



PETERSBURG BOROUGH & PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND



PETERSBURG COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL

ALL CLEAR **1 LOW** 2 MODERATE 3 HIGH

In-depth information on Petersburg's COVID-19 response at psgcovidinfo.net

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | EOC UNIFIED COMMAND SITUATION UPDATES

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INFORMATION RELEASE

This brief responds to questions and provides an update on information from the Emergency Operations Center Unified Command (EOC) and its partner agencies. Contact the EOC with your questions or to sign up to receive press releases: eoc@petersburgak.gov.

CDC PAUSES JOHNSON & JOHNSON COVID-19 VACCINE, MRNA VACCINE WILL CONTINUE

According to the CDC as of April 12 more than 6.8 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen (J&J) vaccine have been administered in the U.S. The CDC and FDA are reviewing data involving six reported U.S. cases of a rare and severe type of blood clot in individuals after receiving the J&J vaccine. In these cases, a type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis (CVST) was seen in combination with low levels of blood platelets (thrombocytopenia). All six cases occurred among women between the ages of 18 and 48, and symptoms occurred 6 to 13 days after vaccination.

CDC and FDA have begun an investigation and analysis of these cases. Until the investigation is complete Petersburg Medical Center will follow CDC recommendations to pause administration of the Johnsons & Johnson vaccine. Until the investigation is complete, people are encouraged to consider the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine to begin building their immunity against COVID-19. The mRNA vaccines do not have any reports of blood clots and will still be made available in Petersburg.

People who have received the J&J vaccine who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should call the PMC COVID Triage Hotline at 772-5788. If you feel you are having a medical emergency, dial 911. The providers at PMC have the information needed to recognize and manage adverse events for any COVID-19 vaccination administered.

PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER COVID HOTLINE 907-772-5788



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For more information:

- Centers for Disease Control Press Release:
<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s0413-JJ-vaccine.html>
- General questions about COVID vaccines may be found at <http://www.covidvax.alaska.gov>
- Wednesday Science ECHO with the State of Alaska Section of Epidemiology and Dr. Zink
<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/center-for-human-development/AK-ECHO/index.cshtml>

NOAA 12005 CARES ACT APPLICATION TUTORIAL

The deadline to apply for NOAA Fisheries Assistance is April 23, 2021. Alaska Sea Grant's Marine Advisory Program agent Gabe Dunham has prepared a video tutorial to help guide members of the commercial harvesting sector through the application process:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FqnjKPFy7Lc>

AK CAN DO FUND | THE ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

In partnership with the Rasmuson Foundation and the United Way of Alaska, The Alaska Community Foundation's goal for the AK Can Do COVID-19 Response grant opportunity is to support nonprofit organizations that the COVID-19 pandemic has financially impacted. This fifth and final round of funding will focus on community needs that may be lagging in delivery, such as domestic violence, child abuse/neglect, suicide prevention, and equitable vaccine distribution and education. Grants to nonprofit organizations addressing ongoing needs in food security, homelessness prevention, childcare assistance, and support for social equity issues that surfaced during the pandemic will also be considered. Individual grant amounts will be awarded from \$5,000 to \$15,000. Information at <https://alaskacf.org/blog/funds/ak-can-do-fund/>

TESTING IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT FUTURE OUTBREAKS

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS - Stay home and call the COVID Hotline 907-772-5788.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS - call 907-772-4299 to schedule an appointment.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID?

Difficulty breathing, cough, fever, runny nose, headache, sore throat, body aches, diarrhea, rash, loss of appetite, loss of sense of smell or taste, or sudden onset of any unexplained symptom. You can check your symptoms here: <https://c19check.com/start>. Stay home and call the Medical Center's COVID Hotline at the first sign of symptoms 907-772-5788.

FREE MASKS FOR BUSINESSES

Businesses, non-profits or other organizations that would like to obtain masks for distribution to the public can email their request to eoc@petersburgak.gov.

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NO WEEKLY PRESS RELEASE NEXT WEEK

There will be no weekly press release for the week of April 19.

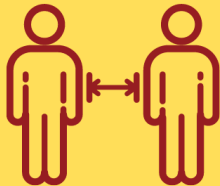
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LOW



Face covering where social distancing can not be maintained



6 feet must be maintained with people outside of the household



Follow State Health Orders for travel & local intrastate travel mandate



Gatherings of 50+ outdoors
25+ indoors not recommended without strict adherence to safety measures



Businesses 100% open with allowance of telework for high-risk employees

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