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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

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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.

ARE YOU READY TO GET VACCINATED?

April 9th will be the next community vaccine clinic. Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available by appointment only. To get on the vaccine waitlist go to www.pmc-ak.org or call 772-5545. If you would prefer to get vaccinated in private, please call 772-5545 to discuss getting vaccinated during a private appointment at the clinic.

WHY VACCINATE?

Choosing to get vaccinated is the single most important action you can take to protect yourself and your community. Until more people are vaccinated and case rates are lower in Alaska, take precautions including wearing a mask, staying six feet apart from others, and avoiding crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html.

THE COVID VACCINE WAS DEVELOPED QUICKLY, IS IT SAFE?

COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective. No steps were skipped during the clinical trial process. COVID-19 vaccines were evaluated in tens of thousands of participants in clinical trials and meet FDA's rigorous standards for safety, effectiveness and quality. The vaccine has become available quickly because more resources went into it than any vaccine in history. Millions in the US have received these vaccines and they have undergone intensive safety monitoring. Learn more about the COVID-19 vaccine at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines

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ALL INCOMING TRAVELERS MUST SCREEN AT THE AIRPORT

The screening is required of all travelers, even if you are vaccinated or arrive with a negative test. It is required that all travelers:

1. Log on to the state's Travel Portal alaska.covidsecureapp.com
2. Fill out a travel declaration form
3. Go through the screening tent

If needed you will be directed to get tested. Testing is free. For more travel guidance at: www.psgcovidinfo.net/travel-testing

UNEMPLOYMENT + 2020 INCOME TAX

For individuals who received unemployment benefits in 2020, the IRS said beginning in May and continuing through the summer, it will automatically issue refunds to eligible people who already filed a tax return reporting unemployment compensation before the recent changes made by the American Rescue Plan Act to exclude \$10,200 of unemployment income from taxes. Under this process, eligible taxpayers will not have to file amended returns to receive a refund. If you have not yet filed your 2020 tax return, the IRS has published guidance on how to exclude the unemployment income here: <https://www.irs.gov/faqs/irs-procedures/forms-publications/new-exclusion-of-up-to-10200-of-unemployment-compensation>

NOAA FISHERIES ASSISTANCE – SUBSISTENCE USERS

Applications for Subsistence Users are now available. Applicants will be responsible for downloading or printing their applications from the PSCMFC website: <https://www.psmfc.org/cares-act-the-coronavirus-aid-relief-and-economic-security-act>. Deadline to apply is April 23, 2021. For questions or inquiries related specifically to Alaska's Sec. 12005 CARES Act Fisheries Assistance relief please email AKCares@psmfc.org or call toll-free: 1-888-517-7262. If you have the ability to email, you may receive a quicker response due to the large volume of calls anticipated to be received.

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.

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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.

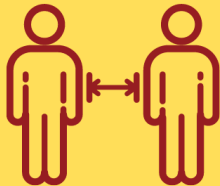
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Face covering where social distancing can not be maintained



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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