DATE: March 27, 2020
TO: CBJ Assembly
FROM: Mila Cosgrove, Incident Commander
RE: City & Borough of Juneau COVID-19 Response – Emergency Operations Center Update

Situational Update

As of today, there are 4 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the community. 2 are travel related, 1 from close contact with one of the original 2. There are no additional details regarding the 4th case in Juneau. There were an additional 16 confirmed cases reported today in Alaska bringing the statewide total to 85.

The Governor issued two additional health mandates. A two week “hunker down” mandate and an extension of the travel quarantine to include instate travel.

EOC Highlights

The EOC began Operation period 3 today at 1:30 pm. All section chiefs were briefed on operational period tactics.

EOC members attended teleconference with ASHNA, State EOC, BRH and other medical providers around the topic of planning for patient surge. It was a good conversation and provided an opportunity for the local group to further collaborate on medical specific requests including protocols for checking on in home COVID position patients, alternate care facilities, and resource availability.

Issues in the critical path continue to be decompressing shelters, quarantine and isolation facilities, and childcare for essential employees. As travel constricts, the EOC may move to limit or eliminate screening at the airport. We are watching numbers carefully.

We are standing up Mt. Jumbo Gym as a temporary quarantine facility. It will be set up over the weekend and put into operation as needed. The use of Mt. Jumbo Gym is intended to be short term until we can get a larger facility stood up. We are closing in on a location and details for operations.

Operational Highlights

Airport Screening: 30 passengers were screened yesterday. 102 passengers came through the airport all together, we do not have good numbers on how many of those came out of security and how many people passed on to other locations.
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There were 69 total passengers today. We fully expect reduced commercial flight activity to Juneau in the very near future, perhaps by as much as 70%. Across the country, air travel is down by approximately 92%.

**Mobile Screening:** The hotline is open from 12:00 to 6:00 pm and the drive through screening facilities are open from 3:00 -7:00, both open 7 days a week. Yesterday they tested 9 on site, one at home. In all they’ve fielded 71 calls, sampled 27 for testing, 5 of which were done off site through the community Para medicine protocols.

**Volunteer Community Coordination:** 100 volunteers have reached out. There is a request to funnel people through the online web form if at all possible.

**JACC:** 35 overnight.

**Logistics:** Moving forward with contract amendment for St. Vincent’s to extend warming shelter operations.