

## MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH

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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: January 6, 2021

TO: Mayor and Assembly

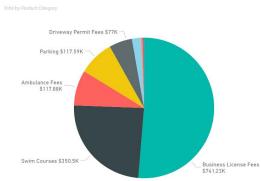
FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager

RE: Manager's Weekly Post

#### **Mat-Su eCommerce Online:**

Our online eCommerce site usage continues to grow as it serves our public. Since it went on-line in April of 2017, the site has been used by over 11,000 residents for over 22,000 transactions, for a revenue total of over \$1,740,000. As more people learn about it, the usage continues to trend upward.





This December saw a record high usage of over \$100,000 in transactions. The majority of transactions are for business license renewals and parking passes at trail heads.

This is notable when we see that there haven't been any transactions generated for swimming lessons since mid-March when the pandemic started. Overall, swimming lessons have accounted for almost 25% of all transactions.

eCommerce saves our citizens time and money by not having to travel and wait in lines. It also saves time for our Borough employees allowing staff to meet the demand of our growing Borough.

## **Vaccination Weekly Update:**

Vaccinations are being distributed in phases.

#### Phase 1A

- Tier 1 Long term care staff and residents, Hospital staff, Dept. of Corrections, etc. As of December 31, 2020, Borough first responders (EMS and fire) used a total of 130 doses of Covid-19 vaccine. This week we gave 80 additional doses.
- o Tier 2 Includes community health aids and workers who will be providing vaccinations.
- Tier 3 Includes workers in health care settings who are critical infrastructure (e.g. direct support staff, lab techs, and phlebotomists).
  - 300 doses will be delivered by January 24, 2021.
  - Tuesday and Thursday delivery will start January 12 and January 14, and then January 19 and January 21, from 8 am 6 pm. This will be at the Mat Su Public Health Nurse Office building.
  - Scheduling is through the State via Prep Mod, anticipating 75 persons per day. MSB Emergency Management team is supporting the State's efforts.
  - Moderna Vaccine does not require dilution, is more stable, and can be refrigerated for 30 days; a second dose is required 28 days after first dose.
  - The plan is to have 600 doses delivered by end of February.

#### Phase 1B

- o Tier 1
  - Recipients 65 and older can register through VacTrax program, with delivery through pharmacies and doctor offices. This is the current plan per the State DHSS.
  - Scheduling for this starts on January 6, 2021, for vaccinations beginning January 11.

MSB will work with the City of Wasilla, as well as the Fairgrounds, for large point of distribution operations.

#### **Public Affairs Media Flyover:**

Alaskans 65 years of age and older can receive vaccinations starting Monday, Jan. 11. Scheduling for those appointments begins at noon on Wednesday, Jan. 6: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3rbcjJrdp91dvUsY-EetLfcpgcGPpkuh7-PnO-okHQfJ3qyv62wiLtBrA">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx?fbclid=IwAR3rbcjJrdp91dvUsY-EetLfcpgcGPpkuh7-PnO-okHQfJ3qyv62wiLtBrA</a>

Houston Middle Design approval passes School Board: <a href="https://www.frontiersman.com/news/houston-middle-design-approval-passes-school-board/article">https://www.frontiersman.com/news/houston-middle-design-approval-passes-school-board/article</a> 0a7b29de-4f45-11eb-8b56-07d58aeb6df1.html

**Talkeetna Community Council discusses wetlands:** <a href="https://ktna.org/2021/01/talkeetna-community-council-discusses-wetlands-comsat-quarry-a-street-trail/">https://ktna.org/2021/01/talkeetna-community-council-discusses-wetlands-comsat-quarry-a-street-trail/</a>

<u>Upcoming Special Assembly Meetings</u>: Staff are preparing and looking forward to the opportunities to discuss the following special meeting topics:

- Tues., Feb. 2 at 3 p.m. re: discussion on Port MacKenzie; Port Commission is invited as well
- Tues., Feb. 16 at 4 p.m. re: discussion on education funding/bond debt
- Sat., Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. re: strategic planning session