



PETERSBURG BOROUGH | PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER  
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND

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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov).

	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
<b>Resident</b>	7	0	6	1
<b>Non-resident</b>	7	0	7	0

For current information about local case counts visit: [www.psqcovidinfo.net](http://www.psqcovidinfo.net)

**Free asymptomatic COVID-19 testing**

SEARHC is now providing free, asymptomatic COVID-19 testing in Petersburg on Saturdays. No appointment or referral is required. Visit <http://ow.ly/cXPX50BxjiT> for more information  
SEARHC Parking Lot. 202 Gjoa Street, Petersburg, AK 99833. Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**NEW AIRPORT TESTING TENT**

The new airport testing tent is now in place. It is constructed with heavier material and will be a more robust structure for the colder months. It replaces the three smaller tents and will be an improvement for both travelers and staff. 40-60 tests per week are currently being performed at the airport testing site.

**ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR PETERSBURG BUSINESSES**

The Petersburg Borough Assembly has established a small business grant program for local businesses who have experienced economic harm due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Businesses suffering a gross sales decline of 20% or at least \$10,000 during April, May, June of 2020 compared to the same three-month period in 2019 due to the Covid-19 public health emergency are eligible to apply for a grant. Grant awards are based on a percentage of decline in gross sales. This program is limited to for-profit businesses. Apply here: <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/grants>

### **PETERSBURG CHILDCARE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

Available funds up to: Average monthly K-5 fee = \$600; Average preschool-age fee = \$700 All families can apply for assistance by completing the application form available at licensed providers, Elementary School can also email the form to you. Applications must be submitted by the 1st of the month for October, November, and December. Current CARES Act funding must be spent by December 15th.

### **PIA RENTAL, AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS**

The Petersburg Indian Association is offering financial assistance for all eligible tribal members. Contact PIA at 772-3636 for more information.

### **LISC RURAL RELIEF SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS**

Thanks to generous funding from Lowe's, small business owners in rural communities are invited to apply for the [Rural Relief Small Business Grants](#) program. Only businesses located in rural communities are eligible to receive a Rural Relief Small Business Grant. [Review eligibility information here](#). Application deadline is **Monday, October 5th at 11:59PM ET**.

### **CORONAVIRUS NONPROFIT RELIEF FUND (CNRF)**

The third round of the Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund is now open. These funds are being dispensed by the Alaska Community Foundation in partnership with the Ak Dept of Health and Social Services. Application period for this round closes on October 14. This is the third and final round scheduled for grants. The funding will enable nonprofits to continue providing essential services that prevent or alleviate negative impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, jobs, families, and children. Applicants can receive CARES Act funding for a variety of expenses including medical, public health, payroll, COVID-19 response compliance, economic support or other costs necessary for the function of nonprofit agencies impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. More info at: [alaskacf.org/cnrf](http://alaskacf.org/cnrf)

### **FREE MASKS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

The EOC has set up free face mask distribution sites around the community. New sites\* have been added:

City Hall (downstairs)	Lee's Clothing	Rexall Drugs
First Bank	Lutheran Church	<b>Trading Union*</b>
<b>Harbor Bar*</b>	<b>Moose Lodge*</b>	Viking Travel
Harbor Shack	Parks & Rec	Wells Fargo
Kito's Kave	Public Library	

Businesses, non-profits or other organizations that would like to obtain masks for distribution to the public can email their request to [eoc@petersburgak.gov](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov). Masks are provided by U.S. Department of Health and Human Service

### **QUESTIONS ABOUT SYMPTOMS OR TEST RESULTS? CALL THE HOTLINE**

Anyone with even one new symptom of COVID-19 (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea), even if it is very mild, should get tested for COVID-19 right away. Tests are most accurate in the first few days of symptoms, and if the test is positive, getting tested right away helps contact tracers move as quickly as possible. Call PMC's 24-hour **COVID-19 hotline (907) 772-5788**. Experienced nurses are answering the calls.