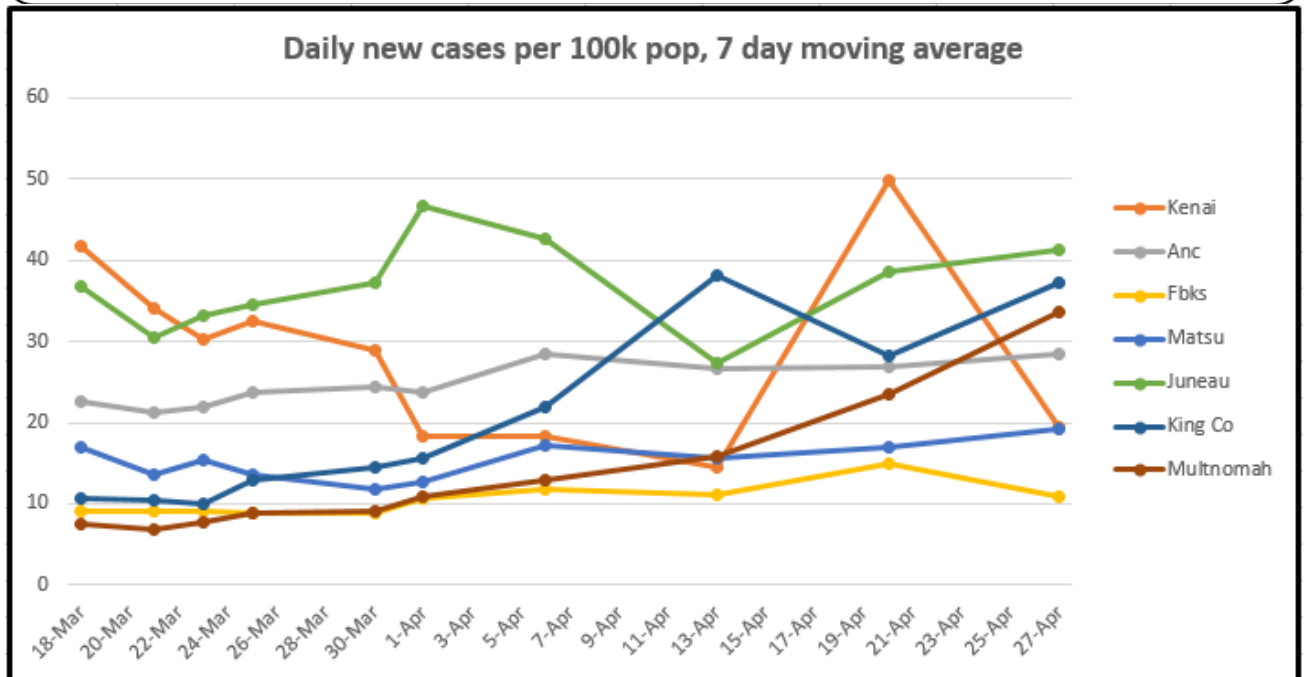
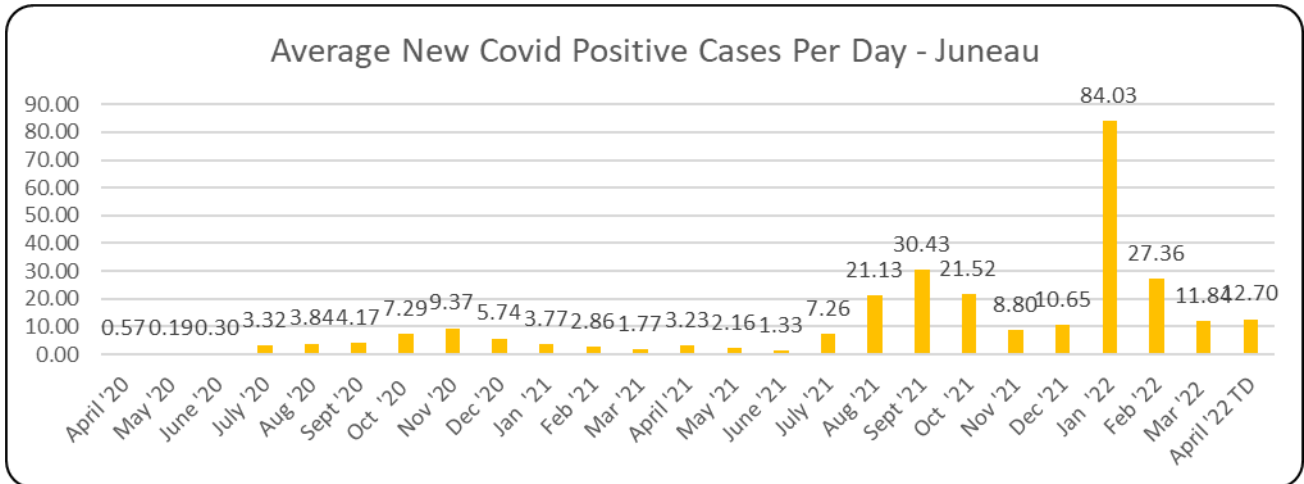
Total: **80.7%** of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **75.8%** have completed their vaccine series.

5+: **85.2%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **80.0%** have completed their vaccine series.

44.7% of those 5+ have received a booster dose.

65+: **97%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **93%** have completed the vaccine series.

77.3% of those 65+ have received a booster dose.



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