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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>     | 17         | 4      | 12        | 1        |
| <b>Non-resident</b> | 8          | 0      | 8         | 0        |

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

**FLU SHOT CLINIC THIS SATURDAY**

There will be a drive-thru flu shot clinic at the Petersburg Medical Center Testing Tent on Saturday, Nov 7 from 9:00am-11:00am. An appointment is required. Call the Joy Janssen Clinic to schedule before 4:00 pm on Friday, 772-4299. Getting your flu vaccine is more important than ever this year. The flu vaccine helps to protect you and your loved ones from flu and can also reduce the burden on our local hospital.

**PLANNING FALL TRAVEL? HELP KEEP COVID OUT OF PETERSBURG**

All Alaska residents, including Petersburg residents, arriving in Petersburg from other Alaskan communities are encouraged to:

- **Register on the Alaska Travel Portal prior to travel** <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com>
- **Test within 72 hours of arrival in Petersburg.** If pre-travel testing is not possible test upon arrival at the airport. Alaska residents test for free.
- **Self isolate until negative test results are received:**
  - **Wear face coverings** when inside stores and shops or around others where social distancing

is not possible

- **Wash hands frequently** and utilize hand sanitizer when available
- **Maintain a 6' distance** from others as much as possible
- **Keep social groups small** and avoid large crowds
- **Keep track of your contacts** until knowledge of a negative test is known

NOTE: These guidelines are only for Alaskans traveling from within the state to Petersburg. All travelers arriving from outside of Alaska are subject to the stricter State of Alaska Health Mandate 10 testing requirements and protocols. More information at <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>  
Questions? Email: [eoc@petersburgak.gov](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov) or call the COVID Hotline 907-772-5788

### **SCHOOL TRAVEL PROTOCOL UPDATE**

Due to growing concern in the community related to travel within the state, an updated travel protocol will be in effect for intrastate travel. This essentially mirrors the current out of state travel protocols for returning to school/work for staff and students per State of Alaska Mandate 10. More information at <https://www.pcsd.us>

### **FREE COVID TESTING, NO SYMPTOMS REQUIRED**

The SouthEast Alaska Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) encourages Petersburg residents to stay safe and get tested for COVID-19.

When: Every Saturday & Sunday

Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where: SEARHC Parking Lot, 202 Gjoa Street

### **WHAT TO DO AFTER YOUR TEST**

The days following getting tested are crucially important. If you are being tested because of symptoms or a close contact:

- Stay at home until your test results are back (except to get medical care).
- Avoid all public places and transportation.
- Keep at least 6 feet from people and animals, including those in your household.
- Avoid sharing personal household items, wash your hands and high touch surfaces regularly.
- Inform your work (or your child's school) that you are awaiting results.
- Keep track of your contacts

More information at:

<http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/SiteAssets/Pages/HumanCoV/Whattodoafteryourtest.pdf>

### **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.