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MEMORANDUM

Date: 25 May 2021
To: Chris Hladick, Interim City Manager
From: Richard Thompson, EOC
Subject: Monthly Report – May 2021

May's COVID-19 positive test numbers for the City of Dillingham from the State of Alaska were reported as 1 local case. No Dillingham Census Area positive test numbers were reported by SOA in May.

Inbound travel to Dillingham during the month of May was higher than March at 477 forms submitted between 25 April 2021 (the last report date) and today. Multiple people are occasionally listed on the same form. Using the figure of 14% more travelers than forms submitted an estimate of 543 travelers arriving in Dillingham via Alaska Air in April. It is unknown how many travelers arrived via other air carriers or where they came from.

To the best of available information it appears that the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) set to be distributed to communities by the State of Alaska will likely now be allocated via the second special legislative session in August.

The MOA with the State of Alaska to provide mobile testing and vaccination services to underserved and transient populations remains in the State of Alaska's procurement process. To the best of available information it appears that the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) New signage aimed at increasing vaccine uptake in the fisheries and communities of our region is currently being printed.

The confusion generated by the CDC's recent guidelines regarding fully vaccinated individuals and masking is slowly being sorted out. New signage for business entrances which reinforces the City of Dillingham's EO 2.1 masking requirement in public places is currently being printed. The signage complies with CDC guidance which states "Fully vaccinated people can resume activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing, except where required by federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including local business and workplace guidance."

The following graph was created for a different report and shows monthly COVID-19 infections in the Dillingham Census Area, as reported by SOA DHSS, against monthly Travel Notification forms.

Three items of note regarding this graph:

- With the information currently distributed by SOA DHSS via the SOA DHSS COVID-19 Information Hub it is not possible to separate out City of Dillingham and Dillingham Census Area infections.
- It is important to remember that while the Travel Notification forms captures traveler numbers for the majority of traveler entering the region they do so from just one airline. Traveler numbers for direct flights to Dillingham Census Area communities, including Dillingham, by other air services are not recorded.
- All 208 COVID-19 resident cases reported in the Dillingham Census Area are included in this graph.

