



# MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 1, 2021  
 TO: Mayor and Assembly  
 FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager  
 RE: Manager’s Weekly Post

**Central Landfill Gravel:** Borough staff had been preparing to issue a request for proposals (RFP) to lease a portion of the Central Landfill to set up a mining and process area to remove soil/gravel materials for future cells. The intent is to reduce the cost of development for future cells. At the December 7 Assembly meeting, the Assembly will be considering a referral to the Planning Commission of an ordinance to exclude the Central Landfill from the Conditional Use Permit requirement. Therefore, staff will delay issuing this RFP until this ordinance is brought forward.

**Severance Tax Update:** The Assembly is having a special meeting at 4 p.m. December 7 to discuss the merits of a potential severance tax. A severance tax, in this instance, might apply to large gravel pit operators in the Borough. A gravel tax may be a potential way to raise revenues to pay for the recently voter-approved transportation package in lieu of taking on additional debt. The special meeting will provide the Assembly the opportunity to hear from the gravel industry and the public. No action will be taken on this item; the special meeting is purely informational.

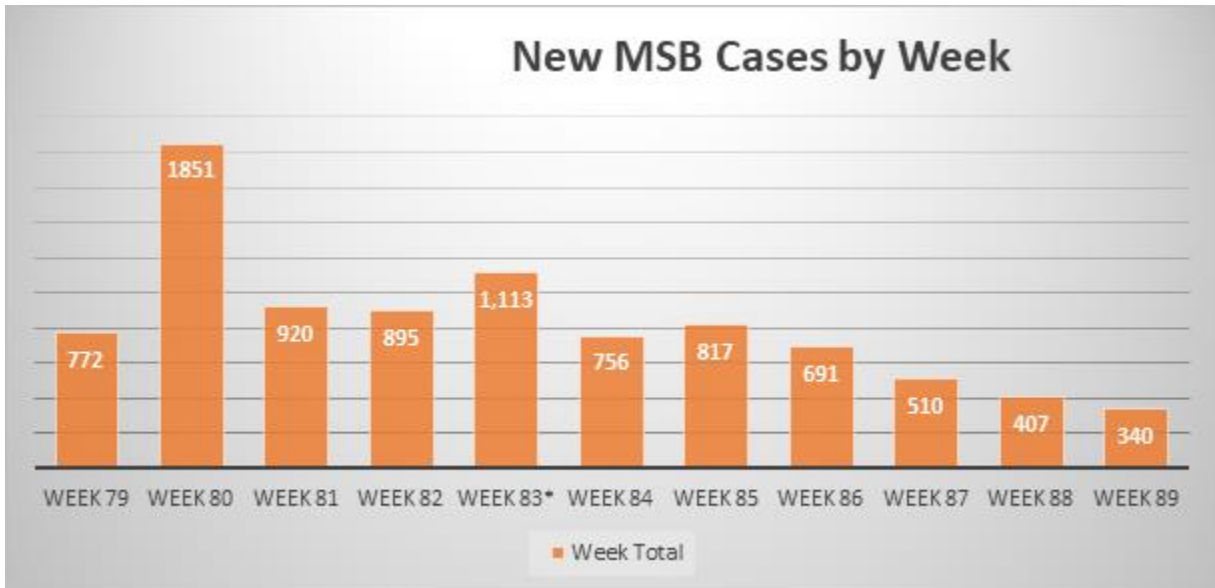
### COVID-19 Update:

#### Weekly Vaccination Report

Statewide				
	All Ages	5+	18+	65+
1+ Dose	57%	61%	68%	80%
Fully Vaccinated	51%	55%	63%	76%
Total Doses Administered: 862,888				

Mat-Su Borough				
	All Ages	5+	18+	65+
1+ Dose	41%	44%	51%	66%
Fully Vaccinated	36%	39%	47%	63%
Total Doses Administered: 86,679				

In the ranking of boroughs and census areas by 1+ doses in those eligible to receive the vaccine (5+), Mat-Su Borough (44%) is holding behind Kenai Peninsula Borough (50%) and ahead of North Slope Borough (41%) and Southeast Fairbanks Census Area (38%).



**Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

**Fish and Wildlife**

- [Alaska lawmakers in both parties demand action on excessive fisheries bycatch](#) - ADN
- [Alaska lawmakers put party politics aside to protect fisheries](#) By Laine Welch - SitNews
- [Biologists' report paints bleak picture of Dunleavy's pitch to bring Sitka black-tailed deer to Mat-Su](#) - AK Public Media

**Trails**

- [New snowmachine trail and public use cabins waiting for winter outdoor users](#) - Frontiersman

**COVID-19**

- [Alaska COVID-19 case counts and hospitalizations continue to drop as health officials watch global emergence of omicron variant](#) - ADN

**Facebook Posts and Web Links**

- [Talkeetna Free FLU and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#)
- [Willow Free Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#)
- [2021 MSBEA Thanksgiving Dinner Donation Drive](#)
- [Alaska Department of Resources Christmas Tree Cutting in Mat-Su](#)