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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 at eoc@petersburgak.gov.

COVID-19 Cases in Petersburg				
	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
Resident	3	0	3	1
Non-resident	1	1	0	0

Petersburg COVID-19 case counts can be found at www.psgcovidinfo.net

FREE COVID TESTING FOR TRAVELERS

The Petersburg Medical Center testing clinic at the airport is open every day. Testing is provided to travelers entering Alaska by either plane or boat. Alaska Health Mandate 10.1 requires that all travelers arriving from out of State to either self-quarantine for 14 days or obtain a COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of departure to Alaska or obtain a test upon arrival. The traveler testing site is open 10am - 11am & 2pm - 3pm (may change if flights are delayed or canceled). More information about local testing is available at: <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/travel-testing>

JULY 4TH CELEBRATIONS: STAYING STRONG TOGETHER

Let's celebrate safely! Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 by people who are infected and attend these events. We encourage spectators and even participants within 6 feet of non-household members to wear a face covering and maintain at least 6 feet of distance. Stay home if you have any symptoms of COVID-19.

- **VIRTUAL ACTIVITIES – July 3, 5-7pm:** Gather your family and join Parks and Rec and Lighthouse Assembly for some virtual games and activities. Watch online at Petersburg Parks and Rec Facebook page or tune in to 88.5 FM. Information at <https://www.facebook.com/PSGCOC/>
- **FIREWORKS – July 3, 11pm:** The Chamber of Commerce Fourth of July fireworks show will take place this year at the ballfield. Viewing in large groups is discouraged, a map of alternative viewing locations can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/PSGCOC/>
- **FREEDOM RUN – July 4, 8am:** Participate virtually or safely in person in this 3K/7K run. Info at <https://facebook.com/petersburgparksnrec>

- **PARADE – July 4, 11am:** Line-up on PFI Hill, ends at Parks and Rec parking lot on Wrangell Ave. This is an extended parade so be prepared for a 2.5 trek through town to show your strength! Vehicles, floats, walkers, and bike riders can join the entire route or step out along the way. Please practice social distancing when watching the parade and spread out along the entire route to maintain safe spacing between you and others. Info at <https://facebook.com/petersburgparksrec>

IRS ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS – DEADLINE FOR NON-FILERS

The Internal Revenue Service reminds low-income Americans who do not receive social security or other federal benefits and don't usually file tax returns to register for a payment by October 15. Non-filers can use the online tool at IRS.gov or file a federal income tax return for 2019. Paper returns are available at the Public Library and the Legislative Information Office.

RESUMING DAILY ACTIVITIES SAFELY

The CDC recently updated its guidance on how to resume daily activities as safely as possible. "The more closely you interact with others, the longer the interaction lasts and the greater the number of people involved in the interaction, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread," says Dr. Jay Butler, CDC's incident manager. Questions to ask yourself:

- How many people will you interact with?
- Can you keep 6 feet of space between you and others?
- Will you be outdoors or indoors?
- What is the length of time that you will be interacting with people?

Read more about resuming daily activities here: bit.ly/2zCbllf

REPORTING VIOLATIONS OF HEALTH MANDATES

Alaskans are expected to comply with all mandates. These measures have been put in place to flatten the COVID-19 curve and protect the health of all Alaskans. Alaskans who disregard the mandates are putting themselves and their communities at risk. The primary focus is on education and voluntary compliance with the mandates. However, individuals who recklessly violate the mandates do risk both civil fines and criminal prosecution. See <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates> for more details on these penalties.

To report non-compliance, send an email to investigations@alaska.gov. DHSS will treat the sender's identity as confidential information and protect it to the maximum extent state and federal law permit.

COVID CONSCIOUS BUSINESS TOOLKIT

Alaska businesses now have access to a new suite of printable resources to help encourage COVID-19 precautions among employees and customers. The COVID-Conscious Business Toolkit features Alaska-themed artwork to communicate and encourage measures, such as physical distancing and mask wearing. The messages cater to diverse policies that businesses may have for employees and customers. Downloadable materials that can be printed and displayed include: front door signs, floor decals/signs to support physical distancing, commitment statements, and other signage for posting in breakrooms, restrooms and doors. Digital graphics are also available for use on social media, email messages and websites. The toolkit is available at www.bit.ly/2zYeWL3



SOUP ON SATURDAYS AT THE SONS

Every Saturday volunteers serve between 50-60 to-go meals at the Sons of Norway Hall. Thank you to Petersburg Mental Health and the sons of Norway, to the community members who donate the soup each week, and to the volunteers who make it happen - Ashley Kawashima, Shirley Yip, Alex Helms, Sally Dwyer, and Christina Sargent. Everyone is welcome!

DON'T HESITATE TO CALL THE HOTLINE

Anybody can get tested who has ANY of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, a decreased appetite, diminished sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint aches, nausea, rash, rigors, a runny nose, a sore throat, sputum production. Anyone with any symptoms is encouraged to call PMC's 24-hour **COVID-19 hotline (907) 772-5788**. Experienced nurses are answering the calls.