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DATE: March 7, 2022  
 TO: CBJ Assembly  
 FROM: Robert Barr, Incident Commander  
 RE: **Situational Update –Level 1 Minimal**

Overall Community Risk	Disease Situation	Hospital Capacity	Public Health Capacity
<b>Level 1 - Minimal</b>	The community case load has recently been in the 10-20 cases/day range and is slowly declining. The Omicron variant is present and community spread is occurring. Vaccine is available.	Local hospital case loads are intermittently significant but not regularly with COVID patients. COVID-related staffing shortages are improving.	Statewide contact tracing has effectively ended. Local public health can assist when necessary. Residents are encouraged to self-contact trace upon a positive test.

**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:**

While case counts remain high as compared to previous phases of the pandemic, we are on the downward trajectory of the Omicron wave. A variety of tools are available to the public to mitigation the spread of COVID-19, including high quality masks, easily accessible testing, safe and effective vaccines, and therapeutic drugs to treat those at high risk of severe COVID. **The single most effective strategy to mitigation COVID is to stay up-to-date on vaccinations.**

**Issues of Note:**

To-date in March we've averaged approximately 15 cases/day. This represents a decline of 27 cases/day in February and 84 cases/day in January. In general, all of our other risk indicators are either back to baseline or headed in that direction. BRH, in particular, has been doing exceptionally well from a COVID perspective for the past handful of weeks. Our BRH dashboard metrics have been down for approximately the last week while BRH transitions to a new data reporting schema – they should be available again by the end of this week.

Last Friday we updated our [masking guidance for CBJ facilities](#).

Beginning in April, DHSS plans to shift reporting from M/W/F to Wednesday only. When this occurs, EOC reports and our local dashboards will also update only on Wednesdays. We plan to formally demobilize EOC operations when Assembly Ordinance 2021-46(am) expires on April 30<sup>th</sup>. While some operational elements may continue past that date, most will conclude then.

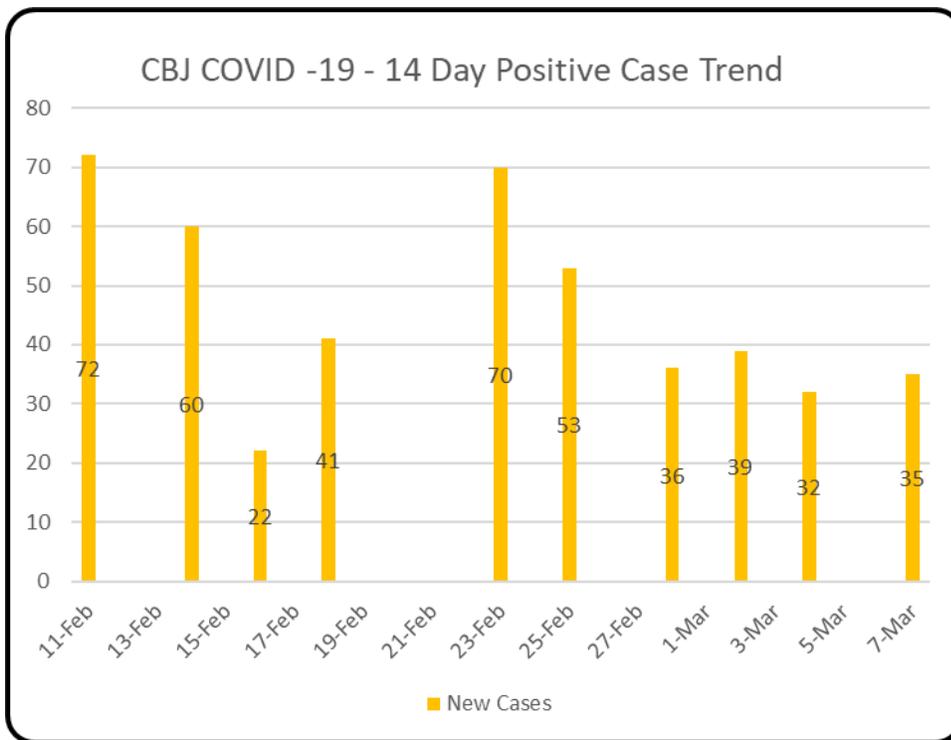
Some of the COVID-19 therapeutics continue to be limited due to short supply, although with lower demand, availability is improved. Other therapeutics (especially oral antiviral medications) have significantly improved supply and are no longer on allocation. The State Department of Health and Social Services maintains a good website on [COVID-19 therapeutic options](#).

We urge those who contract COVID to reach out to their physician (or lacking a physician, BRH) early in their disease course to determine whether or not therapeutics might be a good choice for them.

The latest DHSS Weekly Update (includes Vaccine breakthrough data that used to be included in this report) is [available here](#).

**Daily Numbers update:** We are reporting 106 new cases since the last EOC report on February 28<sup>th</sup> (M-M).

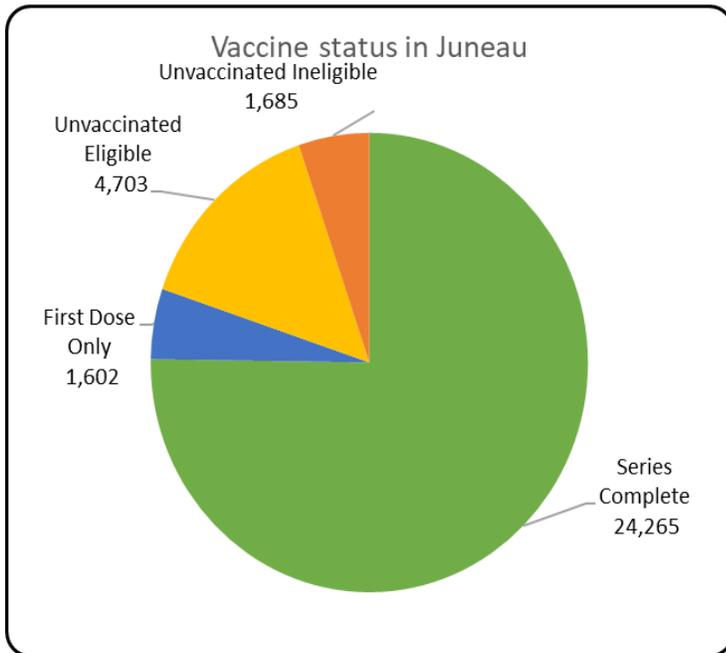
Statewide, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reports 463 new people identified with COVID-19 for data reported 3/4-3/6. The total number of resident deaths is 1,158. Alaska has had 233,394 cumulative resident cases of COVID-19 and a total of 7,862 nonresidents.



**Testing Summary:**

PCR testing at BRH continues to return results in under 24 hours, with very few exceptions. Molecular testing is also available through other providers in town, and antigen tests are widely available.

**Vaccination Updates:**



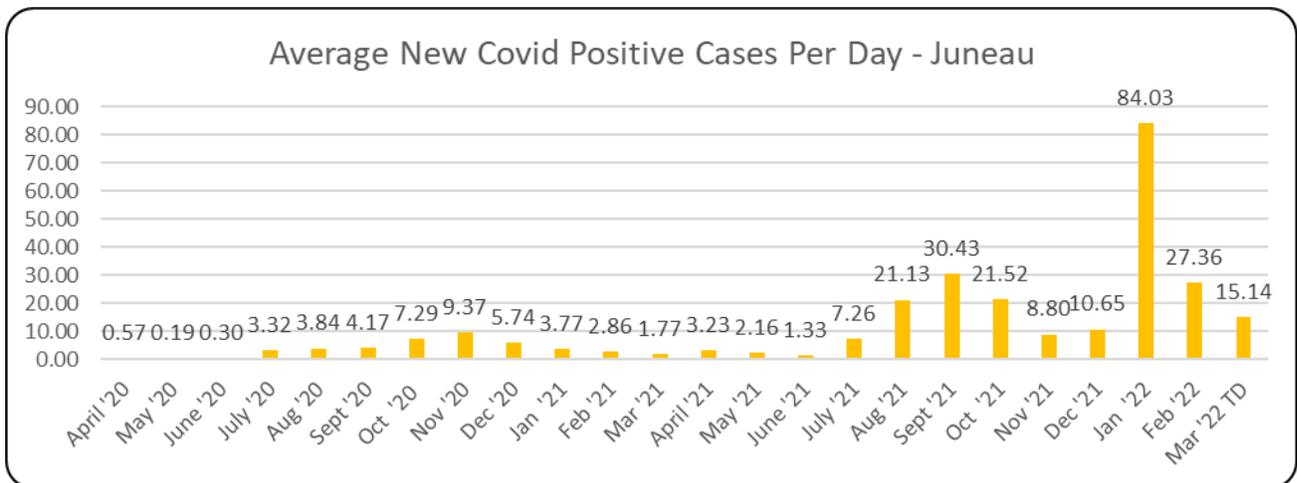
Total: **80.2%** of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **75.2%** have completed their vaccine series.

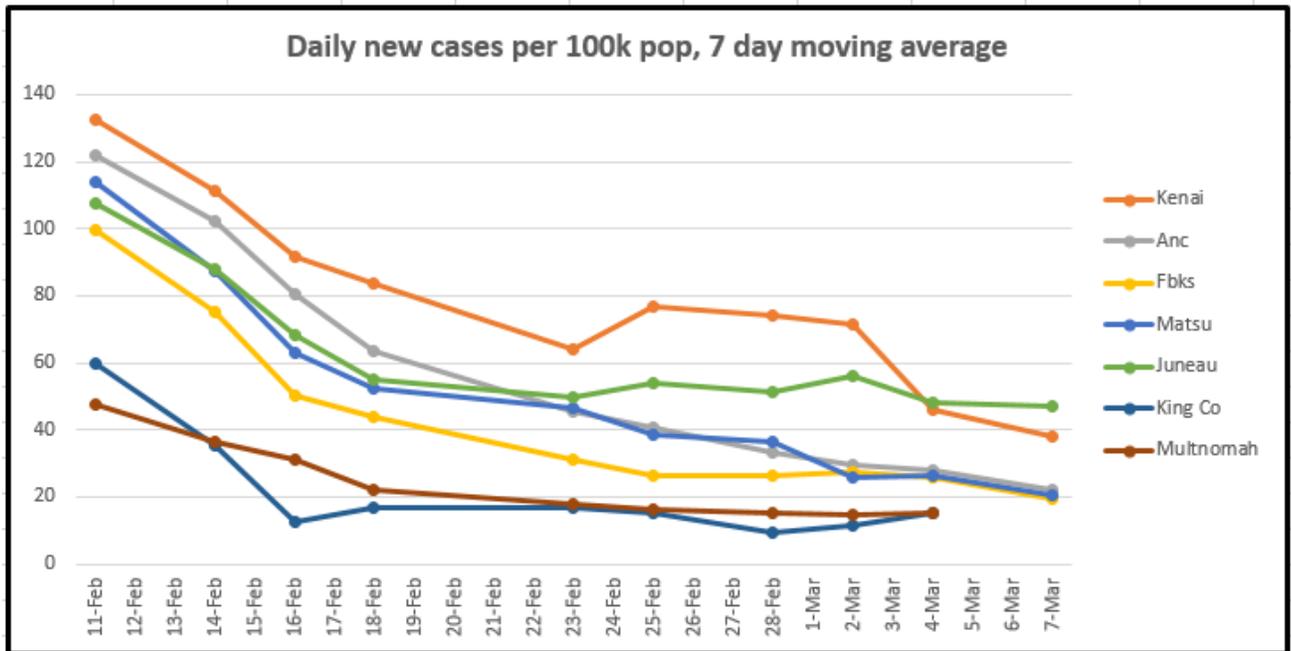
5+: **84.6%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **79.4%** have completed their vaccine series.

**43% of those 5+ have received a booster dose.**

65+: **96%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **92%** have completed the vaccine series.

**75% 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