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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.

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

For current information about local case counts visit: www.psgcovidinfo.net

THANK YOU TO ALL THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE FLU SHOT CLINIC!

On Saturday, October 17th, the drive through flu shot clinic and PMC home health delivered 718 vaccines to residents of Petersburg. Thank you to all who received a flu shot, you are making a difference in protecting our community from influenza. A special thank you to the partners in this event: Public Health, School District, Petersburg Borough, Coast Guard, community volunteers and PMC staff for making the Drive-thru flu shot clinic a success. If you were not able to come on Saturday, you can still get your flu shot! Call the Joy Janssen Clinic at 772-4299 to schedule an appointment. Getting vaccinated against the flu is more important than ever this year.

REVISED TRAVEL PROTOCOLS - TRAVELING INTO ALASKA FROM OUT OF STATE

State Health Mandate 10, which addresses requirements regarding travel into Alaska, has been revised. The changes keep protective protocols in place but are aimed at making the rules simpler and easier to understand. Travelers entering the state must:

- Register on the travel portal <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/>
- Observe a five-day social distancing period if you already have a negative test in hand.
- If you do not have a negative test upon arrival, you must test. All Alaska residents can test at the airport for free and non-residents can test for \$250.
- You must isolate until you get test results. After the first negative test result is received, you must strictly practice social distancing. Strict social distancing allows travelers to visit outdoor public places, but asks that travelers remain six feet away from anyone not in your immediate household, wear a face covering and not enter restaurants, bars, gyms, community centers, sporting facilities, office buildings, and school or daycare facilities. Do not participate in any group activities, including sporting events and practices, weddings, funerals, or other gatherings.

TRAVELING WITHIN THE STATE? FREE TESTING AT THE AIRPORT

Although testing when traveling between communities in Alaska is not required, it is highly recommended. People traveling between communities can be tested at the airport for free. Register on the travel portal <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/>

THIS IS THE YEAR TO PUT A NEW SPIN ON TRICK-OR-TREATING

- *If your family chooses to trick-or-treat* children should only trick-or-treat with family members, not with other friends or people outside their household. They should visit houses that are prepared to deliver treats only at a distance, not from the doorstep. All children and parents should wear face coverings.
- *If your family chooses to welcome trick-or-treaters this year*, minimize close contact with others. Find creative ways to deliver treats from a distance, and have children only touch the treat they will take. Considering clipping individual treats to a clothesline or hanging them from a tree. Thoroughly wash or sanitize your hands before touching any treats you will give to people outside your household. Distribute only treats in wrappers, and nothing homemade.

SIMPLE STEPS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Every region in Alaska besides Southeast and Southwest is currently in the red or high alert level (>10 cases/100,000) for COVID-19. This means it is time for all of us to step up our prevention efforts, examine our close interactions and shrink our social bubbles as much as can. Here are key steps all Alaskans should be taking right now:

- Keep close interactions to a very small group of people, ideally just within your household.
- Stay 6 feet away from others outside your household at all times.
- Mask up in public places.
- Avoid gatherings. Find creative ways to be social that keep people six feet apart. Go virtual, and remember, being outdoors around others is safer than being indoors.
- Wash hands often. Clean and disinfect commonly touched surfaces and objects.
- Stay home if you feel sick.
- Get tested for COVID-19 even if you have one symptom, or mild symptoms.
- Keep track of your contacts and contact them immediately if you test positive for COVID-19.
- Answer the call if a public health contact tracer calls you and follow their guidelines.

Learn more: dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx

\$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: <https://bit.ly/37APWrF>

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting will be held in the Community Center Activity Room Monday through Friday 11:00 – 3:00 through November 2.

QUESTIONS ABOUT SYMPTOMS OR TEST RESULTS? CALL THE HOTLINE

If you feel sick, stay home. No one wants to put their family, friends, classmates and coworkers at risk. If you have even one 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.