



PETERSBURG BOROUGH | PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND

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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 144 patients for COVID-19; there are 3 recovered cases, 119 tests have returned negative and 22 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.

The two community acquired cases reported in the past two weeks are not related to each other however they are an indication that COVID-19 is in our community. Having only two cases tells us that the great infection control practices you are following are having a positive effect and we encourage all residents to keep up the good work with excellent hand hygiene, face protections, social distancing and cleaning of high touch surfaces. Avoid wearing gloves except for a specific task, remove and wash your hands when changing tasks. Soap and water hand hygiene, when frequently performed is safer than cross contamination with gloved hands.

As Alaska and Petersburg gear up to open for business, please keep in mind good infection control habits to protect your staff and your customers. Managers and owners: watch your staff for signs of illness and encourage your employees to call the COVID hotline at 772-5788 for guidance and possible testing. The more testing done in Petersburg helps control the spread to others.

If you have a had a test, please follow the instructions provided to you and call the COVID hotline with any questions. Regardless of the weather, we encourage you to go outside, get fresh air, go for a walk and celebrate the arrival of longer, warmer days!

PEDC PROGRAMS FOR BUSINESSES

SALES TAX REBATE PROGRAM - For Petersburg-based businesses who have been impacted by health directives issued by state and local government related to Covid-19. The program provides grants up to \$300 of sales tax remitted to the Petersburg Borough from sales occurring in February 2020 and March 2020

PPP LOAN INCENTIVE - An incentive grant to businesses who apply for a Paycheck Protection Program loan from an eligible lender. The program provides up to a \$1,000 grant. We will attempt to assist as many businesses as we can during this time though we are prioritizing those businesses who have been impacted by health directives issued by state and local government related to Covid-19. Funding for this program is through the Petersburg Economic Development Council from the Petersburg Borough Economic Fund. No General Fund dollars are being used.

Deadline for both programs: May 8 / Apply at: <https://rb.gy/ifsinfo>

TRAVELER NOTICE

Please remember that all travelers into Alaska are required to self-quarantine for 14-days and monitor for illness. This is required by Health Mandate 10 on Interstate and International Travel, which remains in effect. What does that quarantine look like? First, travelers must fill out the mandatory State of Alaska Travel Declaration form and identify a quarantine location (your home if you are a resident or a hotel room or rented lodging if you are a visitor). Once at that quarantine location, travelers into Alaska (residents or visitors) must remain there except for medical emergencies or to seek medical care. Those under quarantine cannot visit any public spaces and cannot allow visitors other than medical personnel or those permitted by the State of Alaska.

For frequently asked questions on the mandates: www.covid19.alaska.gov/faq/

For the travel declaration form (online form): www.ready.alaska.gov/Form

IF YOU NEED A MASK

Masks are now available for individuals & families, to put in a request call the library at 772-3349 or visit psgcovidinfo.net/mask-request. Thank you to the volunteers who are making masks!

VOLUNTEERS

The EOC is seeking volunteers to help with a variety of tasks: making masks, mail runs and errands, helping with meal program and more. Sign up at psgcovidinfo.net/volunteer.

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.psgcovidinfo.net
- State of Alaska COVID-19 Dashboard: www.coronavirus.alaska.gov
- CDC: www.cdc.gov