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COVID-19 testing & hotline transitions to Bartlett Regional Hospital after April 30

Saturday, April 30, will be the last day the City and Borough of Juneau runs the COVID-19 hotline and the drive-thru testing facility at the Hagevig Fire Training Center. After that, <u>Bartlett Regional Hospital will take over operations of both</u>, with BRH taking over the hotline Monday, May 2, and drive-thru testing for the general public available on the BRH campus starting May 8.

The Juneau community can expect other aspects surrounding the COVID-19 testing process to remain the same: the hotline number will still be 907-586-6000; to schedule a test, <u>register online</u> or call the hotline; and tests will continue to be analyzed at Bartlett with results available within 24 hours.

CBJ stood up the Emergency Operations Center in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and <u>implemented the drive-thru testing site and the hotline</u>. While COVID-19 transmission continues to occur in Juneau, hospitalization rates are low, vaccines are widely available, and treatments are available. With COVID-19 no longer an emergent situation, CBJ is ending its Emergency Operations Center framework. Aside from the drive-thru testing and hotline transitioning to Bartlett, the public can expect to see these other changes after April 30:

- CBJ will no longer implement <u>COVID-19 Risk Metrics and Mitigations Strategies</u>, though the community can continue to reach out to CBJ for best practices.
- CBJ will no longer maintain its <u>COVID-19 Dashboard</u>. Instead, the community can get data from
 the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services through its <u>Cases Dashboard</u> (which is
 updated every Wednesday) and Weekly COVID-19 Updates (<u>subscribe here</u>). The community can
 also keep track of Juneau's COVID-19 Community Level through <u>this resource from the Centers</u>
 <u>for Disease Control and Prevention</u>.
- CBJ will no longer be issuing <u>Emergency Operations Center updates</u>.

CBJ will continue to maintain the webpage <u>juneau.org/vaccine</u>, which is an easy way to make a COVID-19 vaccine appointment at the Juneau Public Health Center and other local providers. CBJ is currently distributing free COVID-19 antigen home tests and KN95 masks from the City Hall cash office, all Juneau Public Libraries, Juneau Public Health Center, and Juneau Police Department – and will continue to as long as supply is available.

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