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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.

OUT OF STATE TRAVELERS ARRIVING IN PETERSBURG

The Petersburg Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is preparing for COVID-19 testing for passengers arriving from out of state. This is being done in response to the revisions to State Mandate 10 announced June 3. The EOC is working to develop a plan for COVID-19 and will provide an update once the protocol is finalized. In the meantime, starting Saturday June 6 we ask that travelers coming to Petersburg from out of State adhere to the following guidelines:

Everyone must fill out a State Travel Declaration Form AND:

1. **If you do not have proof of negative** test a 14 day quarantine is still required
2. **If you have proof of a negative test** within 3 days of travel no quarantine is required
3. **Essential workers** can perform their duties as guided by their current State of Alaska Protective Plan, but must quarantine when not on the job. This plan should have been filed with the State of Alaska previously and a copy submitted to the Petersburg EOC.

If a traveler is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after arrival in Petersburg or during your quarantine, please call our local COVID hotline at 907-772-5788 for consultation and assistance. **These guidelines will change.** We appreciate your patience as we establish a local protocol for passengers arriving from out of state. More information at: dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/travel.aspx

AK CARES GRANT PROGRAM

This grant program is applicable to Alaskan small businesses (50 employees or less) who were excluded or did not qualify or were otherwise excluded from obtaining funding through the SBA PPP or SBA EIDL or other federal funding program under the CARES Act. Grant funding available is \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$100,000. Grants will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Grant amount is based on amount of eligible expenses (payroll, rent, utilities, etc.) occurring eight weeks prior to application date and eligible expenses to be incurred over the next eight weeks to re-staff/re-open. More information at <https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/>

OPEN DOES NOT MEAN OVER

From Dr. Anne Zink: "Open" never meant "over." Being open does not mean the pandemic is over, but we can balance public health and economic stability with the appropriate safeguards. Individuals, businesses, and workplaces all have a responsibility to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please help keep the lid on COVID-19. Key points:

- Stay home if you're sick and get tested
- Wash your hands
- Keep your circles small and social gatherings limited
- Wear a face mask/face coverings when within 6 feet of non-household members

BOROUGH REOPENINGS

Reopening safely is our priority. We appreciate your patience as we acquire the needed supplies and hire the staff needed to open according to CDC guidelines.

- *Harbor Restrooms* are now open
- *Public Library* opens June 9 with limited hours for 'Grab & Go' service, details at <http://www.psglib.org>
- *Parks & Recreation* is planning to open facilities in phases. Tentative opening dates are:
June 15 – Parks, restrooms, shelters & playgrounds; Aug 1 - Partial reopening of pool and fitness equipment;
Aug 31 - Full reopening of pool and gym

When visiting Borough facilities and interacting with Borough staff in person, 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 the department you have business with on that day.

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 Fridays 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