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DATE: February 24, 2021
 TO: CBJ Assembly
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 RE: **Situational Update –Level 1 Minimal-** Operational Period 29 (1/28/2021 – 2/25/2021)

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
Level 1 - Minimal	Overall cases have dropped. Some community spread is present.	The hospital case load is stable.	Contact tracing is stable.

The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found [here](#) or by going to [Juneau.org/ COVID-19](http://Juneau.org/COVID-19)

Situation Assessment: Our 14 day case rate indicator is at the moderate alert level and our 7 day case rate indicator has climbed to the high alert level - primarily due to secondary transmission among large family groups. The community continues to see COVID transmit via community spread, secondary infection, and travel. Two aggressive variant strains of COVID-19 have been identified in Alaska. We caution the public to strictly adhere to all travel related rules and to continue strict adherence to masking and social distancing when outside your immediate home.

Issues of Note:

There are three main variants of COVID-19 being tracked by the CDC right now. These variants are generally thought to be more transmissible. Two of them, including the P.1 variant that was detected for the first time in Alaska today, is also thought to contain mutations that likely make vaccines less effective. More details about variants are available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/science-and-research/scientific-brief-emerging-variants.html> For more information on the State of Alaska's work on identifying variants please go to this webpage: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/variants.aspx>.

29.3% of the Juneau population age 16 and above have been vaccinated with 19.7% of the population having received their 2nd dose. The State is reporting that 78.3% of the population in Juneau age 65+ have received at least the first dose of vaccine.

POD 2b will happen on March 4 and 5. This is the second dose clinic for those individuals who received their first dose on February 11 and 12.

POD 3a will be on Friday March 12, noon to 7pm and Saturday March 13, 9am to 4pm. Appointments will open on Thursday, February 25, at noon. Clinic registration opened today via the hotline for anyone 65 years of age or older. 67 people in this age group signed up. POD 3b (second dose clinic) will be April 2 and 3.

The State of Alaska expanded the criteria for who can be vaccinated today. An information release went out to the public. Detailed information about vaccine eligibility can be found [here](#).

We anticipate the total March community vaccine allocation should be between 3500 – 4000 doses.

The EOC is working with community partners on a grant application to secure an additional \$1.6 million in federal funding allocated through the State of Alaska. At least 10% of the grant must be expended on health equity initiatives. The grant is targeted to COVID testing, vaccination, and pandemic planning. Funds can be used for up to 12 months. Tribal Health Organizations will also have access to grant funds under a separate program.

The EOC is working with community partners on communication strategies around vaccines and vaccine hesitancy. The plan it to have enhanced communication efforts begin in late March.

Daily Numbers Report:

We are reporting 3 new cases today.

COVID-19 In Juneau				
	Active	Recovered	Deceased	Cumulative
Resident	19	1,115	5	1,139
Nonresident	2	140	0	142
Total	21	1,255	5	1,281

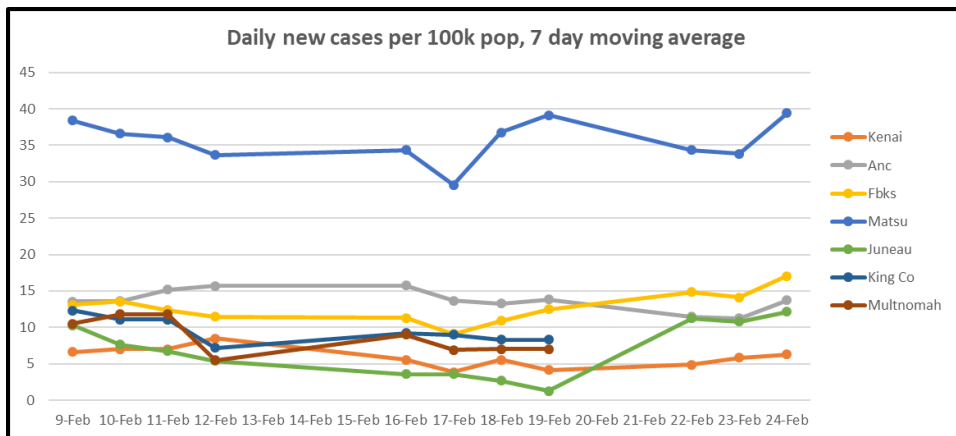
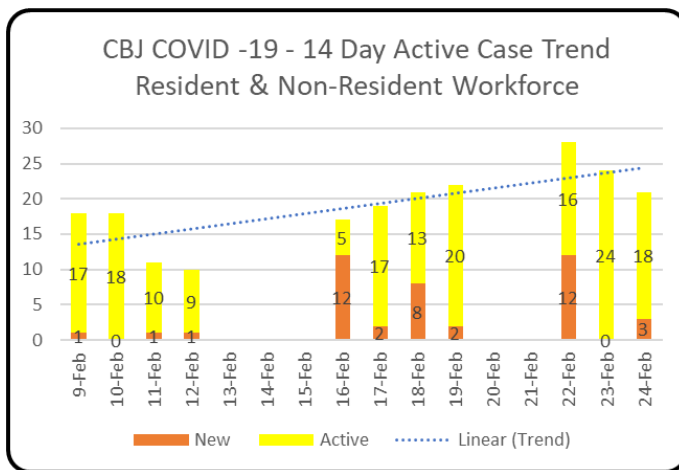
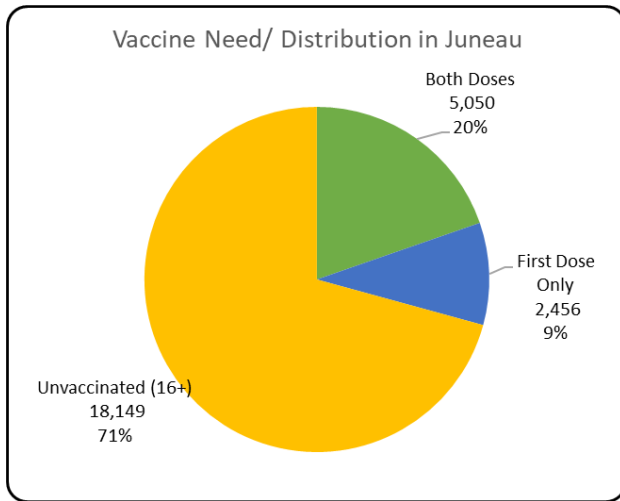
Note: CBJ EOC data may differ from the data reported on the State of Alaska dashboard.

Disease Transmission/Contact Tracing:

We are reporting 2 new resident cases and 1 new nonresident case today. All cases are secondary infection.

The State is reporting 179 new cases today bringing the statewide cumulative total to 57,988 cases.

Testing: 2/23/21: 31 test results were received from the Fulgent Lab with collection dates between 02/20/2021 – 02/22/2021 – 20 tests returned in 1 day, 8 tests returned in 2 days, and 3 tests returned in 3 days.



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