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DATE: September 23, 2021  
TO: CBJ Assembly  
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RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 High**

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity	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>Level 3 - High</b>	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.	

**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 28.96. The state continues to catch up on data reporting. The 7 day rolling test positivity indicator is toggling between 4% and 7%.

The last round of testing with our vulnerable populations did not result in any new positive cases. Another round of testing will be conducted next week.

CDC meeting concluded today re: vaccine boosters. Main item is that they voted **not** to approve boosters for people with occupational reasons between the ages of 18-64. We will be releasing more information regarding our plans for offering vaccine booster clinics later this week.

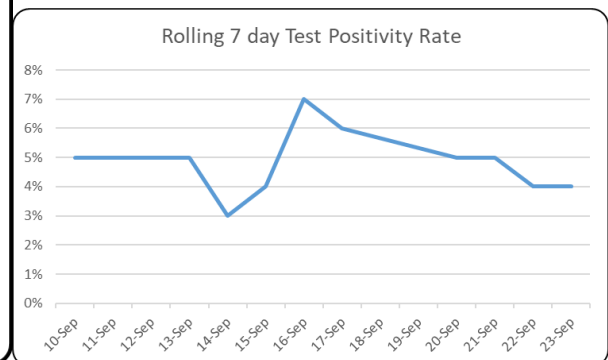
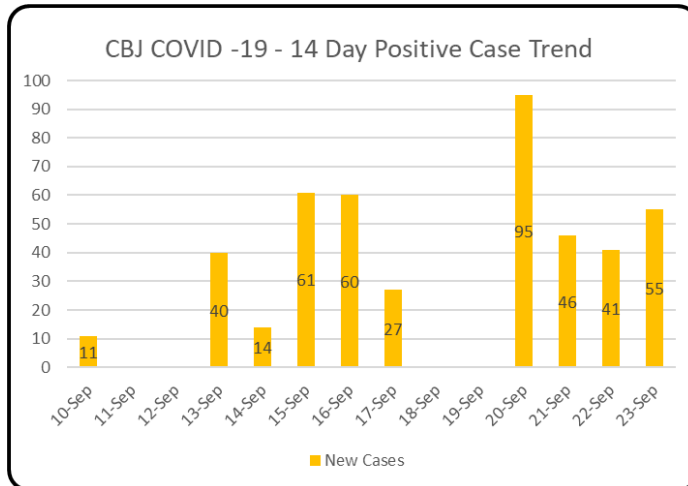
BRH is closely looking at surgical procedures and their staffing capacity. They anticipate daily, case-by-case decisions at this point as staffing continues to be strained.

Testing turnaround times late this week may experience a delay of approximately 1 day as the testing machine undergoes maintenance.

Demand for testing at pop-up sites has exceeded our ability to provide pop-up testing. We are currently re-evaluating the level and frequency of pop-up testing that we can provide.

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

**Numbers Report:** We are reporting 142 new cases since the last EOC report on September 20<sup>th</sup> (T-TH). 138 of these cases were among the resident population and 4 cases were non residents.



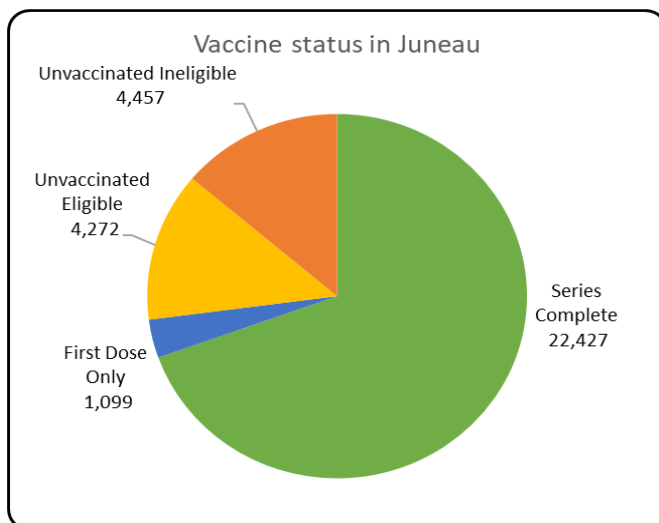
#### Vaccine Clinics:

**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

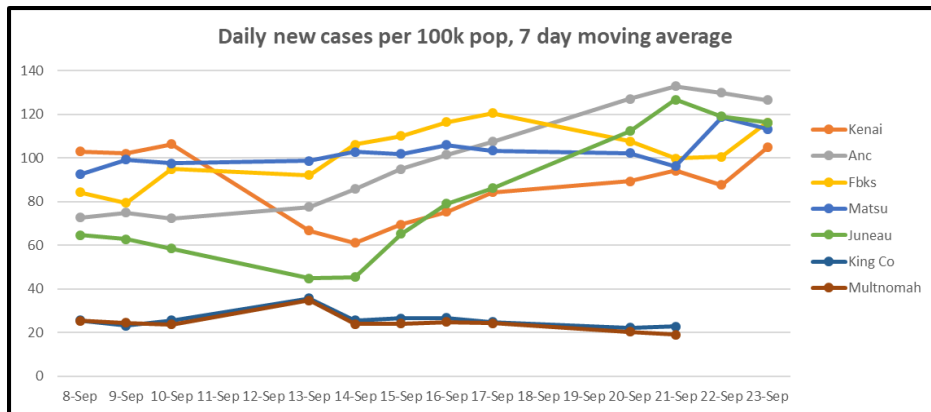
#### **Vaccine Numbers:**



Total: **72.9%** of the of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **69.5%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **84.6%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **80.7%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **93.0%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **93.2%** 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

