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DATE: January 21, 2022
 TO: CBJ Assembly
 FROM: Robert Barr, Incident Commander
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 3 Modified High**

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity	The Complete CBJ COVID-19 Dashboard can be found here or by going to Juneau.org/ COVID-19
Level 3 - Modified High	The community case load remains high and is increasing. The Omicron variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	Local hospital case loads are rising significantly and staffing is constrained due to staff isolation/quarantine.	Contact tracing is significantly constrained due to the quantity of cases. Approximately half of recent case activity is secondary in nature.	

Situation Assessment:

The 14 and 7 day case rates are at the very high alert level. The Omicron variant is the dominant strain, although lab confirmation is pending. The community is urged to take advantage of vaccination, masking, and testing - the three most effective tools we have at combating the pandemic. Masking is required when indoors in public places. Social distancing remains recommended 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:

We have started to see significant hospital impacts not only due to staff being out with COVID but now also due to regular admissions of people sick with COVID. Since January 8th, BRH has averaged 1.21 COVID admissions per day. For the past two days, medurg beds have been nearly all occupied and we've had 8 COVID patients, some serious. While Omicron is on average less severe, a large number of cases can and is starting to burden our healthcare system.

Those who are not vaccinated are about 9 times more likely to be hospitalized and 14 times more likely to die from COVID-19. What we see locally does not differ from national trends.

Our case activity continues to climb and is currently as high as it has ever been. We see early signs of a potential plateau in case activity, but we won't have any degree of certainty in that until mid- to late next week.

Monoclonal antibody treatment continues to be limited strictly to those with immunocompromising conditions and unvaccinated individuals who are: pregnant, over 75, or over 65, with certain risk factors.

Other types of therapeutics have arrived in very small quantities in Juneau and can be prescribed by local physicians in consultation with local pharmacists.

We've resumed our distribution program of rapid antigen tests to both the public at large as well as organizations that either 1) serve or employ individuals who are less likely, or unable, to acquire testing through other means for equity-based reasons, or 2) serve or employ individuals who are at higher risk for contracting COVID-19 due to the nature of their work. The current round of tests was funded locally. While we will submit for federal reimbursement, it is not guaranteed.

The state testing contract at the airport will expire on January 31st. The state is unable to acquire rapid antigen tests in sufficient quantity to begin a distribution program at our airport. As we expect cases to be declining by then, we don't expect to see an increased demand on CBJ testing operations due to this change, but we also don't expect to see the decline in demand that we would have otherwise.

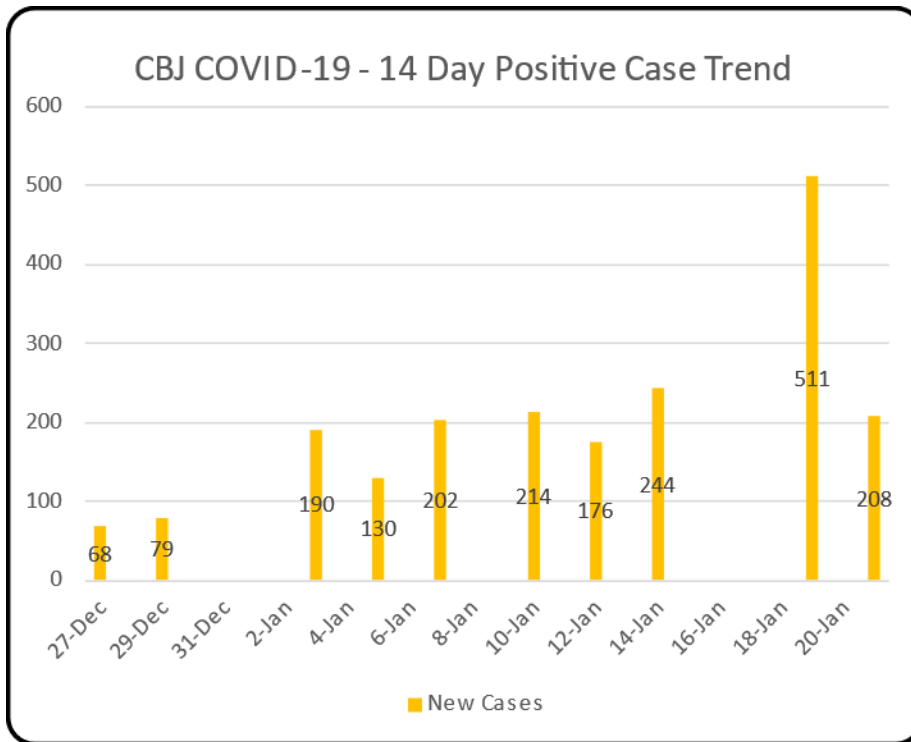
With the usual partners, we are hosting a 12-and-up vaccine clinic tomorrow, Saturday 1/22, from 10a-2p at Dzantik'I Henni Middle School. Registration at <https://juneau.org/vaccine> or 586-6000.

General Case Trends:

Juneau Public Health was not able to report generalized case trends today due to staffing limitations and increased case activity. We do not expect generalized case trend reporting to resume.

Daily Numbers update: We are reporting 719 new cases since the last EOC report on January 14th (F-F).

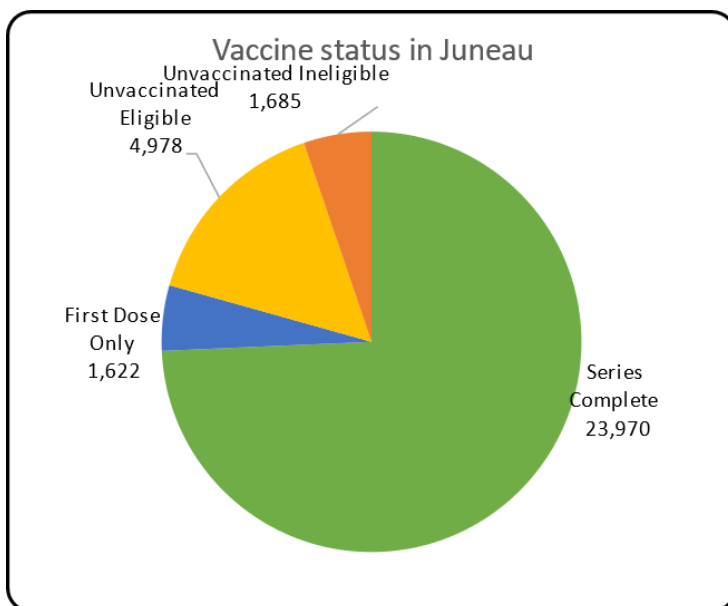
Statewide, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reports [6,532](#) new people identified with COVID-19 for data reported 1/19/22-1/20/22. The state reports 0 new deaths for this time period, although 64 additional deaths were reported on Wednesday after death certificate review. 2 of these are attributable to Juneau, a male resident in his 60s and a female resident in her 80s. We extend our condolences to the friends and families of those who died. The total number of resident deaths is 1,018. Alaska has had 188,612 cumulative resident cases of COVID-19 and a total of 6,733 nonresidents.



Testing Summary:

PCR testing at BRH continues to return results in under 24 hours with very few exceptions.

Vaccination Updates:



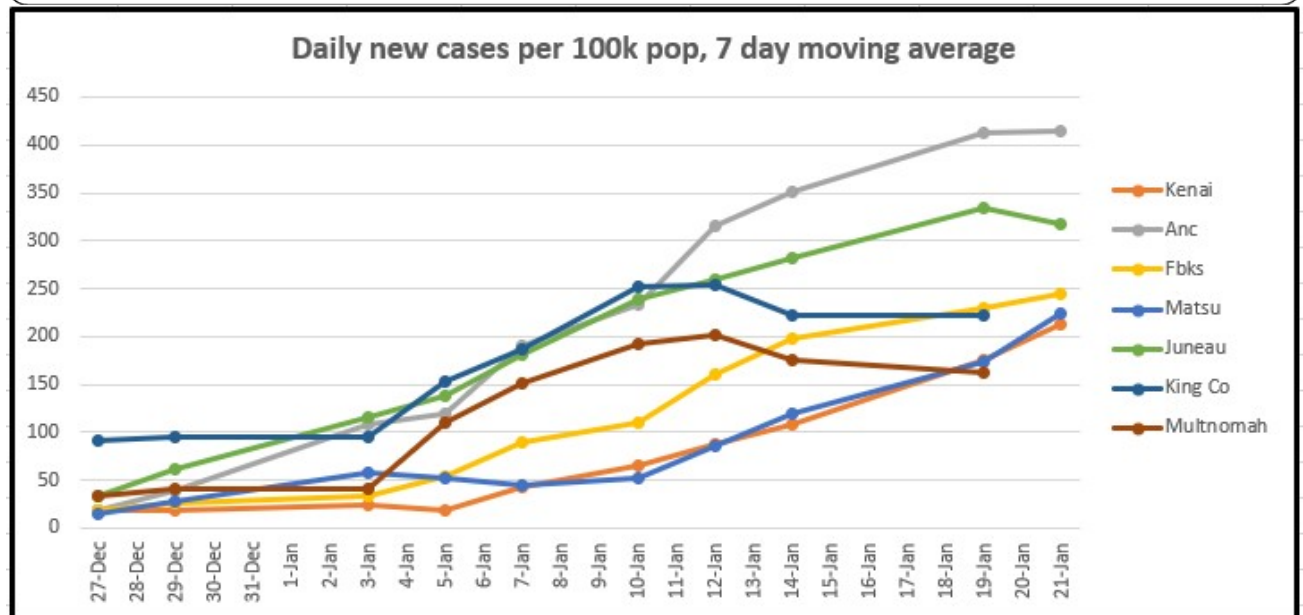
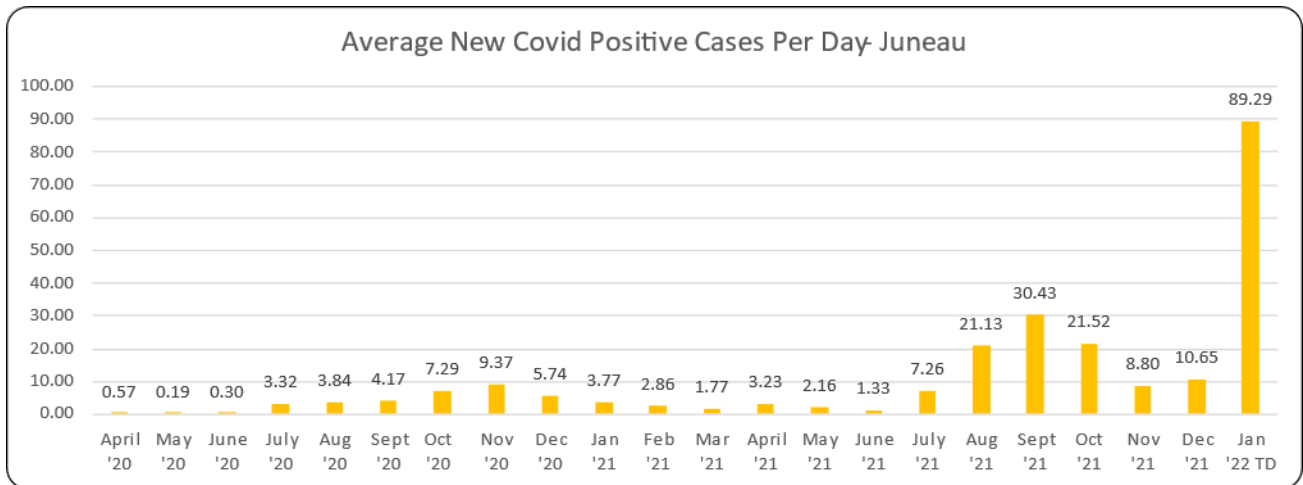
Total: **79.3%** of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **74.3%** have completed their vaccine series.

5+: **83.7%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **78.4%** have completed their vaccine series.

39.1% of those 5+ have received a booster dose.

65+: **96.2%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **92.1%** have completed the vaccine series.

72.3% of those 65+ have received a booster dose.



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