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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 17, 2021
TO: Mayor and Assembly

FROM: Michael Brown, Borough Manager

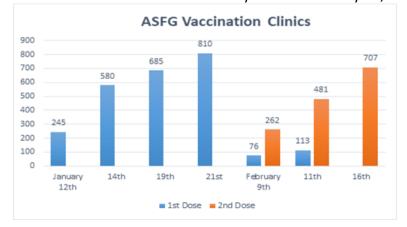
RE: Manager's Weekly Post

Meeting with Congressman Don Young:

The Borough Manager and Attorney are scheduled to meet with Congressman Young on Wednesday, February 17, 2021. Topics will include the Borough's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determination re: Houston Middle School, Port MacKenzie Rail Extension and other topics the Congressman may be interested in discussing. The Congressman's office already has a copy of the Assembly's Federal Legislative priorities adopted on October 6, 2020.

<u>Vaccination Weekly Update</u>: We receive one shipment of vaccine first doses per month during the first week of each month. Second dose shipments usually come in two shipments per week, usually Fridays and Wednesdays as needed. These shipments are stored in deep temperature freezers for distribution throughout the Borough. The specific number received varies depending on the amount of vaccine each provider determines they can dispense, as well based on how many initial doses were given the previous month. A clinic was held on Tuesday, February 16 where 707 doses (including secondary and initial doses) were dispensed and another clinic will be operating on Thursday, February 18, 2021. The second doses for this round of clinics will be on March 16, 2021 at the State Fairgrounds.

Here is a snapshot of the doses delivered between January 12 and February 16, 2021:



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Public Affairs Media Flyover:

COVID-19/Sports

- Sports teams forced to mask-up in Mat-Su Schools
 https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/mat-su/2021/02/12/surge-of-coronavirus-infections-in-mat-su-schools-prompts-masking-up-for-sports-and-scores-of-quarantines/
- State High School Ski and Basketball Championships may move from Anchorage to Mat-Su due to COVID restrictions
 https://www.adn.com/sports/high-school-sports/2021/02/10/state-high-school-skichampionships-wont-happen-in-anchorage-but-may-move-to-government-peak/
- Local prep teams being allowed to face other teams outside of district
 https://www.frontiersman.com/sports/local-prep-teams-will-be-allowed-to-face-schools-outside-the-district/article 23b11510-6dce-11eb-852e-1fb0f2ccb7ac.html

Public Affairs successfully simulcast the February 16, 2021 Assembly Regular meeting on Facebook and on YouTube. Redundancy provides a back-up in case of failure and gives viewers who may not use a Facebook account another option. It should be noted that both stream integrity and quality were also dramatically improved. Dropped feed during the live broadcasts were completely eliminated, improving the viewer experience. No additional expenditures were needed for these improvements.