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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

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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.

HELP KEEP COVID OUT OF PETERSBURG – FREE COVID TESTING FOR ALL TRAVELERS

The EOC strongly recommends all travelers, both visitors and residents, test when arriving in Petersburg and take a follow up PCR test at the airport 5 – 10 days after arrival, even if your initial travel testing is negative and you are asymptomatic. Testing at the airport is now free for both residents and non-residents.

IMPACT OF EXPIRATION OF STATE EMERGENCY DECLARATION ON TRAVEL INTO PETERSBURG

With the expiration of the State’s Emergency Declaration Order there is presently no requirement for travelers to test upon entry to Petersburg. The EOC is developing updated and new mandates for Borough Assembly consideration.

LOCAL FACE COVERING MANDATE STILL IN AFFECT

Petersburg’s face covering mandate is not affected by the recent expiration of the State’s Emergency Declaration order. Everyone is still required to wear a mask or some form of covering over their nose and mouth inside any building open to the public or any building not open to the public when present for work purposes and physical distancing of at least 6 feet from co-workers cannot be maintained. Masks or face coverings are mandatory for any outside community gathering of more than 50 people. Masks and face coverings should not contain holes or visible gaps in the design or materials. For the full mandate and list of exemptions visit <https://rb.gy/c5hphs>

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NEW STATE OF ALASKA HEALTH ADVISORIES

Alaska State Mandates have expired. They have been replaced with Health Advisories. Containing the virus that causes COVID-19 cannot be done through community measures alone; Alaskans must take individual responsibility to protect themselves, their loved ones, and their community. See *Health Advisory 1: Recommendations for Keeping Alaskans Safe* for general guidance on individual responsibility to protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community. It includes helpful guidance on what to do if you test positive, what to do if you have been in close contact with a confirmed case, and guidance on testing and travel. The Health Advisories can be viewed at:

<https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/>

PETERSBURG RENTERS: APPLY NOW FOR STATEWIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Petersburg renters that make less than \$63,920 a year may be eligible for relief payments for rent and/or utilities for up to a year, including rent that is past due. The Alaska Housing Finance Corporation will be accepting applications until March 5 at 11:59 p.m. Additional information is available by calling or texting the word "relief" to 1-833-440-0420. Check your eligibility and apply today at:

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

ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS

The IRS announced that all economic impact payments have been issued. Eligible individuals who did not receive the full amounts of both Economic Impact Payments may claim the Recovery Rebate Credit on their 2020 Form 1040 or 1040-SR. To determine whether you are an eligible individual or the amount of your Recovery Rebate Credit, complete the Recovery Rebate Credit Worksheet in the Instructions for Form 1040 and Form 1040-SR. More info: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit>

SIGN UP FOR THE VACCINE WAITING LIST

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.

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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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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