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

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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 TESTING UPDATE

PMC has tested 110 patients for COVID-19; 2 recovered cases, 88 tests have returned negative and 20 tests are still pending. Patients waiting for results should stay quarantined at home and isolated from other household members until test results are shown to be negative.

ACT LIKE YOU HAVE IT

When out for essential trips, wear a cloth face covering and practice social distancing. If you are sick or suspect that you may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, take steps to help prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and our community. If you've developed a fever, cough or difficulty breathing or have other new and unusual symptoms, please contact: **Petersburg Medical Center 24 hour COVID-19 hotline 772-5788**. This line is staffed 24/7 and nurses will review your symptoms and discuss options for you. There is no walk up testing available.

LONG TERM CARE

PMC Long Term Care staff know you miss your family members very much and we know they miss you as well. We encourage family and friends of our residents to contact LTC for assistance to connect virtually until it is safe for visitors to return to LTC. At this time there has been no updated guidance regarding easing restrictions in nursing homes. We will continue to update you as we receive more guidance. Thank you for your understanding as we continue to take extra precautions to keep your loved ones safe during these uncertain times.

NEW UNIFIED COMMAND WEBSITE - www.psgcovdinfo.net

A new website has been launched for COVID-19 resources to help better serve Petersburg residents who need help navigating the overwhelming amount of information coming our way. You'll find information from local and State agencies working to slow the spread of COVID-19, information on financial help that is available, business assistance and more. We'll be updating the site daily, so check back often. If you need help finding information or have a question, contact us at eoc@petersburgak.gov

REOPENING PETERSBURG

The Chamber is gathering feedback from community members to help guide them in their re-openings. Please take this quick survey (8 questions) regarding what would make you confident shopping/dining/recreating in person at this time. <https://forms.gle/rDs6A2NwyCb41jn16>

STATE OF ALASKA HEALTH MANDATE 16: Reopening Alaska Responsibly Phase 1

COVID-19 Health Mandate 016 is the first in a series of mandates from the State of Alaska that will responsibly reopen Alaska. It allows some businesses to resume operations under specific conditions and guidance outlined in the mandate, effective Friday, April 24. Read the full mandate & attachments at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-mandates>.

Establishing a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan addressing the practices and protocols to protect staff and the public is a critical piece to the safe reopening of businesses. If you are wondering how to write a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan the State provides excellent guidance at: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-.../worker-mitigation-plan/>.

Businesses and community members may contact covidquestions@alaska.gov with questions. Answers to frequently asked questions will also be made available on the health mandates webpage.

PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE 6: Submission of Travel Plans

Any business intending to bring or send workers into the Petersburg Borough and therefore required under State Health Mandate 10 and/or State Health Mandate 12 to submit a protective plan to the State of Alaska, is also required to simultaneously submit the plan to the Petersburg Borough for review and comment. Visit www.petersburgak.gov to read the full mandate:

STEP 1: Use State's Workforce Protective Plan template to create plan

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/unified-command/worker-mitigation-plan/>

STEP 2: Submit your plan to the State of Alaska

akcovidplans@ak-prepared.com

STEP 3: Submit your plan to the Emergency Operations Center Unified Command

eoc@petersburgak.gov

CLOTH FACE COVERING

The EOC is coordinating with local mask makers to consolidate masks that are being produced and distribute the masks to those in need.

- **Drop off handmade masks** at Petersburg Rexall Drugs, visit www.petersburgrexalldrug.com or call 772-3265 for open hours.
- **To request masks or learn to make masks contact:** eoc@petersburgak.gov or 907-772-3349 ex. 3

STAY INFORMED

SIGN UP for CodeRED at www.petersburgak.gov

LISTEN to the KFSK radio show M/W/F at 12:30

READ the newspaper for updates

CHECK these websites daily

- Petersburg Unified Command Information Hub: www.petersburgcovidinfo.net
- State of Alaska COVID-19 Dashboard: www.coronavirus.alaska.gov
- CDC: www.cdc.gov