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**PETERSBURG
COVID-19**

**ALERT
LEVEL**

ALL
CLEAR

1
LOW

2
MODERATE

3
HIGH

In-depth information on
Petersburg's COVID-19 response at
psgcovidinfo.net

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 or to sign up to receive press releases: eoc@petersburgak.gov.

VACCINATION UPDATE FROM THE PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER

Over 470 Petersburg residents received their first dose of Moderna COVID-19 vaccine on Friday, February 5th. For this Point of Dispense (POD) at the Community Gym, the State of Alaska provided 150 doses for essential health care workers and first responders and all residents over the age of 65. In addition to the state supply vaccine, SEARHC provided additional doses for Petersburg. The Federal Indian Health Service allocations do not have the same restrictions as State allocations. PMC staff and Petersburg Indian Association reached out to SEARHC beneficiaries and others in the first tier of vaccine allocation. The remainder of vaccine was offered to other community members who are in the next anticipated group identified by the State of Alaska Allocation Committee.

As of February 11th, this committee has opened up vaccines to:

- **People 50 years and above with a high-risk medical condition***
- **People 50 years and above working as a frontline essential worker***
- **Pre K-12 and child care education staff**
- **People living or working in congregate settings***

All Petersburg residents age 18 and older are encouraged to sign up for the COVID vaccine at www.pmcak.org or call 907-772-5545. Because vaccine has a short shelf life, to prevent waste, you may be called even if your tier is not open.

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More details about the allocation process may be viewed at covidvax.alaska.gov. The waiting list is managed locally and the team at PMC, along with assistance from Borough, Parks and Rec, EMS/Fire/Search and Rescue, Alaska Public Health, USCG, USFS and SEARHC have worked to provide a streamlined process for our vaccine recipients at the community gym. All the staff and volunteers involved appreciate the overwhelming positive feedback from the community.

Future PODs (by appointment only) will be held at the Community Gym on

- Thursday, February 11th (Mostly second doses from January 14th group)
- Friday, March 5th (Mostly second doses from February 5th group)
- Friday March 12th (First Doses and Second doses from February 11th group)

Our goal is to administer vaccine safely, equitably and expeditiously. Visit the [COVID Dashboard](#) to view COVID statistics for Petersburg <https://rb.gy/lfs6ar>



AFTER VACCINATION PROTECTIVE MEASURES SHOULD STILL BE PRACTICED

We know that getting vaccine helps to protect you, but we do not know yet how much it helps to protect other people. While experts learn more about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions, it will be important for everyone to continue using all the tools available to us to help stop this pandemic, like covering your mouth and nose with a mask, washing hands often, staying at least 6 feet away from others, and following travel rules and restrictions. More information at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/faq.html>

FREE ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

The Medical Center is offering free asymptomatic COVID testing Feb 1-26 at the PMC Respiratory Clinic. Call 907-772-4299. Travelers are encouraged to take advantage of this and do a follow up test 5-10 days after arrival in Petersburg.

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HELP SPREAD KINDNESS: PAY IT FORWARD THIS FEBRUARY PETERSBURG!

Alaskans know that it's easier to make it through winter when we help each other. This February, the Alaska Department of Social Services is encouraging all Alaskans to Pay It Forward by doing an act of kindness for someone in their community. Big or small, reaching out to an individual or participating in a community-wide effort, we can all contribute to a kinder Alaska. When we act together, the kindness spreads. Post your Pay It Forward action on social media using the hashtag [#WithYouAlaska](https://www.instagram.com/WithYouAlaska). Tag two friends. Challenge them to Pay It Forward and to pass it on. The more people that participate, the kinder we can make Alaska.

PIA RENT/MORTGAGE RELIEF

PIA is accepting applications from households with tribal members for rent/mortgage relief. Applications are due by February 22nd. Applications may be picked up at the PIA office or online.

ALASKA HOUSING RENT RELIEF PROGRAM

Application period opens February 16th. This program provides rent relief to households unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19. Currently, you can find out if you will be eligible to apply for Alaska Housing Rent Relief by completing a short questionnaire. If you meet these criteria, you will be invited to pre-register for the application period when it opens for qualifying Alaskans. More info:

<https://www.alaskahousingrelief.org/renters>

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF COVID?

Difficulty breathing, cough, fever, runny nose, headache, sore throat, body aches, diarrhea, rash, loss of appetite, loss of sense of smell or taste, or sudden onset of any unexplained symptom. You can check your symptoms here:

<https://c19check.com/start> . Stay home and call the Medical Center's COVID Hotline at the first sign of symptoms 907-772-5788.

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 Face covering where social distancing can not be maintained	 6 feet must be maintained with people outside of the household	 Follow State Health Orders for travel & local intrastate travel mandate	 Gatherings of 50+ outdoors 25+ indoors not recommended without strict adherence to safety measures	 Businesses 100% open with allowance of telework for high-risk employees
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