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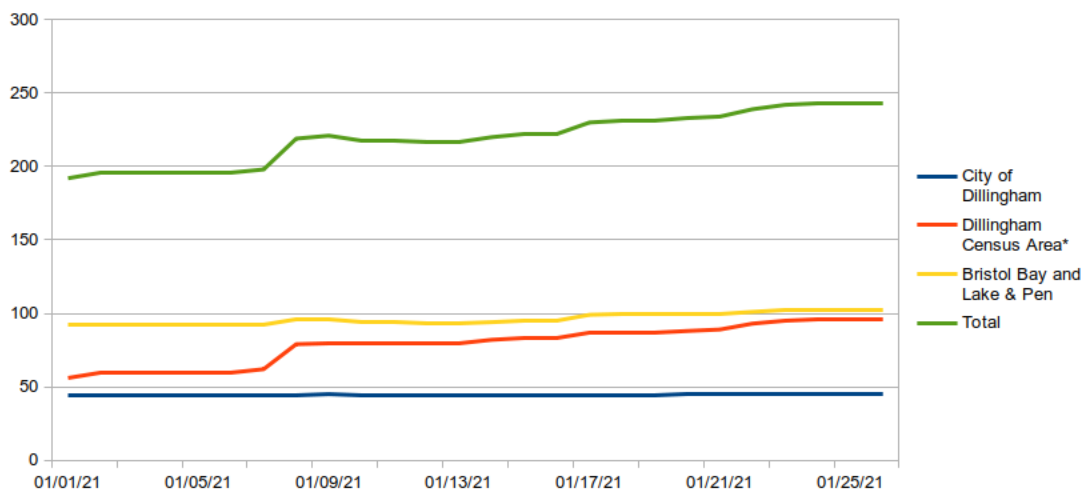
## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 26 January 2021  
**To:** Gregg Brelsford, Interim City Manager  
**From:** Richard Thompson, EOC  
**Subject:** Monthly Report – January 2021

During January it was a pleasure working with first Cynthia Rogers and then Gregg Brelsford as they took their first gulps from the firehose that managing a rural Alaska community during the time of COVID must be. Thank you for the opportunity.

Coming off the holiday travel season January 2021 has been a month of quiet apprehension. Approximately 50 new COVID-19 cases were identified in the region in January. Time lag between reporting of data to the State of Alaska and reporting by the State of Alaska on the SOA Coronavirus Response Hub prohibits definitive accounting of events (specific holidays) that led to spikes. It is interesting, however, that the largest spikes in all three monitored areas appear to have occurred at around the same dates – roughly January 8-10, or roughly two weeks after Christmas and New Year's. Reported infections appear to have leveled off toward the end of the month.

COVID-19 Case Rise - January 2021  
(Data as reported by SOA DHSS Alaska Coronavirus Response Hub)



Travel notification forms processed – 310 Note: approximately 10-15% of forms contain more than one name.

In the past two weeks the EOC has begun receiving a few calls from persons interested in coming to the region for sports fishing and hunting this coming season. Additionally, two calls have been received from persons with businesses in the hospitality industry who indicated that they are being contacted by potential clients. As I'm sure you can guess the majority of questions asked revolve around current travel forms and quarantine ordinances. Callers thus far seem pleased that the current state of ordinances are less cumbersome than they believe they experienced last summer. All understood that ordinances could change at any point between now and the end of the upcoming summer season.

At approximately 2:04 pm this afternoon the EOC received a press release issued by the State of Alaska stating that the COVID-19 UK B.1.1.7 variant had been identified in Alaska for the first time. The case involved two individuals who tested positive for COVID-19 in mid-December and isolated successfully. The cases are believed to be travel related. This particular variant is not currently believed to result in any worse case outcomes than the virus strain we have been dealing with. It is reportedly more infectious however, thus potentially leading to more cases presenting than we have experienced which could create a potential for strain on the health care system. The press release can be accessed here:

[https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/AKDHSS/2021/01/26/file\\_attachments/1673297/DHSS\\_PressRelease\\_Variant\\_20210126.pdf](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/AKDHSS/2021/01/26/file_attachments/1673297/DHSS_PressRelease_Variant_20210126.pdf)

Vaccine allocations for February 2021 are expected to be known today, but have not been announced as of the writing of this report. They should be known by the time you read this report. January's allocations and doses administered are as follows.

