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## INFORMATION RELEASE

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### **Juneau's community risk level elevates to modified High; indoor masking once again required for everyone**

The Alaska Department of Health & Social Services today reports 190 new individuals who've tested positive for COVID-19 in the Juneau community in the past five days. This number does not include people who've tested positive through a rapid self-test. Due to high case count activity and associated high number of close contacts, the City and Borough of Juneau Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is elevating the overall community risk to modified Level 3 High. At modified High, masking is required in all indoor public areas regardless of a person's vaccination status, but all other [COVID-19 Community Mitigation Strategies](#) remain at Level 2 Moderate. Through this change, the EOC hopes to keep businesses open, government services running, and the hospital staffed; masking remains an effective tool at limiting the spread of COVID.

This community mitigation measure on masking is effective immediately:

- Masks must be worn in all public indoor areas regardless of vaccination status. Masks must be worn in public outdoor areas where 6 feet of distancing cannot be maintained.

All other mitigation measures remain the same. Read CBJ's COVID-19 Risk Metrics and Mitigation Strategies [here](#) for more details.

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