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DATE: February 4, 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. The Omicron variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	Local hospital case loads are intermittently significant 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. 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:

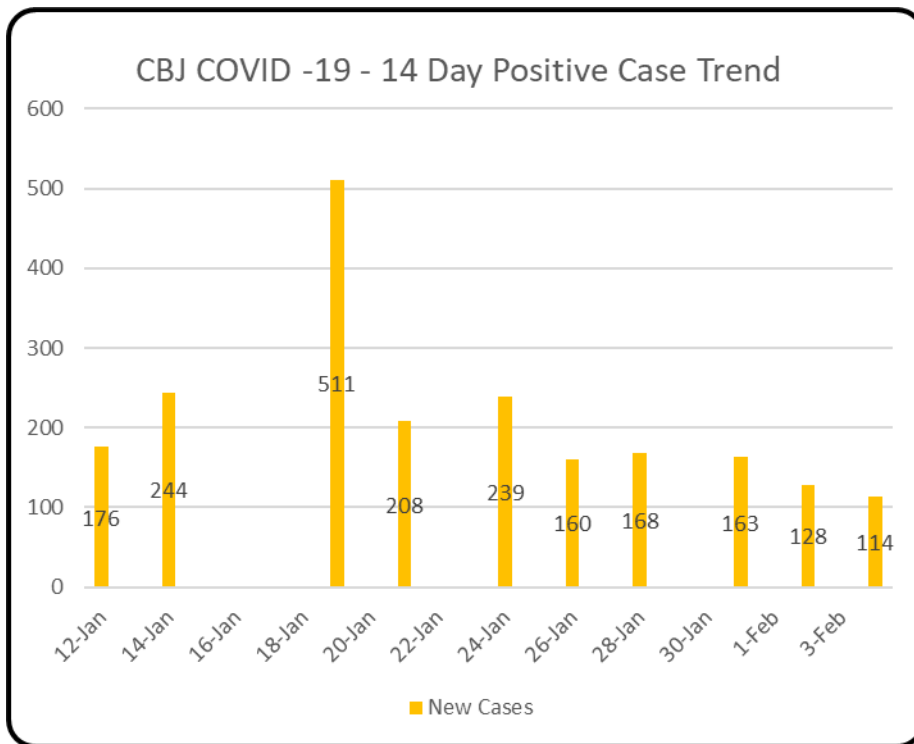
We are seeing a slow but sustained decline in COVID case activity. We are currently in the 55-60 cases/day range, down from our peak of 100 cases/day in mid-January.

BRH staff performed a relative risk analysis on dying from COVID during the course of the pandemic, comparing Juneau's deaths and population to statewide death and population numbers. During the entire course of the pandemic, there was a 60% *reduced* relative risk of death from COVID-19 in Juneau compared to the statewide numbers. There are many variables that might explain this, including the community's level of engagement in mitigation practices and high vaccination rates, particularly among those at higher risk of hospitalization and/or death from COVID-19.

While airport testing has ended, Capstone Clinic continues to offer vaccines at the airport for ages 5 and up. Capstone offers all vaccine types (J&J, Moderna, Pfizer) as well as any dose in any given individual's series – booster or otherwise. Doses for immunocompromised individuals who require 3 primary doses + 1 booster are also available. Starting Monday, Capstone's hours will be 10:30am – 7:30pm.

Daily Numbers update: We are reporting 242 new cases since the last EOC report on January 31st (M-F).

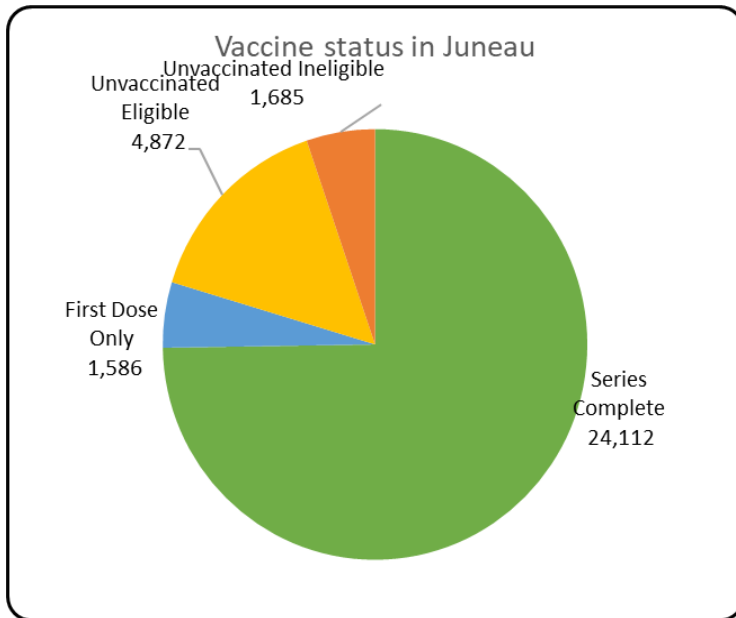
Statewide, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reports [3,830](#) new people identified with COVID-19 for data reported 2/2/22-2/3/22. The state reports 8 new deaths this week. The total number of resident deaths is 1,060. Alaska has had 217,366 cumulative resident cases of COVID-19 and a total of 7,546 nonresidents.



Testing Summary:

PCR testing at BRH continues to return results in under 24 hours with very few exceptions. We continue to fill up appointments most days at the fire training center, although in general same-day appointments are available.

Vaccination Updates:



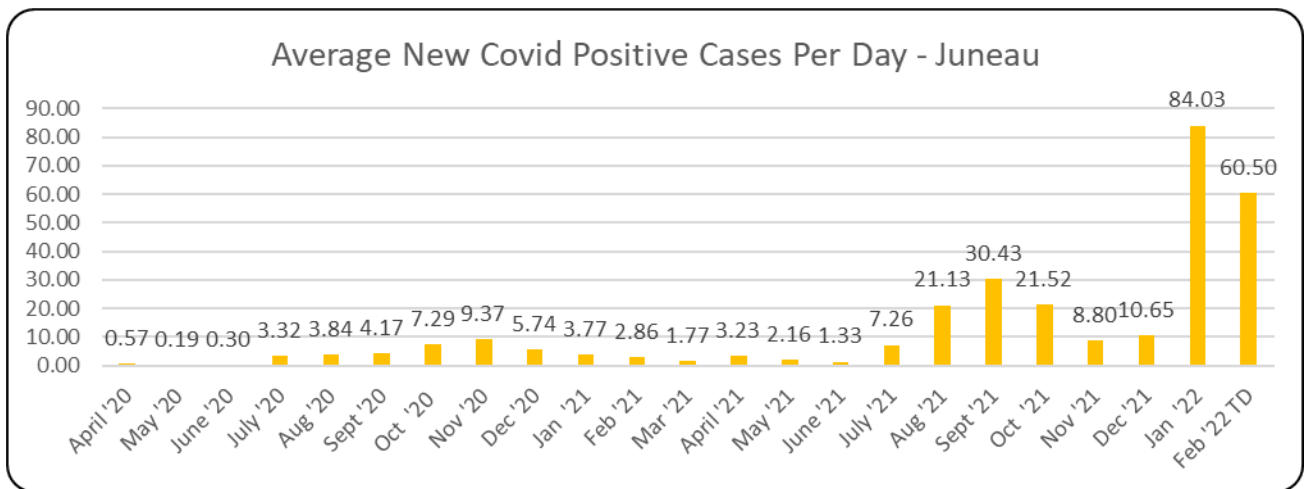
Total: **79.7%** of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **74.8%** have completed their vaccine series.

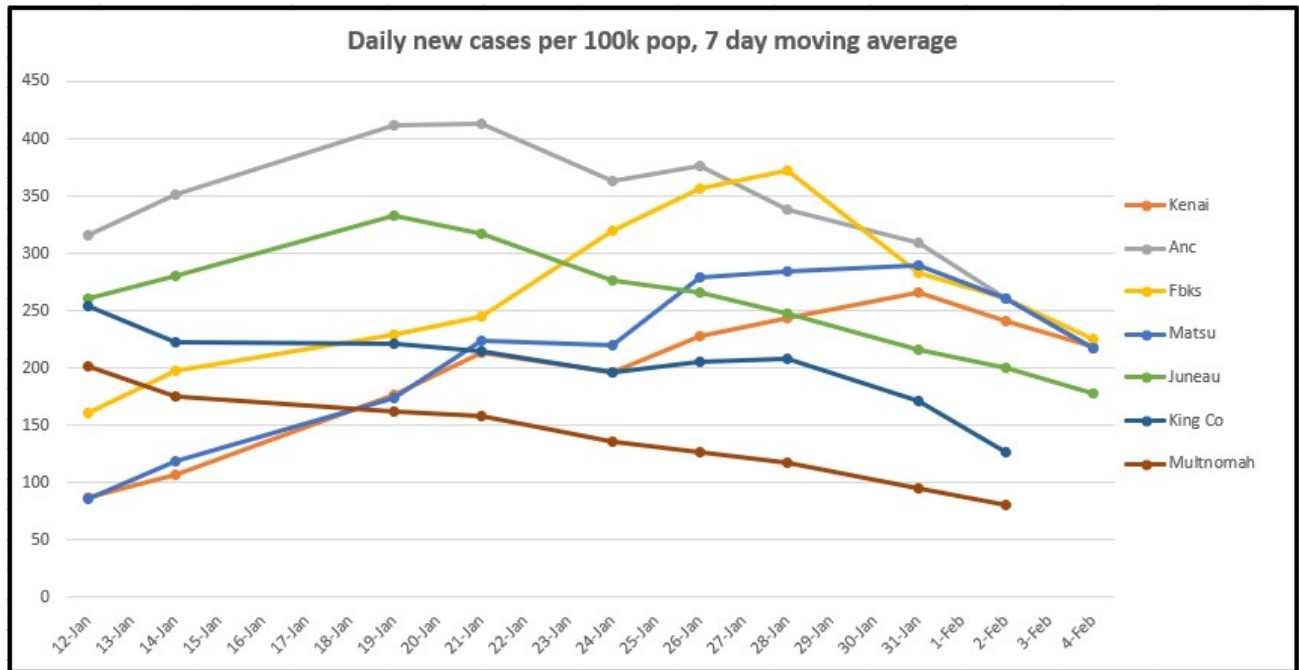
5+: **84.1%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **78.9%** have completed their vaccine series.

41.4% 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.

73.4% 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