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DATE: March 25, 2020
TO: CBJ Assembly
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RE: City & Borough of Juneau COVID-19 Response – Emergency Operations Center Update

Situational Report:

Juneau is still at 2 confirmed COVID 19 Cases. The Governor's office announced an additional 17 newly confirmed cases in Alaska this afternoon.

EOC Highlights:

We had our standing Wednesday afternoon call with the full Unified EOC.

Mr. Bill reported that last night at his board meeting, the BRH board gave lifted any spending caps on COVID-19 giving him a more expedient ability to plan for and implement actions specific to the hospital operations and COVID 19. DPH did not have any additional information to report. Mr. Bill also reported a 24% decrease in revenues during the last two weeks as compared to the two weeks prior.

The most pressing issue at the EOC level is developing plans for quarantine and isolation – particularly regarding individuals who need to quarantine but may not see the need. This is a complex issue involving overlapping legal jurisdictions and we working to come up with solutions as quickly as possible. Likely there will be initial solutions that will need to be adjusted as clarity emerges. Expect to hear a lot about this. We are working this hard.

We have increased supplies of viral transport medium, which allows is to liberalize sampling criteria to include low and medium risk individuals. We are not screening asymptomatic patients at this time. All samples are being sent to a commercial reference lab in Phoenix. We believe this will reduce turnaround time for results but this is a new initiative and we need to work it through the process.

We are getting good coordination between our Volunteer Community Coordination Taskforce and BRH around volunteers to turn out gowns and masks.

Our resources team is contacting medical providers in the community to inventory staff and supplies. This is going well and there is close coordination with the hospital on this.

Our safety office has started site visits to active operations at the airport and fire training centers.

Operations:

BRH is working on their medical surge plans. They report sufficient amounts of PPE for the next two weeks or so depending on increased volumes. They continue to source additional materials.

Airport Screening Taskforce: JNU reported that 150 people flew into Juneau yesterday. 38 cleared through the secured area, all but 6 participated in the voluntary screening efforts. They are handing out the DHSS 14 day quarantine screening form.

Mobile Screening is up and operational. The call in line had 26 calls with 10 individuals referred to the screening area for sampling.

JACC warming shelter: It appears that the Governor's order on gatherings does not apply to our shelter operations. We are extending the operations of the center beyond April 15 and will not impose a temperature trigger for overnight stay. Still looking to see if longer operational hours are desirable. We are looking to best practices amongst this specific population from other places in the state as well as around the country.

Volunteer/Community Coordination Taskforce is receiving form submissions through the COVID 19 web page. Specific community offers for assistance are being channeled through that taskforce.

Vessel Screening taskforce will begin screening ferry passengers tomorrow following the same protocols that are in use at the airport. Docks & Harbors is working with the Marine Exchange to track and notify other vessels coming into the area so quarantine rules are understood.

Feeding Taskforce is being stood up.