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MEMORANDUM

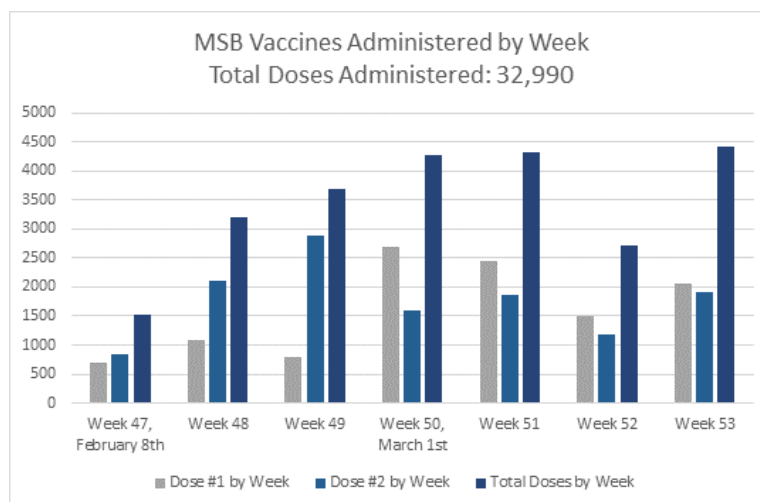
DATE: March 24, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

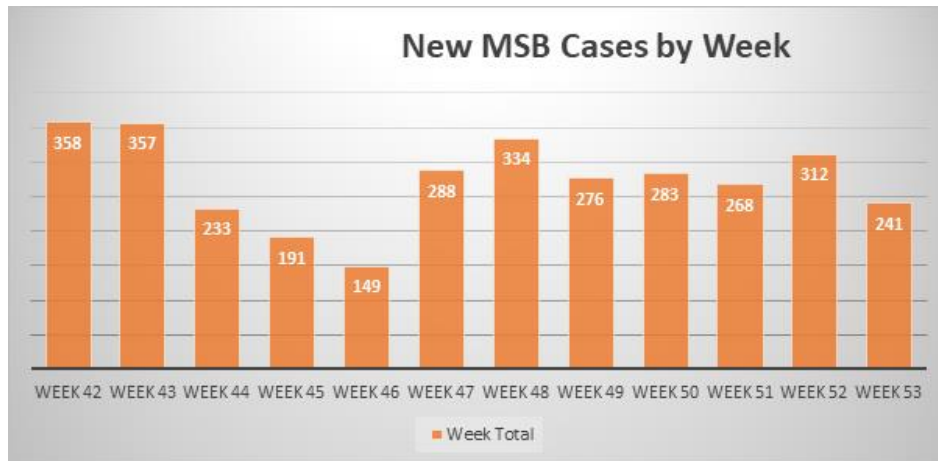
Upcoming Assembly Meeting Items:

At the April 6, 2021 regular Assembly meeting, an executive session is scheduled to begin discussions on upcoming employee union negotiations. We will kick-off the proposed fiscal year 2022 budget cycle on April 8, 2021, where staff will provide an overview of the budget and significant changes, and each Department will present results/outcomes from the past year, as well as their goals for the upcoming fiscal year. We are tentatively planning to bring a recommendation forward of land for the Alaska SCTP-YESS, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth shooting on a competitive and scholastic level at the April 20, 2021 regular Assembly meeting. Staff are presenting the most likely options to their State Advisor, Neil Moss. The wetland mitigation ordinance will be making its way through the Planning Commission in April and will be coming back to the Assembly on May 18, 2021.

Vaccination Weekly Update:

In the Mat-Su Borough region there have been 13,691 people fully vaccinated. By the state's calculation (population listed at 107,305) they're reporting 12.76% of our population fully vaccinated.





Public Affairs Media Flyover:

Public Affairs will be working to increase sharing of COVID-19 vaccine information. The Borough will utilize our communications channels to support messaging from public health officials to our audiences over the next few weeks.

Economy

- Alaska economist offers timeline for tourism recovery
http://www.newsminer.com/news/local_news/alaska-economist-offers-timeline-for-tourism-recovery/article_44550338-87a2-11eb-905d-0b9f927f5323.html

Iditarod

- Stories from the 2021 Iditarod Trail- Mayor Halter hands out award
https://www.frontiersman.com/sports/stories-from-the-2021-itarod-trail/article_50054baa-87b8-11eb-901d-ff1da0e719e2.html

COVID-19

- Anchorage COVID-19 numbers are down. Mat-Su worrying Anchorage Health Officials
<https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/mat-su/2021/03/18/anchorage-covid-19-numbers-are-down-now-its-neighboring-mat-su-that-has-officials-worried/>
- Vaccine appointments go unfilled, fears growing about misinformation and hesitancy
<https://www.alaskapublic.org/2021/03/18/as-mat-su-vaccine-appointments-go-unfilled-fears-grow-about-misinformation-and-hesitancy/>
- Mat-Su have more COVID-19 cases, fewer vaccinations per capita
<https://ktna.org/2021/03/mat-su-continues-to-have-more-covid-19-infections-fewer-vaccinations-per-capita/>
- The Mat-Su continues with highest COVID transmission rates
<https://ktna.org/2021/03/the-mat-su-borough-continues-to-have-the-highest-rate-of-virus-transmission/>

Schools

- School Board discusses funding gap on Houston Middle School
https://www.frontiersman.com/news/school-board-discusses-houston-middle-school-funding-gap/article_a338010c-8bb7-11eb-a994-576d3b86c1e0.html

Assembly Business

- AIDEA updates Assembly on West Susitna Access
<https://ktna.org/2021/03/aidea-updates-assembly-on-west-susitna-access-meets-mayoral-skepticism/>
https://www.frontiersman.com/news/aidea-executives-discuss-350-million-west-susitna-access-project-with-assembly/article_58ab3738-87c7-11eb-ba3a-4b26959f04c4.html
- Assembly Approves septage study
https://www.frontiersman.com/news/assembly-approves-septage-study/article_3773f78c-87ca-11eb-93d8-9b2a154d29ff.html
- Assembly receives state revenue update
https://www.frontiersman.com/news/assembly-receives-state-revenue-update/article_7591c19a-8886-11eb-af35-dbf03d8952c0.html

Fisheries

- Alaska lawmakers consider new sport fish surcharge
<https://www.knba.org/post/alaska-lawmakers-consider-new-sport-fish-surcharge>