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DATE: December 15, 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	<b>The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found <a href="#">here</a> or by going to <a href="#">Juneau.org/COVID-19</a></b>
<b>Level 3 - High</b>	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.	

**Situation Assessment:** Our 14 day case rate is at the Very High alert level and our 7 day case rate is at the 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. The public should strictly adhere to all health orders related to travel.

**Issues of Note:**

**Vaccine Update:** 975 doses of vaccine arrived in Juneau today. The state vaccine allocation committee is directing how those should be utilized. We are currently in phase 1A, which includes healthcare workers and long term care facility residents. Within that broad grouping, the first people who will be vaccinated are:

- Hospital-based front line healthcare workers
- Long-term care facility residents and staff (also includes skilled nursing facilities, assisted living homes, and department of corrections infirmaries providing care similar to assisted living)
- EMS/fire personnel providing emergency medical services
- Community Health Aides / Practitioners
- Individuals required to perform vaccinations

We are investigating whether or not we are permitted and have sufficient supply to include JPD officers in the first section of this first phase. We anticipate beginning vaccination of the above groups tomorrow. In addition to Bartlett, early vaccine providers for the above groups include Fred Meyer, Wildflower Court, Front Street Clinic, Ethel Lund Medical Center, and Safeway.

SEARHC will be receiving approximately 2,000 doses initially. They plan to begin their vaccination work in Sitka and Wrangle, and are working on plans for their staff and tribal members in Juneau.

We will share additional information as it becomes available. We do not yet know when or in what quantity the next shipment of vaccine will arrive nor do we know which groups within phase 1a will next have the opportunity for vaccination. We are reaching out to those organizations - as well as organizations in phase 2 - in order to gather information and contacts.

Testing Updates: 1,353 people took advantage of the asymptomatic testing at the Hagevig Fire Training Center which ran from December 3<sup>rd</sup> – the 13<sup>th</sup>. To date, 1,335 of the submitted tests have been processed, with 24 returning COVID positive.

The ROCHE testing machine has arrived in town and is currently being installed at BRH. Once installed, staff training will occur and the machine will be validated. The target for operations is mid January.

Disease Transmission: Public Health reports that statewide the number of COVID positive travelers is increasing. Juneau is also experiencing a higher than normal number of COVID positive travelers. We've flagged 61 COVID positive individuals since we began airport testing on June 5, 2020. 25 of those positives have come through in the last month (11/17 to date). The community is urged to follow through with testing and strict social distancing upon return from travels and to strongly encourage visitors to do the same.

**Daily Numbers Report:**

We are reporting 10 new cases today.

COVID-19 In Juneau				
	Active	Recovered	Deceased	Cumulative
Resident	52	831	5	888
Non Resident	0	115	0	115
Total	52	946	5	1003

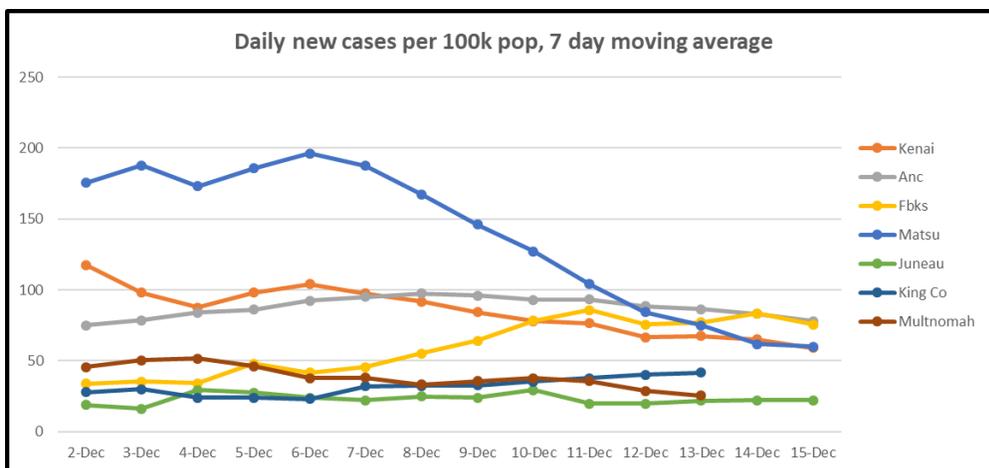
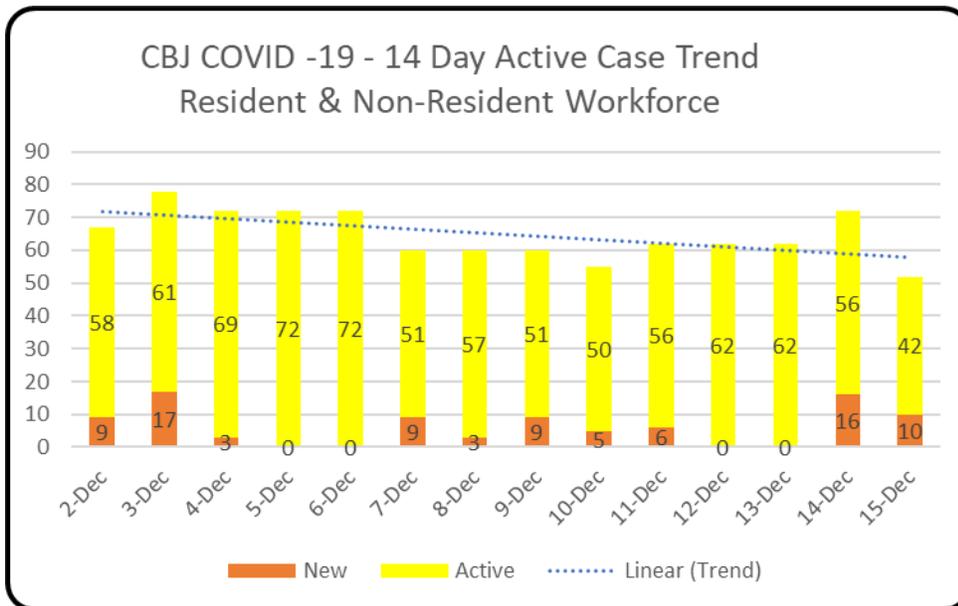
Note: CBJ EOC data may differ from the data reported on the State of Alaska dashboard due to lags in data entry on the state level.

Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

We are reporting 10 new resident cases and no new nonresident cases. 6 cases are secondary transmission, 1 case is travel, and the remaining 3 are under investigation.

The State of Alaska is reporting 281 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative case count to 41,645.

Testing: 12/14: 278 test results were received from the Fulgent Lab with collection dates between 12/10/2020 – 12/12/2020, returning results to individuals 2-4 days after collection



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