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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 now be found at www.psqcovidinfo.net

TESTING FOR INCOMING TRAVELERS

Walk-up asymptomatic testing for travelers is now available at the Petersburg Airport. No appointments are taken. Borough greeters and PMC staff are there approximately 30 minutes before Flight 65 (AM Jet) and Flight 64 (PM Jet). Staff will leave after arriving passengers have been checked and tested. Since flights can change for unexpected reasons, check flight status at <https://www.alaskaair.com>. A Traveler Declaration Form and/or a voucher are required for testing. Testing is only available to incoming travelers.

LODGES AND MANDATE 10

The EOC is aware of several complaints from travelers and the Greeter/Screeners staff at the airport that local lodge patrons seem to be skirting the requirements of Mandate 10. It is important for the public to know that all lodge patrons that come into Petersburg from out of state are subject to Mandate 10 and its requirements for testing and/or quarantining. The staff at the airport is trying to capture all travelers that are subject to the Mandate, but the system that the State has set up with Mandate 10 requires that we take a traveler’s word upon questioning. The goals of Mandate 10 are to ensure that all travelers from out of Alaska are tested or that they certify that they will quarantine. The definition of quarantine is to hunker down in a specified location and not venture out of that location for any purpose except to receive medical attention. The lodge owners and operators, as well as their patrons, have a responsibility to follow all requirements of State Mandate 10 or face the penalties for not doing so. The EOC will be reaching out to the local lodges to ensure that they have the proper information and are taking all required steps to protect the community, their staff and their patrons.

SOCIAL GATHERINGS

With COVID-19 cases on the rise in Alaska, we encourage Petersburg residents and visitors to carefully consider whether to host or attend social gatherings. We understand the need we all have to see our friends and family but please keep social circles small. Consider your risks and gather cautiously. For more information: dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/bubble.aspx

COVID & DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

While isolation and social distancing is required for decreasing the spread of COVID-19 unfortunately this can also increase the risk of domestic violence (power based violence) within communities, which we are currently seeing happening Petersburg. It is important that individuals that may be experiencing this or know someone who is at risk know the local resources available:

- Working Against Violence for Everyone (WAVE): 772-9283 - 24/7 response line 518-0555
- Petersburg Mental Health Services: 772-3332
- Petersburg Medical Center: 772-4291
- SEARHC: 772-4963
- True North Counseling: 907-650-7292
- Public Health: 772-4611
- Police Department: 772-3838 - 24/7 emergency number 911
- 24/7 Non-local support: National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233; Crisis Text Line: text HOME to 741741 available 24/7

WEAR CLOTH FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC

With COVID-19 cases increasing in Alaska, the EOC strongly encourages wearing cloth face coverings in public, especially when it's difficult to maintain 6 feet from others. Cloth face coverings provide some protection to the wearer but do even more to help you protect others. It's a way to help keep those around you healthy and safe. When you take care of yourself, you take care of our community. If you need masks you can pick them up at Rexall Drugs, 772-3349 ext.3 or e-mail eoc@petersburgak.gov.

MASK MAKERS NEEDED

If you are interested making masks, contact Chris at 772-3349 ext.3 or e-mail eoc@petersburgak.gov.

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