

This year's graduation ceremony may not be a typical one, but with the help of the Grad Task Team, students were able to take part in a video ceremony. This past week, seniors went to their school at an appointed time to walk across the graduation stage in their caps and gowns to receive their diploma covers. Professional graduation pictures were also taken. By the end of May, a graduation video for each school's ceremony will be available online. The videos will feature traditional graduation speeches, music, and each senior's professional cap and gown photo with their name.

Graduates also received gift bags including items from the schools, community, and the Parents for a Safe Graduation Committee. Learn more about the graduating seniors on Instagram: @tmhs\_2020, @jdhsclassof2020, and @yaakoosgedaakahidi.

Congratulations Juneau's high school seniors! We look forward to seeing what the future has in store for you!



## School meal plan partnership serves about 64,000 free meals

The Juneau School District free meal program served about 64,000 breakfasts and lunches since the program started March 16. About 500 students took part in the program each day. Thank you to NANA Management and First Student for partnering with the district on this important effort. And thank you to all the community organizations who feed students throughout the summer. The last day of the district's school meal program was Friday.



School Bus Drivers Michael Gagnon & John Gucker help pass out meals at Sayéik: Gastineau Community School. "I've enjoyed getting to know these kids. I don't need to ask them their names anymore; I already know who they are. I like getting to interact with new kids – that's why I'm a bus driver," Michael says.



School Bus Driver Theresa Wilcox and School Bus Attendant Majesty Tauai help pass out meals at Sayéik: Gastineau Community School. "We always have our music up and we try to put a smile on their faces and tell them everything is going to

be ok. One girl brought her iPad and she taught us 'The Git Up' song and we danced together," Majesty says.

## Check out CBJ's COVID-19 Local Business Operations webpage

CBJ's COVID-19 Local Business Operations webpage is a one-stop shop to find details on how local businesses are operating during these changing times. Go to [juneau.org/covid19](http://juneau.org/covid19) and scroll down to find the Local Businesses button. About 180 Juneau businesses are currently listed.

If you're a business, let the public know about changes to your business operations as the Juneau economy slowly reopens. Is your business back open? Is your business now allowing walk-ins? What are your delivery and takeout options? Want to pass along some special instructions to patrons before they visit? Share or update your business news and information on the CBJ's COVID-19 Local Business Operations page. Thank you for keeping the public in the know.

## Still time to apply for the COVID-19 Short-Term Rental Assistance Program

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the economic impacts on Juneau households due to the loss of employment and the inability to cover rent, CBJ has created the COVID-19 Short-Term Rental Assistance Program. The program targets households where a member has lost employment and is unable to meet rent obligations due to COVID-19. To see if you qualify for rental assistance and/or to apply for the program, please contact Program Coordinator Shari Partin with Alaska Housing Development Corporation at 780-4475.

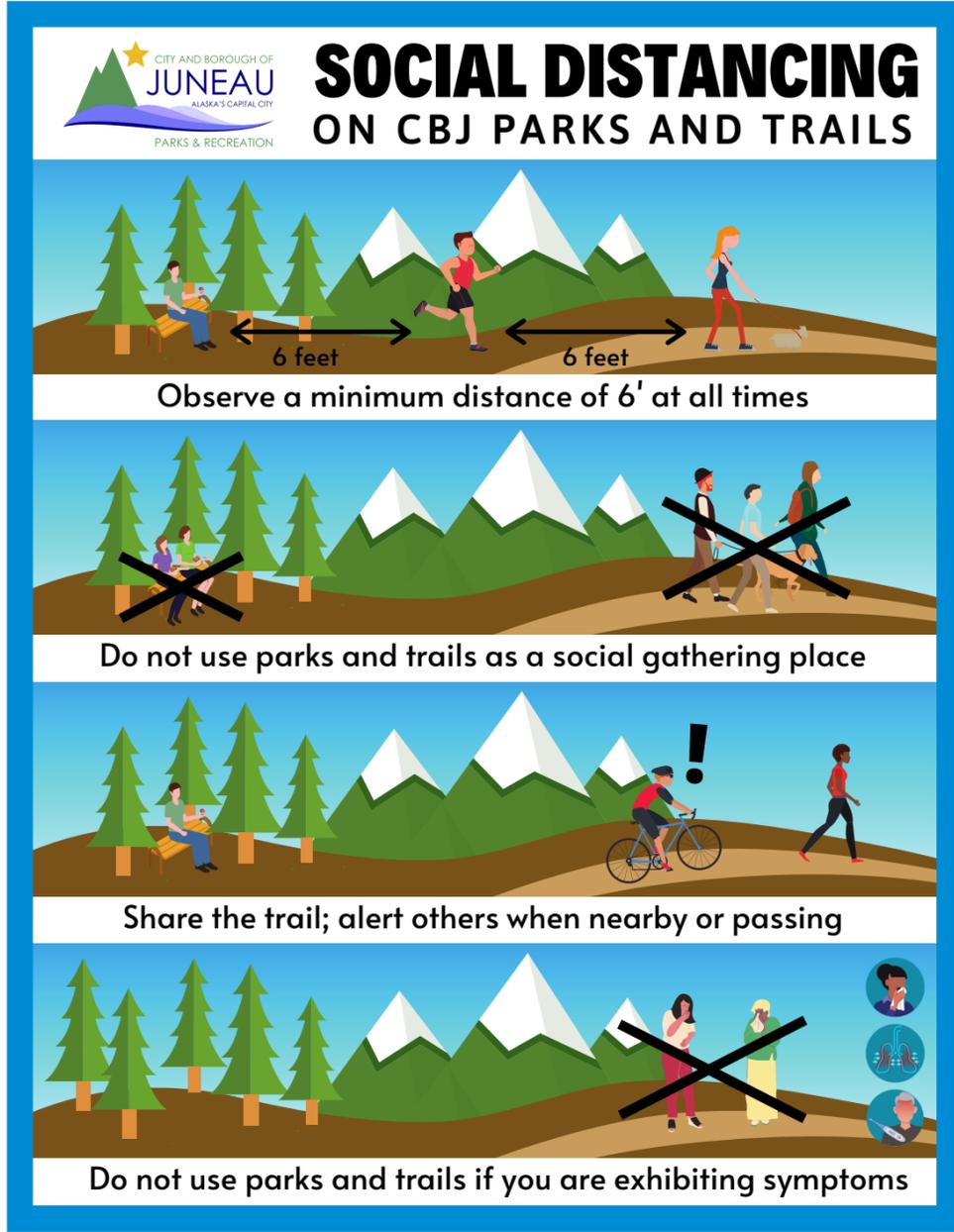
The program, which ends June 30, was developed in partnership with the Juneau Community Foundation, Alaska Housing Development Corporation, and Gastineau Human Services.

## CBJ's October 6 Regular Municipal Election will be held as a vote-by-mail election

Each year, the City and Borough of Juneau holds a Regular Municipal Election on the first Tuesday of October to elect members of the Assembly and School Board and to decide on a variety of ballot propositions. In light of the potential exposure of voters and staff to COVID-19 from voting at crowded polling places, the Juneau Assembly has called for the October 6 Municipal Election to be conducted using a vote-by-mail process.

The election will be conducted in partnership with the Municipality of Anchorage, which has run vote-by-mail elections for the past two years and recently held its annual election in April during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The partnership will allow CBJ to use Anchorage's Election Center and staffing resources, saving CBJ the need to purchase the vote-by-mail equipment and set up an Election Center. Even with a vote-by-mail election, Juneau voters will still have the option to vote in person for two weeks leading up to Election Day at one or two voting centers.

Municipal Clerk staff, who run the municipal elections, will be in contact with voters in the coming weeks and months to provide information about the changes in the election process as well as to verify mailing addresses of Juneau voters. The option to get a ballot sent to an alternate mailing address will be available. For more information, contact CBJ Municipal Clerk/Election Official Beth McEwen at [Beth.McEwen@Juneau.org](mailto:Beth.McEwen@Juneau.org) or 586-0203.



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### SOCIAL DISTANCING ON CBJ PARKS AND TRAILS

Observe a minimum distance of 6' at all times

Do not use parks and trails as a social gathering place

Share the trail; alert others when nearby or passing

Do not use parks and trails if you are exhibiting symptoms

## Don't wait. Get tested.

Any person in Juneau feeling even mildly ill with new symptoms like fatigue, cough, fever, or a decreased sense of taste or smell should contact their health care provider or call Juneau's COVID-19 Screening Hotline at 586-6000, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Testing may be arranged at the local Drive-Thru Testing Center if appropriate. Testing will help keep a lid on COVID-19 by making sure any new cases are detected quickly. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include any of the following: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, decreased appetite, diminished sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle/joint aches, nausea, rash, rigors, runny nose, sore throat, or phlegm production.