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DATE: October 14, 2021
 TO: CBJ Assembly
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 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 there continue to be day-to-day spikes. Hospital capacity within in Alaska and in the Pacific Northwest remains significantly restricted	Contact tracing is becoming more difficult due to the high number of contacts per positive individual and the ability to get information from some positive individuals.

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: 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 October is 24.21. This represents a decline from 30.43 in September, but an increase from 21.13 in August. The potential decline that we were seeing last week looks like it may be reversing; however, we have a few known clusters of activity (secondary cases) that are influencing the recent increase. Our 7-day rolling test positivity rate is at 7%.

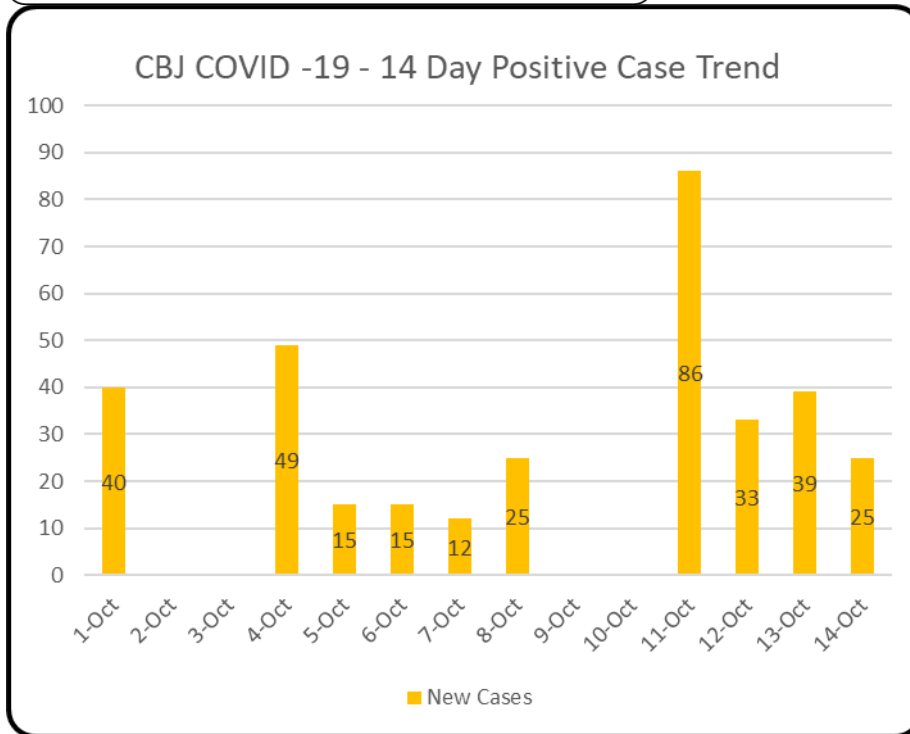
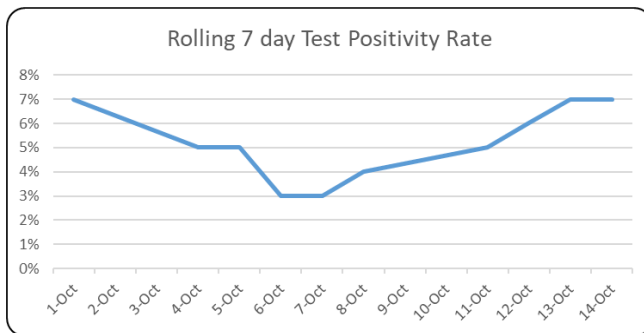
Today BRH reported zero COVID+ patients in house – welcome news. BRH continues to completely fill monoclonal antibody clinics and while there are indications of potential supply shortage, none have been experienced to date. In part due to the state contract and in part due to reduced COVID demands, staffing at the hospital is stabilizing.

An FDA advisory committee met today and approved a booster dose for some recipients of the Moderna vaccine. The panel recommended a half-dose as a booster for people age 65 and up as well as for younger individuals at higher risk due to medical or workplace reasons. The FDA will likely approve these

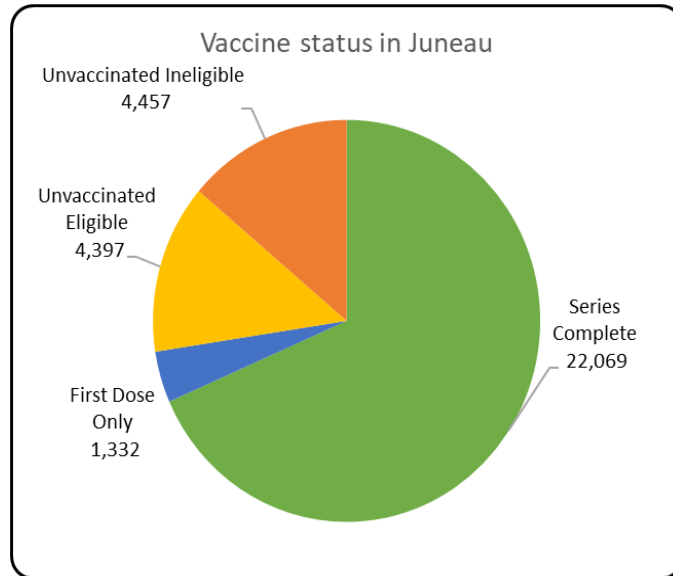
recommendations and then the CDC’s advisory committee on immunization practices will concur or not next week. Lastly, a CDC Director’s decision will be issued.

We continue to note that the pediatric vaccine doses may be in short supply when they are first released. We anticipate approval of pediatric (5-11 year olds) vaccine in early November. Planning has begun for vaccine clinics – in schools rather than in Centennial Hall – for this age group. There are approximately 2800 children in this age range in Juneau.

Numbers Report: We are reporting 97 new cases since the last EOC report on October 4th (T-TH). 96 Juneau residents and 1 nonresident.



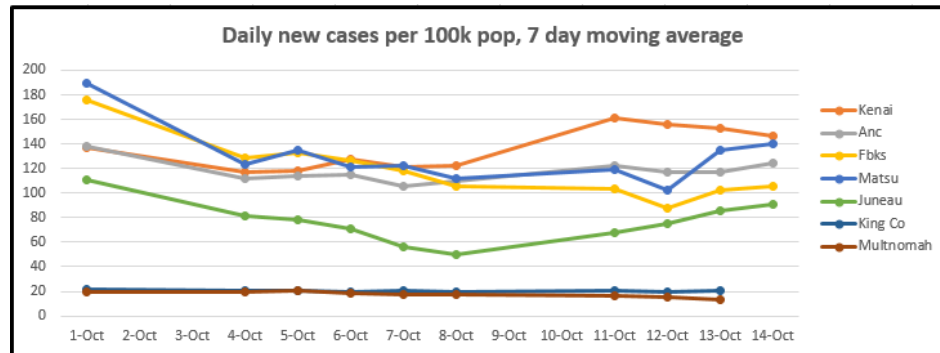
Vaccine Numbers:



Total: **72.5%** of the the total population of Juneau has received at least 1 dose of vaccine and **68.4%** have completed their vaccine series.

12+: **84.2%** of the age eligible Juneau population has received at least 1 dose of vaccine. **79.4%** have completed their vaccine series.

65+: **94.1%** of this age group has at least one dose of vaccine. **90.8%** 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

