

DATE: December 9, 2020

TO: CBJ Assembly

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## RE: Situational Update –Level 3 High- Operational Period 27 (12/3/2020 – 12/31/2020)

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity	The Complete CBJ COVID-19
Level 3 - High	Community spread based cases continue to occur. The containment situation remains uncertain.	The hospital case load is stable.	Contact tracing efforts are constrained due to the nature and volume of cases.	Dashboard can be found <u>here</u> or by going to Juneau.org/ COVID-19

**Situation Assessment:** Our 14 day and 7 day case rate indicators are at the Very High alert level. The disease is moving across all disease acquisition types: secondary infection, travel and community. Contact tracing is improving, but remains constrained due to caseloads statewide and the nature of contacts required. Residents must take appropriate cautions, including limiting social bubbles to immediate family members.

## **Issues of Note:**

Alaska continues to have high case counts across the state with a total of 577 new cases being reported today. The hospital system in Alaska continues to be overburdened. Seattle hospitals are tight for space as well. BRH monitors this status on a daily basis and reports they are presently able to medevac if needed.

Approximately 720 people have taken advantage of the asymptomatic testing at the Hagevig Fire Training Center through Tuesday close of business. To date, 396 of the submitted tests have been processed, with 4 returning COVID positive. Fulgent has received all batches through 12/7 and they are currently being processed. Additional advertising via the radio and social media is underway.

Public Health reported one new cluster today associated with a small church in Juneau. The cluster has 13 cases so far, four of which have recovered. Cases in the cluster were first detected November 25. As soon as the church learned of the initial positive cases, it alerted its membership and stopped holding in-person services. Church members have all been encouraged to get tested.

We had a full unified command meeting today:

<u>BRH</u>: There are no COVID positive patients currently at BRH. BRH continues to plan for mass testing capabilities and they are on track to receive the ROCHE machine next week. BRH is also in line to receive a sub zero freezer next week, which will be used for vaccine storage. They will begin to start vaccination of employees in accordance with CDC protocols and guidelines. On an unrelated note, BRJ sent a behavioral

Health team to Haines to provide community assistance in the wake of their community disaster. BRH received a \$700,000 grant from DHSS (an extension of their crisis intervention grant) to help fund the response to Haines.

<u>JSD</u>: The District is finalizing first semester activities and planning for the start of in person classes on January 11<sup>th</sup>. JSD is currently surveying families to determine who will be in school versus who wants to continue to learn at home. Due to grant funding, JSD will continue to provide meals over the holiday break.

## **Daily Numbers Report:**

We are reporting 9 new cases today.

COVID-19 In Juneau						
	Active	Recovered	Deceased	Cumulative		
Resident	59	791	5	855		
Non Resident	1	112	0	113		
Total	60	903	5	968		

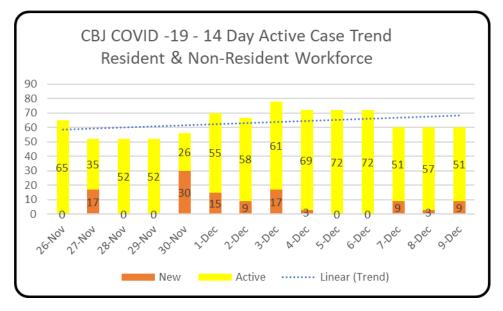
Note: CBJ EOC data may differ from the data reported on the State of Alaska dashboard due to lags in data entry on the state level.

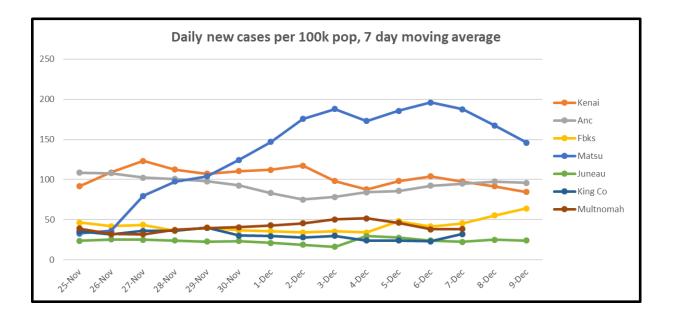
## Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

We are reporting 9 new resident and no new nonresident cases today. 3 cases today are associated with secondary transmission, 1 case is attributed to travel and the remaining 5 cases are under investigation.

The State of Alaska is reporting 577 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative case count to 38,707.

<u>Testing</u>: 12/8/20: 212 test results were received from the Fulgent Lab with collection dates between 12/04/2020 - 12/06/2020, returning results to individuals 2-4 days after collection. No test results were received from the Alaska State Lab.





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 (<u>https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/</u>) 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