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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](https://www.psgcovidinfo.net)

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INFORMATION 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: eoc@petersburgak.gov.

WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED? PREVENTING FUTURE COVID OUTBREAKS IN PETERSBURG

A special presentation and Q&A with Dr. Anne Zink, Dr. Joe McLaughlin and other guests from State Public Health about Petersburg's recent COVID outbreak held March 17, 2021. Meeting recording, slides and links at > <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/outbreakrecap>

HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR COMMUNITY OVERCOME COVID? GET VACCINATED

Community members are encouraged to consider getting the vaccine because it can mean that we keep our loved ones safe, our schools open, get our local businesses back on their feet, and move our community forward. As more people are vaccinated, we can protect health care and essential workers, people who are at highest risk, and our broader community. **All Petersburg residents age 16 and older are can sign up for the free COVID vaccine at www.pmcak.org or call 907-772-5545.**

SPRING BREAK TRAVELERS - HELP KEEP COVID OUT OF PETERSBURG

All travelers entering Petersburg by air or water - including Petersburg residents must:

- 1) Register on the Alaska Travel Portal prior to travel <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com>
- 2) Test at the airport for free upon arrival or arrive with a negative molecular-based PCR test within 72 hours of departure to Petersburg. Vaccinated individuals are required to test.
- 3) Until negative test results are received: wear face coverings in public, keep social groups small, avoid crowds and keep track of close contacts.
- 4) Take a free follow-up test 5-14 days after arrival.

More information at: <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/travel-testing>

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SURVEY: HAVE YOU BEEN FINANCIALLY IMPACTED DURING RECENT THE OUTBREAK?

The Supporting Health Awareness and Resiliency Education (SHARE) Coalition is currently assessing the needs of our community as a result of the recent surge of Coronavirus cases in Petersburg. Your input will help direct funds where they are needed most. If you have been affected by the recent increase of Coronavirus cases in any way, fill out the survey. Survey ends Thursday March 25:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HMJH92F>

ASSISTANCE FOR PROVIDING PAID SICK/FAMILY LEAVE TO EMPLOYEES AND SELF-EMPLOYED

Small businesses, self-employed, and certain nonprofits have access to funds to provide employees with paid sick and family and medical leave who were unable to work for reasons related to COVID-19, either for the employee's own health needs or to care for family members. The federal government is covering the cost of this paid leave by providing a refundable tax credit. With a refundable tax credit, the employer will get the full amount of the credit even if it exceeds their tax liability. Employers may claim the credits on their Form 941: Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return. Employers can claim credits between April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2021.

- More information:
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/covid-19-related-tax-credits-for-paid-leave-provided-by-small-and-midsize-businesses-faqs>
- Frequently Asked Questions:
<https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/covid-19-related-tax-credits-basic-faqs>

LONG TERM CARE VISITS

CMS (Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services) has provided guidelines for safely opening Long Term Care for visitation. PMC Long Term Care residents along with their loved ones are looking forward to face to face and hand holding visits! Please call 772-5740 to schedule a visit with your loved ones. Visitors will be screened before entering LTC and visitations will be limited to resident's rooms. When the weather improves, outside visits will be scheduled as well.

FREE ASYMPTOMATIC TESTING

The Medical Center is offering free asymptomatic COVID testing 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.

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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