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DATE: August 26, 2021
 TO: CBJ Assembly
 FROM: Mila Cosgrove, Incident Commander
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High** - Operational Period 35 (08/01/21 – 08/31/21)

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
Level 3 - High	The community is experiencing high case positivity. The Delta variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	The hospital case loads have been increasing but covid positive patients are still contained to the CCU. Hospital capacity within in Alaska and in the Pacific Northwest is restricted.	Contact tracing is becoming more difficult due to the high number of contacts per positive individual and the ability to get information from some positive individuals.

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: The 14 and 7 day case rates remain elevated at the very high alert level. The Delta variant is driving case transmission locally and statewide. The community is urged to be cautious. Everyone regardless of vaccination status is now required to mask when indoors in public places. It is highly recommended that individuals limit social contact to mitigate disease spread and allow for effective contact tracing. Individuals should test immediately if they have even mild symptoms. **The single most effective strategy to mitigate COVID is to get vaccinated.**

Issues of Note:

Case counts continue at a high rate, averaging 19.38 new cases a day in Juneau for the month of August. The rate has gone up steadily over the month.

Testing was conducted at Housing First, The Glory Hall, and AWARE. 3 new positive people were identified and are currently in isolation. Another round of testing will be conducted on Monday morning at Housing First.

BRH received a new supply of Cepheid rapid tests which allows rapid testing for all new hospital admissions as well as testing as needed in the ER. Staffing continues to be constrained and BRH, JSD and CBJ are reporting difficulty in filling positions.

The Juneau School District reports two individuals who've tested positive for COVID-19 and were infectious while in school – one at Riverbend Elementary reported late on August 25 and one at Thunder Mountain High School. COVID-19 cases related to schools are posted on the [district website](#) as they are reported (click

on the green “COVID-19 Cases” block). There is one additional classroom closure at Riverbend. Find more district-related COVID-19 information at juneauschools.org

The EOC is working on standing up additional testing capacity at the Fire Training Center as appointments have been filled for the last several days. In addition, we are providing testing for the legislature during special session and providing a weekly pop up testing clinic downtown for bar and restaurant workers.

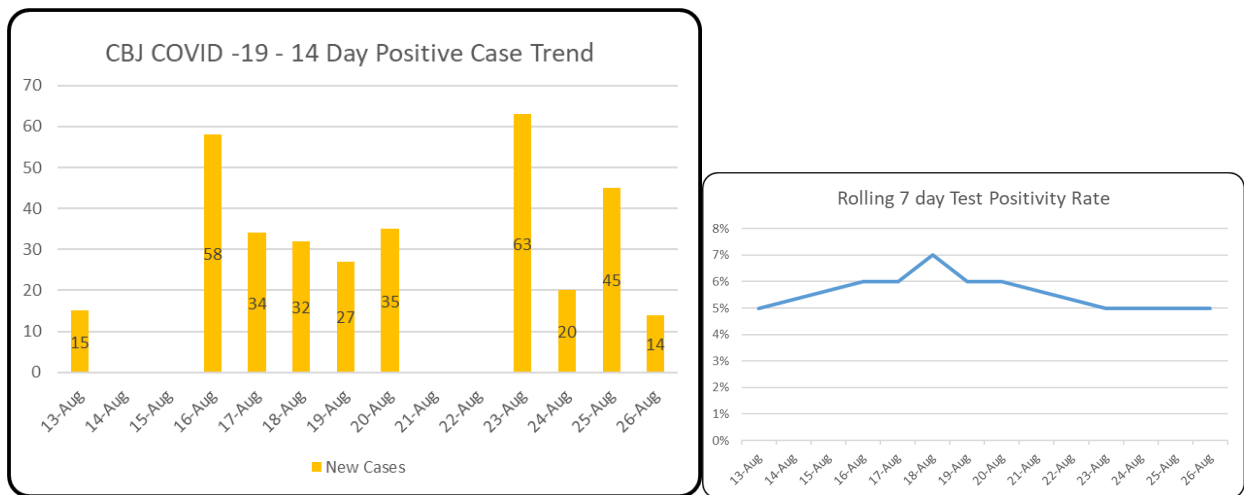
Planning is underway for vaccine clinics to administer booster shots beginning in October. Plans are also being made for vaccination clinics for the 5 – 11 year old community. The date for this age group keeps moving and now may be as late as the end of the year.

Statewide: From January 1–August 21, 2021, 15 deaths, 76 hospitalizations, and 3,735 cases with a VB infection were reported among Alaska residents. In that same time frame, a total of 34,040 cases, 837 hospitalizations, and 137 deaths were reported.

89% of all cases, 91% of all hospitalizations, and 89% of deaths among Alaska residents from January 1 through August 21, 2021 were in people who were not fully vaccinated.

Numbers Report: We are reporting 122 new cases since the last EOC report on August 23rd^h (T-TH). 102 of these cases were among the resident population and 20 cases were non residents.

The state is reporting 86,218 total positive cases, an increase of 1,946 new cases since August 23rd.



Vaccine Clinics:

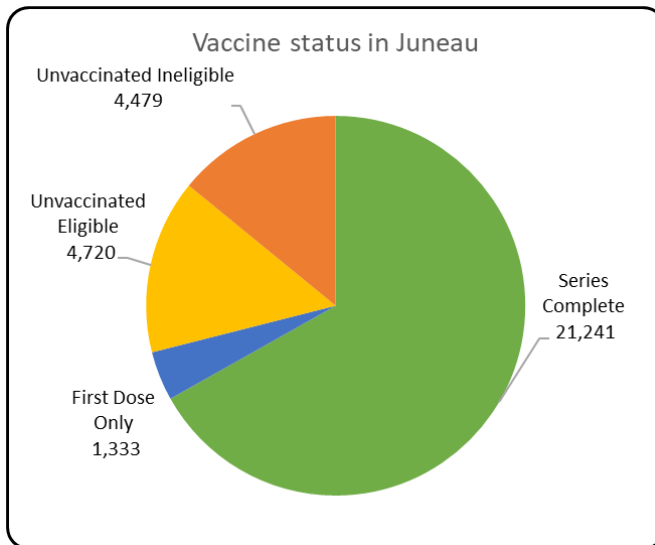
Every Thursday in August: 9 am – 4 pm, Juneau Public Health Center, 3412 Glacier Hwy

Every day in August: 12:30 – 9:30 -Juneau International Airport

Vaccine is also available through pharmacies and private providers

Vaccine Numbers:

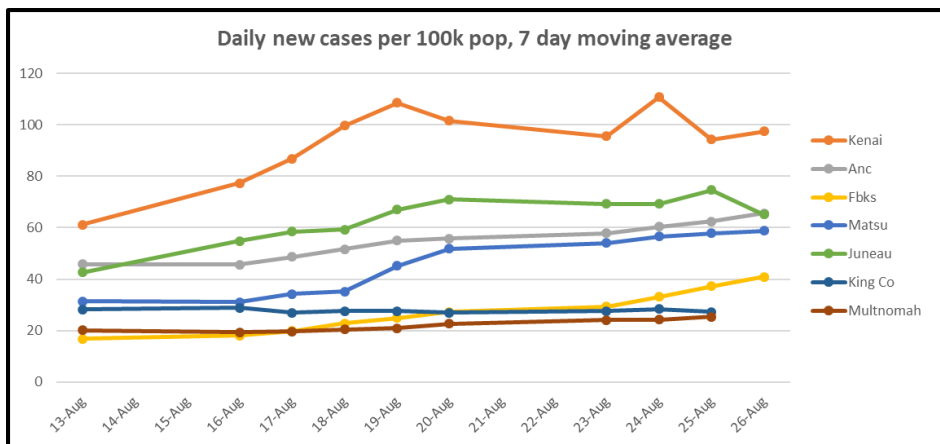
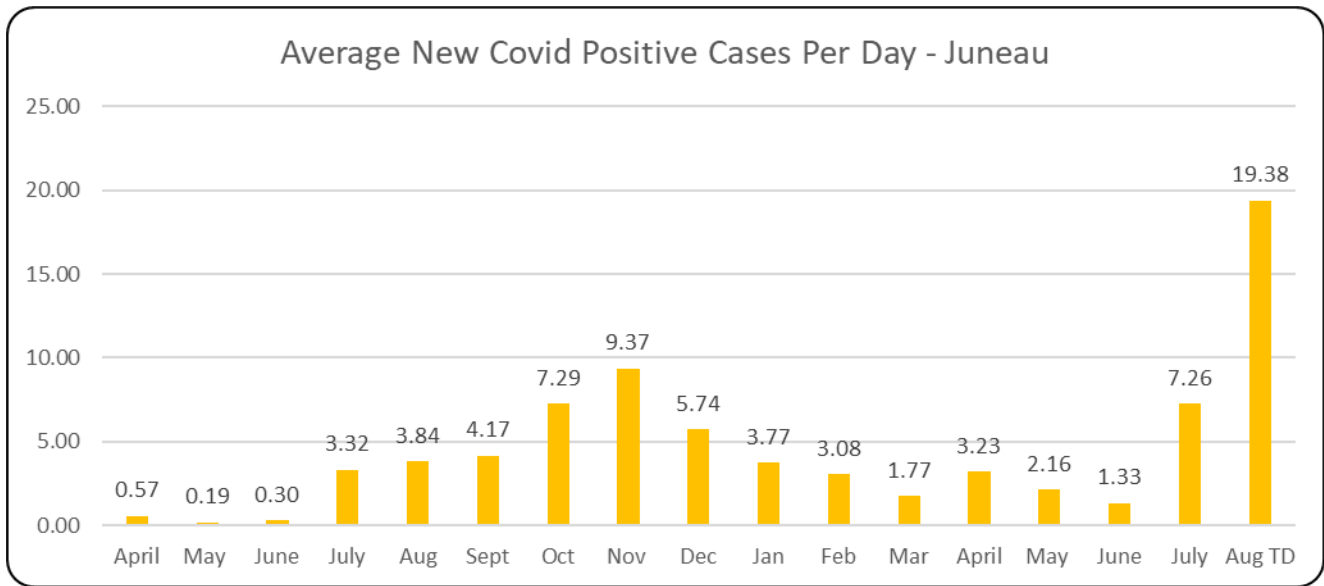
We are waiting for verification from the State on posted vaccine dose information. There was a large, one day, increase on Tuesday. Until we receive verification that the number is accurate, we will continue to report numbers from last Monday. We hope that this is resolved soon.



Total: **71.0%** of the of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **66.9%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **82.8%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **77.9%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **91.9%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **89.2%** have completed the vaccine series. (State updated dashboard)



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