



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.

CHECKLIST FOR ALASKA VISITORS

Do you have clients, family members or guests coming to town? Help them prepare.

- **Test for COVID-19 before you go.** Bring printed proof of a negative PCR test taken a minimum of 3 days before departure to Alaska, and not greater than 5 days before departure. Both the results and a completed Travel Declaration Form need to be provided upon arrival in Alaska. Travelers without negative test results should be prepared to comply with testing requirements at the airport and quarantine until a negative result is received
- **Plan to minimize public interactions on your trip.** Take advantage of the space and great outdoors Alaska has to offer and plan to limit time in public indoor spaces
- **Cloth face coverings, social distancing and good hygiene are strongly encouraged.** Stay six feet away from others and wash your hands often
- **Stay home if you are sick.** If you are ill or been exposed to a person with COVID-19 in the past 14 days, postpone your trip

NON-PROFIT AND CHILDCARE STABILIZATION PROGRAM

Petersburg relies on not-for profit organizations and childcare providers to support community health, safety, social, and/or economic needs. More than ever, Petersburg is relying on nonprofits to provide these services during and following the COVID public health emergency. The Nonprofit and Childcare Stabilization Program is designed to provide economic support to organizations who have been negatively impacted by the COVID pandemic so that they may continue to provide necessary services to Petersburg residents. Learn more about the program and apply online at <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/index.asp>

SOUTHEAST ALASKA BUSINESS SURVEY: COVID-19 IMPACTS AND BUSINESS CLIMATE

Are you a business owner or operator in Southeast Alaska? If so, this survey is for you! www.surveymonkey.com/r/SEbussSurvey The survey tracks the Southeast Alaska business climate as well as COVID-19 impacts to your business. The survey takes up to 10 minutes to complete, but even if you have only a few minutes to respond quickly, that would be incredibly valuable. The survey data will be used to focus COVID-19 relief efforts moving forward.

REOPENING BOROUGH BUILDINGS

When using Borough buildings, the public is strongly encouraged to maintain a 6-10 foot distance and to wear a cloth face covering. If you are feeling sick with even mild symptoms, stay home and call Petersburg Medical Center's COVID-19 24 Hour Screening Hotline (907) 772-5788.

Community Development	Encourages customers to continue submitting applications and building plans by email. Department reopens for in-person meetings by appointment on Monday June 15. Customers requiring a meeting should call 772-4425 to schedule.
Fire Hall	Closed to the general public
Harbor Restrooms	Open 7am – 10 pm, cleaned every 2-3 hours
Municipal Building	Reopens Monday, June 15th. Hours are 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday
Parks & Recreation	Parks, restrooms, shelters & playgrounds are now open
Police Dept	lobby is open 8am-8pm daily, fingerprinting is available by appointment only
Power & Light	Reopens for in-person meetings by appointment on Monday June 15. Customers requiring a meeting should call 772-4203 to schedule. Doors will be locked and drop-in traffic will not be allowed until July 6th. On July 6, doors will be open to the public and drop-in traffic may enter the PMPL offices as needed.
Public Library	open with limited hours for 'Grab & Go' service, details at http://www.psglib.org
Public Works	Baler open regular hours, Public Works office closed – reopening date TBA

LIBRARY CLOSURE

The library closed Thursday June 11 due to potential exposure to COVID-19. The symptomatic individual has tested negative and the library will reopen Tuesday June 16 at 11am. The EOC and Borough decided to exercise an abundance of caution and close the library because any symptomatic test is presumed to be a positive until proven otherwise. With public facilities like the library, we must take this very seriously and not allow potential exposure to the public or employees. When using any public building please stay home if you have symptoms, cover your face, keep your distance and practice good hygiene.

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.

STAY INFORMED

LISTEN to the KFSK radio show Friday 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