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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).

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](http://www.psgcovidinfo.net)*

**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](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov).

**HOLIDAY GUIDANCE**

Our holidays will look a little different this year, but there are many ways we can still celebrate while keeping everyone safe and protecting Alaska’s healthcare system. Indoor gatherings, especially those with poor ventilation, pose more risk than outdoor gatherings and should be avoided. Celebrate safely:

- ✓ plan holiday dinners for your household or core bubble only
- ✓ hold virtual gift unwrapping and celebrations
- ✓ partake in virtual religious services
- ✓ go for a drive with your household to check out neighborhood light displays
- ✓ participate in the many creative, COVID-safe community holiday events planned this holiday system
- ✓ yes, Santa can still visit!

Learn more at > <https://rb.gy/cxtgtf>

**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>



**WHO'S AT RISK OF SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM COVID-19? MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU MIGHT THINK.**

Two out of three Alaska adults have an underlying health condition that can make COVID-19 more serious. The CDC states strong evidence links serious COVID-19 illness with current or former smoking, obesity, diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), heart disease or heart attacks, and chronic kidney disease. The good news is that many of these health concerns can be managed with changes to nutrition and physical activity, and sometimes medication. However living with an ongoing disease can make it harder for your body to fight viruses like COVID-19. Read more in this DHSS Insights Blog: [dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/blog/20201117.aspx](https://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/blog/20201117.aspx)

**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>

**GUIDANCE FOR HOLIDAY EVENTS: BUSINESSES, NON-PROFITS & COMMUNITY GROUPS**

Businesses, non-profits & community groups planning holiday events are encouraged to submit a COVID-19 mitigation plan to the EOC for review following the steps below. Questions? We're here to help! Email us at [eoc@petersburgak.gov](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov)

**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**

	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Eligibility</b>
<b>SOUTHEAST ALASKA REGIONAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (SEARHC)</b> 202 Gjoa Street	Sat & Sun 10:00 am – 2:00 pm until Dec 19	<i>Asymptomatic , testing is for everyone.</i>
<b>AIRPORT</b>	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 <a href="https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/">https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/</a></i>
<b>HOSPITAL RESPIRATORY CLINIC</b>	Call 772-5788 for more information	