



**PETERSBURG BOROUGH | PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND**

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | EOC UNIFIED COMMAND SITUATION UPDATES

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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.

COVID-19 IN PETERSBURG				
	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
Resident	24	0	23	1
Non-resident	13	0	13	0

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

VACCINE ARRIVES IN PETERSBURG

Petersburg Medical Center will be receiving the first batch of Pfizer vaccine on Thursday, December 17th on Alaska Airlines Flight 64. Detailed plans are in place to ensure the vaccine is handled appropriately throughout the transportation process. During the first few months, supplies for this vaccine are extremely limited. The Alaska COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Advisory Committee has identified groups of individuals who should be receiving the vaccine in the early weeks. Using their recommendations, the first round of vaccine will go to:

- a. Staff and residents of PMC Long Term Care or Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility and
- b. Healthcare professionals providing direct care to patients and
- c. Petersburg Borough EMS staff and volunteers.

On Friday, December 18th at 12:30 pm, KFSK will host a radio show addressing the COVID-19 vaccine. Please submit your questions in advance to joe@kfsk.org or covid@pmc-health.org Additional information about the COVID-19 vaccine and Alaska's distribution plan may be found at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>



SEARHC ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING ENDS THIS SATURDAY

Saturday, December 19 is the last day for SEARHC asymptomatic COVID-19 testing.

DRAFT COMMUNITY COVID-19 DASHBOARD

The EOC is looking for comments on the ****DRAFT**** COVID-19 Dashboard <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/> Email us at eoc@petersburgak.gov.

ASSISTANCE OVER THE HOLIDAYS

There are times when we all need a little help. If you, or someone you know, needs assistance this holiday season running errands, contact the EOC. We have a group of volunteers ready to help vulnerable and at risk community members this holiday season and beyond: <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/contact-us>

BRING BACK THE LIGHT 2020

At 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20, step outside with others in your household and light a candle or turn on lights, flashlights, headlamps or a lantern. During this pandemic, Alaskans have shown considerable strength to adapt and take care of themselves and each other. During Bring Back the Light 2020, Alaskans will come together to show support and gratitude for one another and our communities, take pride in our resiliency and look forward to brighter days ahead > <https://fb.me/e/YrDmG5Yx>

QUESTIONS ABOUT SYMPTOMS OR TEST RESULTS? CALL THE HOTLINE

If you feel sick, stay home and call PMC’s 24-hour **COVID-19 hotline (907) 772-5788**. Experienced nurses are answering the calls.

FREE LOCAL TESTING OPTIONS

	Hours	Eligibility
SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (SEARHC) 202 Gjoa Street	Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm until Dec 19 only	<i>Asymptomatic, testing is for everyone.</i>
AIRPORT	Daily 10:30-11:30am & 2:00pm - 3:00pm	<i>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/</i>
HOSPITAL RESPIRATORY CLINIC	Call 772-5788 for more information	