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DATE: September 16, 2021
 TO: CBJ Assembly
 FROM: Mila Cosgrove, Incident Commander
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High**

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:

Average number of cases per day to date for September is 25.13. The 7 day rolling test positivity indicator is toggling between 4% and 7%.

The state reported our first Out Of State death, a female in her 60s. The individual traveled to Juneau to visit friends and family and was identified here as COVID positive. The individual was hospitalized at BRH and later medevacked to another Alaskan hospital due to the serious COVID complications. Because she contracted COVID in Juneau, it is counted as a Juneau death. CBJ extends condolences to her loved ones.

Testing continues among our vulnerable populations with some ongoing COVID related positivity. COVID positive individuals among this population are isolating either at their current shelter location or in respite hotel rooms. Another round of testing will occur on Monday, September 20th.

Pop up clinics are going well with numbers increasing as the community becomes aware of an additional testing opportunities. Full numbers will be reported out next Monday in the weekly EOC report.

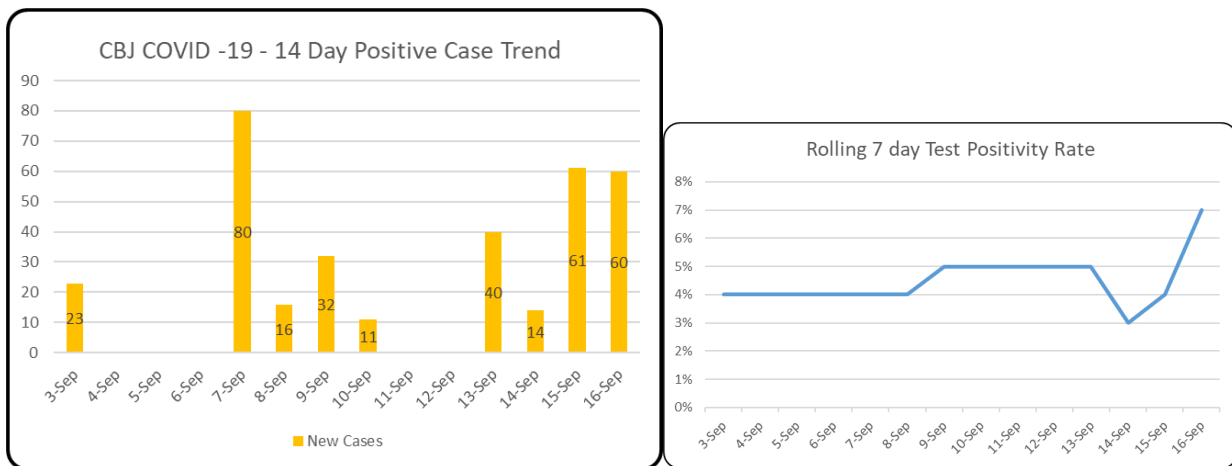
BRH continues to report stable hospital loads. Staff is stretched thin but all services are covered. The continue to report difficulties in locating medevac locations when needed. The Monoclonal antibody clinic is operational. Patients can get a referral by speaking with their primary physician or by calling the hospital directly.

The statewide hospital system is significantly constrained as are other hospital systems in the Pacific Northwest.

The FDA is scheduled to meet on September 17th to discuss vaccination boosters. The CDC’s advisory committee on immunization practices will meet thereafter. Once both bodies have made decisions and issued guidance, planning for vaccine booster clinics will proceed.

The US Census provided updated population numbers for the City and Borough of Juneau. As a result, vaccine tracking has been updated to reflect the new numbers. Overall population went up by 428. The overall vaccine eligible population went up by 500 (12 years of age +). This adjusted our overall vaccination rate down by about 1.1%.

Numbers Report: We are reporting 135 new cases since the last EOC report on September 13th (T-TH). 129 of these cases were among the resident population and 6 cases were non residents.



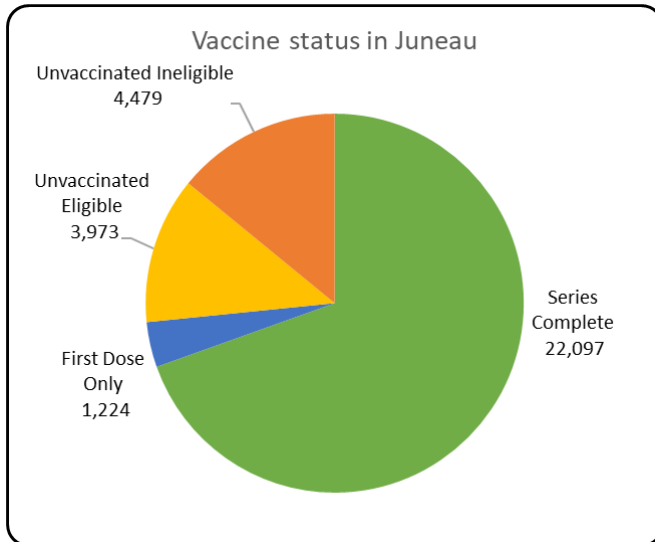
Vaccine Clinics:

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

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

Vaccine is also available through pharmacies and private providers

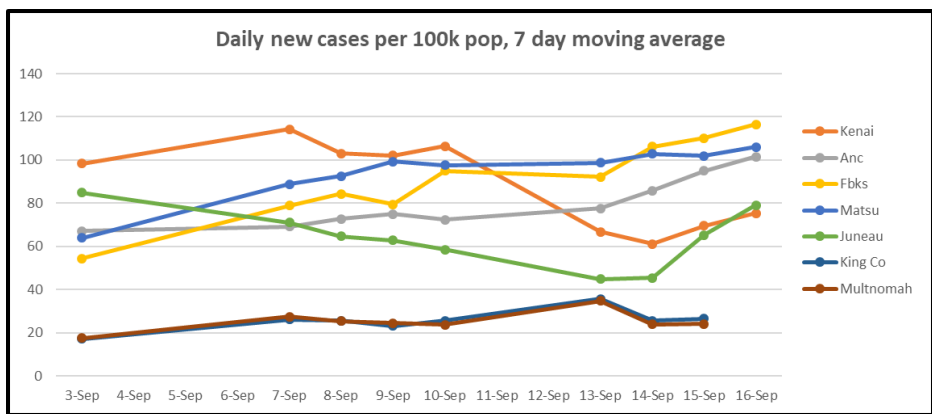
Vaccine Numbers:



Total: **72.6%** of the of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **69.0%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **84.3%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **80.0%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **92.9%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **92.5%** have completed the vaccine series.



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

