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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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## 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 or to sign up to receive press releases: <a href="mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov">eoc@petersburgak.gov</a>.

## SIGN UP FOR THE VACCINE WAITING LIST!

All Petersburg residents 18 years and older who are interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to add their name to the Petersburg Medical Center's waiting list as soon as possible. As vaccine becomes available from the State of Alaska and SEARHC, PMC with assistance from many local partners, will continue to offer clinics in the next several months. The best way to get on the list is submitting an on-line request through <a href="http://www.pmcak.org">http://www.pmcak.org</a>. For people with limited internet access or specific questions, call 772-5545.

### **TEST TWICE AFTER TRAVEL**

Alaskan residents who travel into Petersburg are highly encouraged to take advantage of the free follow up testing 5-10 days after arrival in Petersburg. Register through the State Travel Portal (<a href="https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/">https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/</a>) in advance to save time at the airport. Community members may receive free asymptomatic COVID testing by calling the PMC Clinic at 772-4299. For non-residents traveling to Petersburg, please visit the <a href="https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/">https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/</a> for testing requirements.

### **CDC FACE COVERING & TRAVEL**

The CDC has issued an order that requires face masks to be worn by all travelers while on public transportation. Travel has led—and continues to lead to—interstate and international spread of the virus that causes COVID-19. Scientific evidence shows that consistent and universal use of masks on



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public transportation systems and in transportation hubs will protect Americans and help to reduce the spread of COVID-19. More information at <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html</a>

### **RENT RELIEF ELIGIBILITY & PRE-APPLICATION**

Find out if you will be eligible to apply for Alaska Housing Rent Relief by completing the short questionnaire linked below. If you meet these criteria, you will be invited to pre-register for the application period when it opens for qualifying Alaskans.

https://www.cognitoforms.com/AlaskaHousing/AlaskaHousingRentReliefEligibilityPreRegistration

#### ALASKA HOUSING RENT RELIEF

Alaska Housing has added more general information and an FAQ about the Rent Relief Program, as well as a way to check eligibility at:

https://www.alaskahousingrelief.org/renters/alaska-housing-rent-relief

### **CODE RED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM**

On Jan 29 the EOC used the CodeRED system to encourage residents who are interested in the receiving the COVID-19 vaccine to sign up for the Petersburg Medical Center's waiting list. Coordinating the vaccine implementation is one of the most important things we can do to beat the virus and getting the word out to make this happen is critical. The Code Red system is designed to help improve communication during critical events and getting information out that could protect lives. The COVID-19 pandemic is one of the most deadly events that have occurred in modern times. The Borough, working with the Hospital and our Emergency Operations Center will continue to use every tool we have to keep the people of Petersburg safe and informed. Sign up for CodeRED notifications at: https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/en-US/BFB7CC4C6C0A

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

