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EMERGENCY ORDER UPDATE: Metrics for COVID response decision making

In the past year, Dillingham has sustained relatively few Covid-19 deaths, medical evacuations, positive cases, and negative impacts, overall. In the past few months, a substantial number of the community have obtained vaccinations. Given the low frequency of cases it is time to develop metrics, as required by Ordinance 2020-22(S) Section 3(B) to help in the making decisions about the level of response of the City. The following Metrics will be used to help determine when to increase or decrease required mitigation measures.

METRICS LIST:

- Number of vaccinations in the community for eligible people stated as the percentage of eligible people who are fully vaccinated, currently 1,200 people have been vaccinated in Dillingham or 75%.
- Community cases (persons working, visiting, or residing in Dillingham other than including seafood workers) over a period of time; currently no cases since February
- Case numbers less than or equal to 10 per 100,000
- BBAHC has stood down their EOC operations as has the City, the State of Alaska no longer conducts statewide contact tracing.
- Current CDC recommendations for COVID response
- Mass testing will be reinstated if there is significant increase in numbers of positive cases
- A definition of a localized outbreak would be five community cases in a seven-day period
- Localized outbreaks may result in the reissuance of previous Emergency Orders
- The City has and will continue to consult with local health care providers

We will continue to encourage more community-members and travelers to get vaccinated and maintain suggested Covid-safety measures. Let's work cooperatively and carefully to continue to protect our grandmothers and grandfathers and other elders, mothers and fathers, wives and husbands, daughters and sons, friends, and colleagues.