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DATE: November 12, 2021
 TO: CBJ Assembly
 FROM: Robert Barr, 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.	Local hospital case loads and staffing capacity have mostly stabilized, although staffing levels remain dependent on a state contract. Medevac capacity is improving.	Contact tracing is improving with most positive individuals being reached within 24 hours. Approximately half of recent case activity is secondary in nature.

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: 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:

The average number of cases per day to date for November is down to 11.08, which represents a low since July. Our 7-day rolling test positivity rate is at 3%.

We continue to see a sustained decline in new COVID cases. We have approximately 68 active cases in the community right now, with about 21 of those in children under 18.

Pediatric vaccination clinics this week were successful – 648 children received a first dose of the pediatric Pfizer vaccine, 148 children received a flu vaccine, and 29 of their adult caregivers also received a flu vaccine. The Pfizer vaccine number represents about 25% of Juneau's 5-11 year old population; however, the actual number is higher as SEARHC has been providing pediatric vaccine as well. We'll report on the total percentage when we have it.

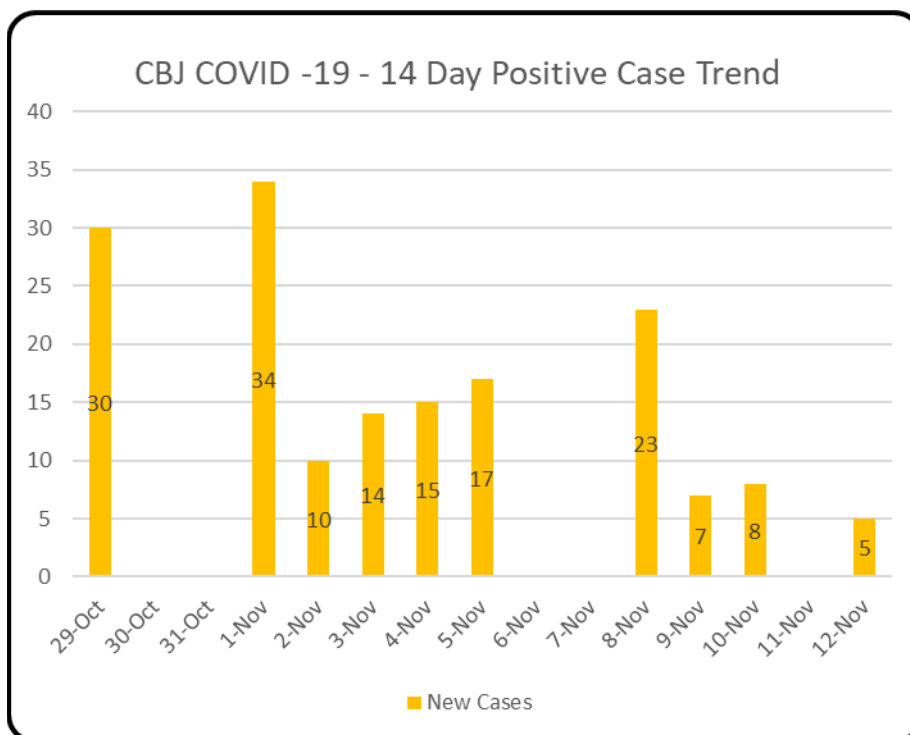
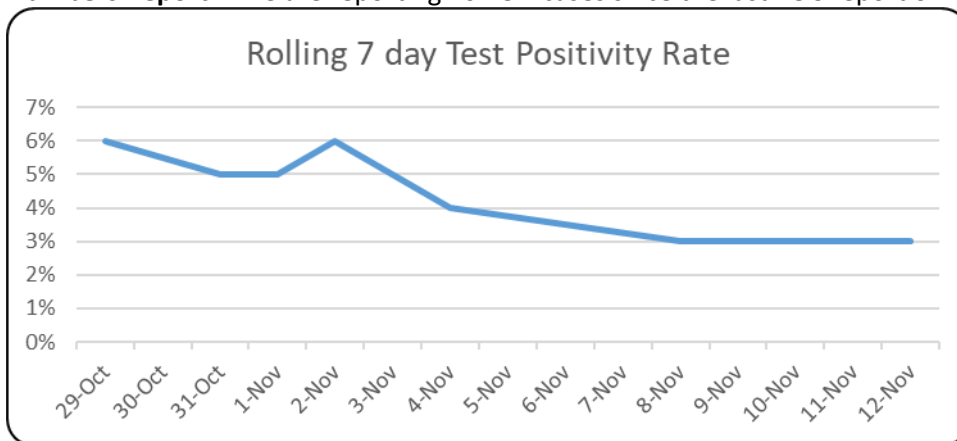
Antigen test distribution continues. Approximately 2,200 tests have been distributed, approximately 1,700 tests are pending distribution, and we have approximately 1,500 tests on hand and more on order. At our current rate of deliveries, we anticipate expanding from selected to broad community distribution in early to mid-December.

We have been receiving numerous questions about recent OSHA regulations regarding vaccination mandates for large employers. This issue is currently being litigated by the State with the Federal government. Any impacts at the local level for government, and in the private sector for large local employers, are pending that litigation.

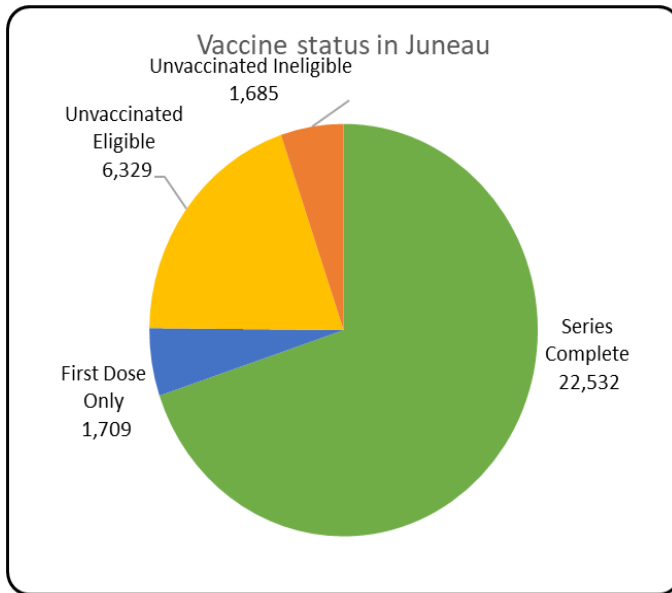
We expect stable testing through Capstone at the Juneau International Airport through January 15th and vaccination through January 30th. The contract for both of these services is competitive and is in the process of being re-bid. We will not know the results of that competitive process until very close to January 15th.

BRH reports stable staffing and, a stable COVID+ case load, and occasionally heavy non-COVID caseload. BRH will be closing the operating room over the weekend for construction purposes for all needs except emergencies. The stability of BRH staffing remains contingent on the contractual work through the State and the State has confirmed that the contractual support will end on 1/22. BRH currently has 10 temporary employees through the State contract. BRH has many open positions with few applications.

Numbers Report: We are reporting 20 new cases since the last EOC report on November 8th (T-F).



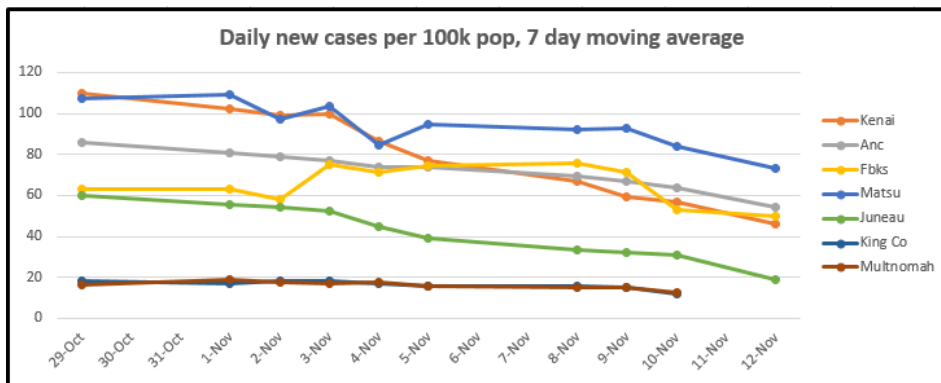
Vaccine Numbers:



Total: **75.2%** of the the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **69.9%** have completed their vaccine series.

5+: **79.3%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **73.7%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **95%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **92%** 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

