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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>	18	1	16	1
<b>Non-resident</b>	8	0	8	0

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

**GOVERNOR'S EMERGENCY ALERT**

Alaska Gov. Mike Dunleavy's office issued an emergency alert on Thursday Nov 12 urging Alaskans to take more precautions to slow the spread of COVID-19. According to the Governor "hospitalizations and sick health care workers are reaching untenable levels...We must act together now, while we still have choices." He asked people to stay 6 feet apart from non-household members, wear masks, and stay 6 feet from others. This will be especially important with the upcoming holiday season. If you missed the Governor's Emergency Alert, below is a link to both the video and the transcript: <https://gov.alaska.gov/.../governor-mike-dunleavy.../>

**MASKING, DISTANCING AND HYGIENE IS ESSENTIAL**

Community transmission is at an all-time high in the State. Local cases impact our businesses and schools. All residents are encouraged to wear face coverings, maintain six foot distance from other non-household members, wash hands regularly and cover all coughs. Avoid indoor gatherings, especially people who are not in your households. Our collective actions will help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Small actions taken by individuals and families make a big difference and will help our community get through this together.

**GET YOUR FLU SHOT**

Getting a flu shot is highly recommended because it takes the burden off our local healthcare providers. Call the medical center to schedule an appointment 772-4299.

## **GET YOUR HOUSEHOLD READY FOR COVID-19 BEFORE IT HAPPENS**

As a family, you can plan and make decisions now that will protect you and your family. Consider how you can segregate people in your home for a positive case. If you are positive you must not leave your home unless it is for medical care. Think ahead - are we prepared? More information at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/checklist-household-ready.html>

## **UTILITY SUBSIDY PROGRAM**

Residents who have suffered financially due to COVID-19 may be eligible for a \$500 one-time credit to their Borough utility account. Online application & FAQ <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/>

## **ECONOMIC SUPPORT GRANTS – ROUND 2**

The Petersburg Borough Assembly has authorized a second round of small business grants for local businesses who have experienced economic harm due to the Covid-19 public health emergency. Businesses suffering a gross sales decline of 15% 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. DEADLINE TO APPLY: 4:30 PM, NOVEMBER 20, 2020

Questions? Email [grants@petersburgak.gov](mailto:grants@petersburgak.gov). Application Package > <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/>

## **FREE LOCAL COVID TESTING OPTIONS**

- **SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC)** - Every Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. SEARHC Parking Lot, 202 Gjoa Street. *No symptoms are required, testing is for everyone.*
- **Airport** - Daily 10:30-11:30am and 2:00pm - 3:00pm. *Testing and follow up post travel testing for all incoming travelers (air, boat, ferry, charter planes). Register on the State Travel Portal <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/>*
- **Hospital Respiratory Clinic** - Call 772-4291 for more information

## **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.