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In-depth information on Petersburg's COVID-19 response at **psgcovidinfo.net**

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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 or to sign up to receive press releases: eoc@petersburgak.gov.

FREE ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

Petersburg Medical Center is offering FREE asymptomatic testing January 20-29. Call 907-772-4299 to schedule your appointment.

SIGN UP TO BE ON THE WAITING LIST FOR THE VACCINE

In Petersburg there is NO out of pocket costs for the vaccination. Sign up to be on the Medical Center's waiting list at www.pmcak.org or by calling the Medical Center. More vaccination clinics are planned when doses are received. State guidelines will be used to determine the next group of people to be vaccinated.

WHY GET VACCINATED AGAINST COVID-19?

Based on what we know about vaccines for other diseases, experts believe that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, particularly people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. After getting the vaccine it is still important to continue covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and following travel rules and restrictions. More information at https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fag.html



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JANUARY 14 VACCINATION CLINIC

The Petersburg Medical Center administered 350 first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to Petersburg residents last Thursday. The PMC team, the volunteers that showed up, and our supportive community made this a great success. Thank you to Petersburg Borough, Petersburg Schools, Parks and Rec, EMS/Fire, US Coast Guard, USFS and Ak Public Health for making this event possible, it was truly a community effort!

HOW MANY PEOPLE IN PETERSBURG HAVE BEEN VACCINATED?

567 as of 1/19/21, just over 17% of the population. Find current vaccination numbers, case counts and other in-depth data related to COVID-19 in Petersburg at:

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=9e3fecdc25fa4bbe9186f45383f963a3

IF I AM VACCINATED, IS THERE ANY CHANGE IN TRAVEL AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS?

No, if you have received both doses and are traveling you must follow all of travel protocols. All travelers, both Petersburg residents and visitors, must test for COVID when entering the community and take a follow up test. Testing at the airport is simple and free for Alaska residents. Test results are returned within a few days and strict social distancing is recommended while awaiting results. Learn more about testing and quarantine requirements for travellers:

- Local travel guidance: https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/travel-testing
- Safe Travels Alaska: https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/
- CDC Travel Guidance: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html

IRS FILING

IRS announced it is delaying the start of the 2020 tax filing season to February 12, 2021. The agency needs more time prepare for tax provisions in COVID Relief bill. Deadline to file has not changed and is still April 15, 2021.

PPP2 NOW OPEN

SBA announced it is accepting first-draw and second-draw application from all eligible banks. Locally, First Bank, ALPS, and Wells Fargo are participating in this program. Other lenders: KeyBank (must have an existing business account), Alaska USA Federal Credit Union, First National Bank Alaska, Northrim Bank, Denali Federal Credit Union (prioritizing existing members), Denali State Bank, Cross River Bank, Celtic Bank. If you are looking for other eligible banks, the SBA has an online tool to match borrowers with eligible lenders: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match



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NEED ASSISTANCE RUNNING ERRANDS OR PICKING UP MAIL?

There are times when we all need a little help. If you, or someone you know, needs assistance contact the EOC. We have a group of volunteers ready to help vulnerable and at risk community members > https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/contact-us

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS I SHOULD LOOK FOR?

Difficulty breathing, cough, fever, runny nose, headache, sore throat, body aches, diarrhea, rash, loss of appetite, loss of sense of smell or taste, or sudden onset of any unexplained symptom. You can check your symptoms here: https://c19check.com/start. Stay home and call the Medical Center's COVID Hotline at the first sign of symptoms 907-772-5788.





Face covering where social distancing can not be maintained



6 feet must be maintained with people outside of the household



Follow State
Health Orders
for travel & local
intrastate travel
mandate



Gatherings of 50+ outdoors 25+ indoors not recommended without strict adherence to safety measures



Businesses 100% open with allowance of telework for high-risk employees

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