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DATE: March 21, 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
Level 1 - Minimal	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](http://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:

We continue to see stable to slightly declining case counts in the 8-15 cases/day range and have a daily average of 12.24 cases/day to date in March. These numbers are approaching pre-Omicron levels for Juneau. The hospital was busy last week, but for the most part not with COVID patients. COVID continues to impact the hospital in that patients who would regularly seek care in less acute facilities remain at BRH due to a lack of staffing in long-term care facilities.

Recently a large amount of federal funding was removed from the federal COVID response effort. The White House put out a summary document, [available here](#). The major impacts resulting from this are:

- Ending federal reimbursement for testing for uninsured people (testing providers must either decline service or eat the cost) – effective this week, 3/23
- The procurement of therapeutics (monoclonal antibodies, antiviral medications) are more quickly than anticipated moving to the open/private market – this may result in supply chain constraints

due to an uncertain and highly variable amount of demand, which the federal government had been moderating

- Similar supply chain impacts may occur in testing and, if necessary, in the development of future vaccines

We continue to move towards planned EOC demobilization on April 29th. EOC reports will come out on Wednesdays in April due to synchronization with State DHSS data reports. There will not be an EOC report next week due to the holiday.

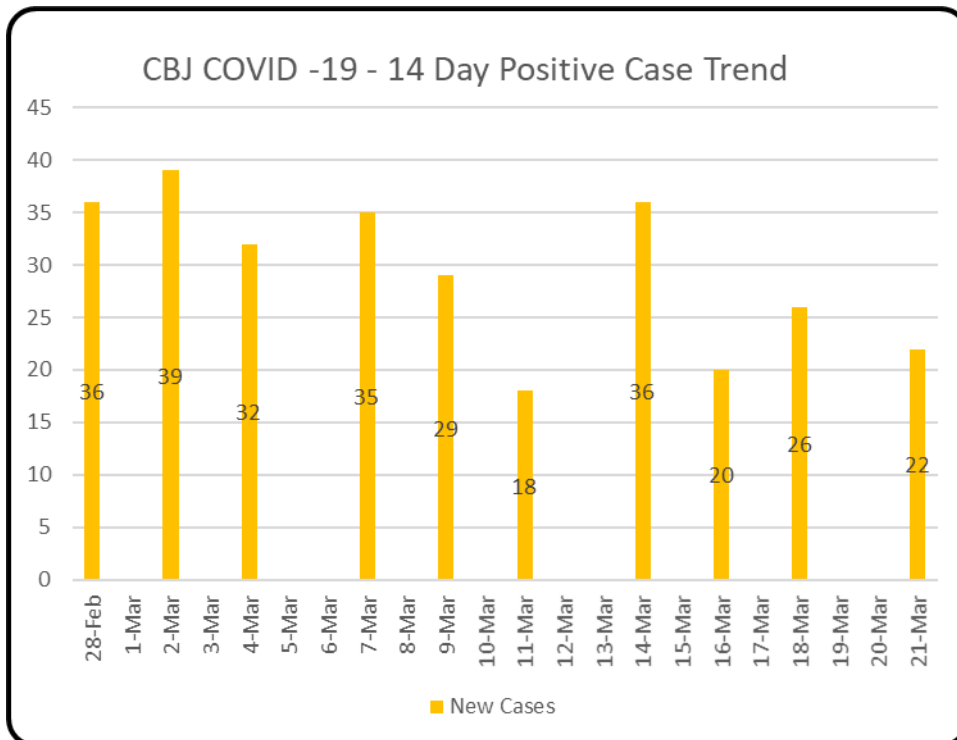
While there is some uncertainty around therapeutic availability in the future due to lapsing federal funding, current availability is good. The State Department of Health and Social Services maintains a good website on [COVID-19 therapeutic options](#).

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 68 new cases since the last EOC report on March 14th (M-M).

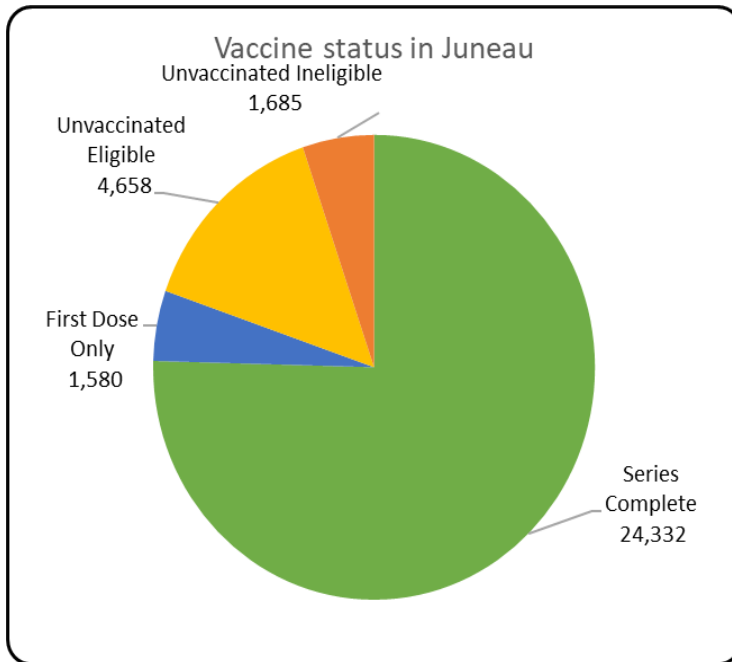
Statewide, the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services reports 354 new people identified with COVID-19 for data reported 3/18-3/20. The total number of resident deaths is 1,169. Alaska has had 237,325 cumulative resident cases of COVID-19 and a total of 7,926 nonresidents.



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:



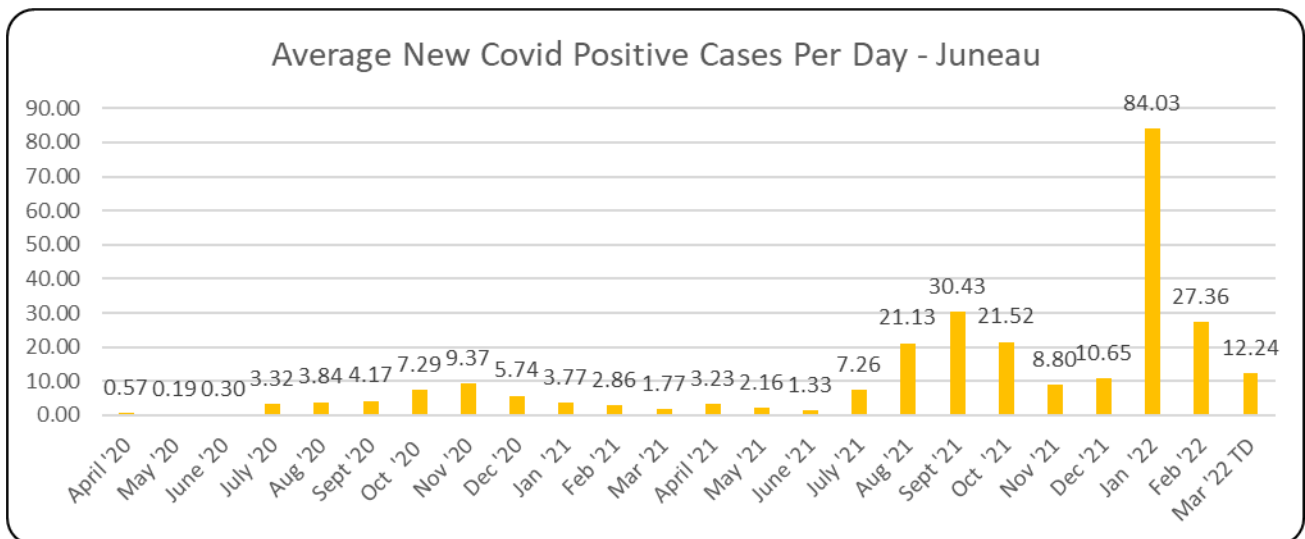
Total: **80.3%** of the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **75.4%** have completed their vaccine series.

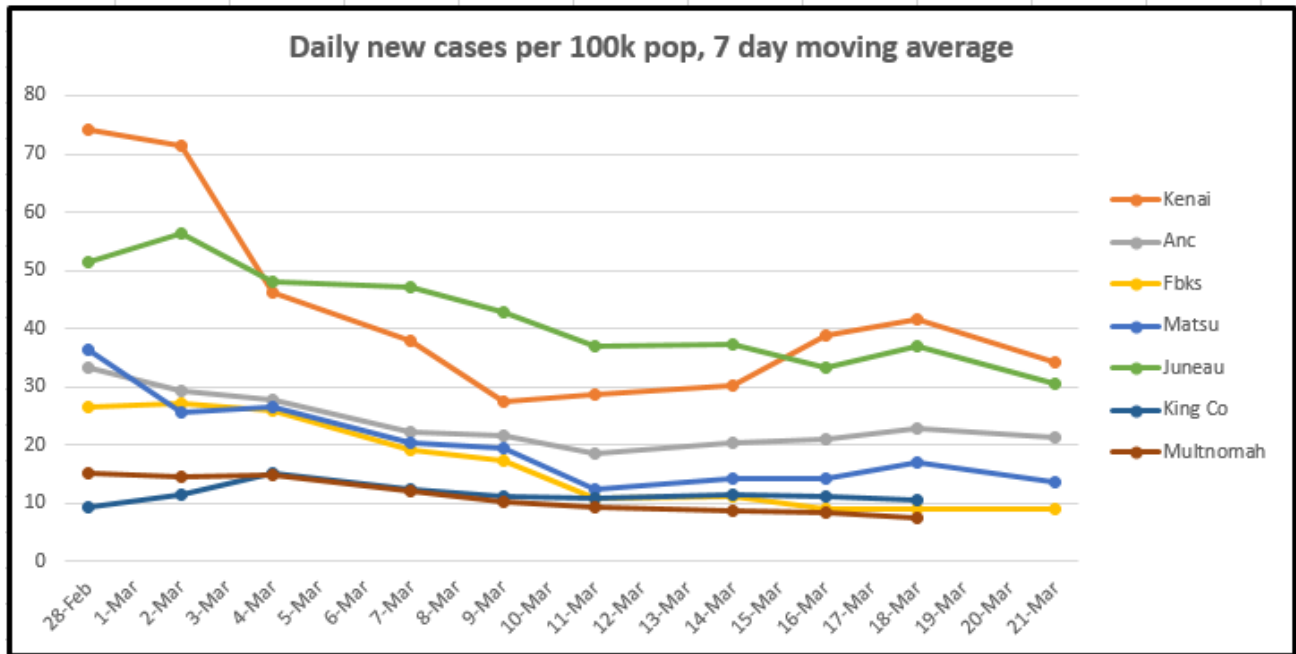
5+: **84.8%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **79.6%** have completed their vaccine series.

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