

# 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 <u>eoc@petersburgak.gov</u>.

	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
Resident	11	3	7	1
Non-resident	8	0	8	0

For current information about local case counts visit: <u>www.psqcovidinfo.net</u>

## FREE FLU SHOT CLINIC SATURDAY OCT 17, 10AM-1PM

Getting a flu shot is more important than ever - for you, your family, and the community. Flu vaccination for everyone six months and older is part of a comprehensive public health strategy to reduce the burden of flu and preserve resources for COVID-19 patients and others who may need health care. Save time and register online at <a href="https://www.pmcak.org/">https://www.pmcak.org/</a>

## PREPARING FOR HALLOWEEN

Traditional Halloween activities are fun, but some can increase the risk of getting or spreading COVID-19 or flu. CDC has a new webpage that features new ways of trick or treating and other Halloween activities:

- CDC: Trick or Treating and Other Halloween Activities <u>https://www.cdc.gov/.../daily.../holidays/halloween.html</u>
- Petersburg EOC Halloween Guidance https://rb.gy/rtpx8m

#### **REDUCE THE RISK, WEAR A MASK**

Alaska's lead doctors strongly recommend wearing masks while playing sports, especially indoor sports and exercising. Doctors from the Alaska and Anchorage health departments strengthened their guidance for wearing masks given rising COVID-19 cases and a move to indoor sports. Doctors recommend that all youth athletes wear masks when they are playing or competing — even when that activity is vigorous. That same strong recommendation for mask wearing goes for adults working out or exercising in other ways in indoor gyms. More information at: <a href="http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/blog/20201009.aspx">http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/blog/20201009.aspx</a>

## \$500 MOORAGE COST SUBSIDY

The Petersburg Indian Association is offering a \$500 moorage subsidy to all Alaska Residents with an existing moorage agreement in Petersburg Harbor for at least 3 months since March 15, 2020 who have suffered economic harm due to Covid-19. Deadline to apply is November 15, 2020. Apply at: <u>https://rb.gy/rtpx8m</u>

## **VOTING BY MAIL**

The Alaska Division of Elections wants voters to know that recently, a court decided that voters do not need to have their by mail ballot witnessed. This is only for the November 2020 general election. Voters must still sign and provide an identifier on the back of the envelope. It is recommended for voters to date their signature. The division encourages voters to review the division's website (https://www.elections.alaska.gov/), if you have questions, or contact the division at 907-465-4611.

## ALASKA PROJECT ECHO

Participating in or just listening to ECHO videoconferences are a great way to connect with Alaska's COVID-19 experts and have your questions answered. Learn more and register: <u>http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/echo.aspx</u>

## 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.