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PETERSBURG COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL

ALL CLEAR **1 LOW** 2 MODERATE 3 HIGH

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

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

WITH NEW COVID STRAINS, PROTECTIVE MEASURES ARE MORE IMPORTANT THAN EVER

The State of Alaska has announced the state's first case of a more contagious strain of COVID-19. To help prevent further spread of the COVID-19 virus, including variant strains, the EOC asks everyone in the community to be vigilant about prevention efforts to stop the spread. Although our community risk level is currently at low, we need continue to take the necessary measures to stay healthy and safe:

- Avoid the 3 C's: closed spaces, crowded places, and close contact situations
- Do the 3 W's: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your space
- Stay home if you feel sick and get tested immediately if you have any symptoms

REPORTING ADVERSE REACTIONS TO THE VACCINE

There are many ways in which a person that has had an adverse reaction can report their reaction to the PMC, to the State and to the federal government. The CDC has a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS) <https://vaers.hhs.gov/> in which patients and providers may submit adverse reactions to all vaccines and medications, not just related to COVID-19. VAERS provides a publicly accessible database that can be searched by State. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>

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PATIENT PRIVACY IS A PRIORITY

The Petersburg Medical Center will not release any confidential medical information without specific authorization in writing from the patient. This includes any requests for information about reasons for hospitalization or treatment. Therefore the EOC has no direct access to patient information and will not provide specific patient information to the community. If a patient chooses to publicly share personal information, including positive COVID-19 test results or an adverse reaction to the COVID-19 vaccine, that would be a personal decision and not influenced or solicited by the PMC, Public Health or EOC.

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 PMC clinic 772-4291 Ext 5732. More vaccination clinics are planned when doses are received. State guidelines will be used to determine the next group of people to be vaccinated.

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. This grant program is open to businesses nationwide and appears to have broad eligibility. Applications are being accepted in "rounds". You must submit a new application for each round in order to be considered for funding in that round. Dates of upcoming rounds are January 26 - February 2, 2021. More information at <https://www.lisc.org/covid-19/small-business-assistance/rural-relief-small-business-grants>

BOROUGH GRANTS

If you received an Economic Support Grant from the Petersburg Borough, please take a moment to complete and submit a grant report form. These reports will be reviewed and submitted to the borough auditors to demonstrate compliance with CARES Act spending guidance. Forms can be downloaded here: <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/grants>

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.

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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>

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.

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- 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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