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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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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.

VACCINATION CLINIC – APRIL 9

The COVID vaccine is now available to all Alaskans ages 16 years and over!
 April 9th will be the next community vaccination opportunity (by appointment only)
 Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines will be available.

If interested, sign up by getting on the waitlist at www.pmcak.org or call 772-5545 for assistance.

WHY GET VACCINATED?

Fully vaccinated people can

- ✓ visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or socially distancing
- ✓ visit with unvaccinated people from a single household who are at low risk for severe COVID-19 without wearing masks or socially distancing
- ✓ refrain from quarantine and testing following a known exposure to someone with COVID-19 so long as the vaccinated person is asymptomatic.

More vaccinations lead to fewer COVID-19 illnesses, hospitalizations, and deaths. More information at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>

TESTING IS IMPORTANT TO PREVENT FUTURE OUTBREAKS

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS - Stay home and call the COVID Hotline 907-772-5788.

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS - call 907-772-4299 to schedule an appointment.

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DECIDING TO GET VACCINATED

Making the decision to get vaccinated is complex. Prior to making your decision seeking out accurate vaccine information is critical. Here are some recommended places to start your research:

- ✓ Finding Credible Vaccine Information
<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vac-gen/evalwebs.htm>
- ✓ Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

TRAVELERS - KEEP COVID OUT OF PETERSBURG

All travelers entering Petersburg by air or water, including Petersburg residents returning home, 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>

OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL IN MORE AFFORDABLE HEALTH COVERAGE THROUGH HEALTHCARE.GOV

Under the American Rescue Plan, many people who buy their own health insurance directly through the Marketplace will become eligible to receive increased tax credits to reduce their premiums. Starting April 1, 2021, consumers enrolling in Marketplace coverage through HealthCare.gov will be able to take advantage of these increased savings and lower costs. The Special Enrollment Period (SEP) will be extended on HealthCare.gov until August 15, 2021. This action will allow individuals and families more time to access the SEP and enroll in Marketplace coverage with the increased tax credits to reduce their premiums, and for current enrollees to change plans in response to the availability of increased tax credits if they wish to do so.

Additionally, beginning in early July on HealthCare.gov, consumers who have received or have been determined eligible to receive unemployment compensation for any week during 2021 may be able to get another increase in savings when enrolling in new Marketplace coverage or updating their existing Marketplace application and enrollment. These savings to be made available starting in early July for eligible consumers are in addition to the increased savings available to consumers on HealthCare.gov starting April 1.

To view a fact sheet about this announcement, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/extended-access-opportunity-enroll-more-affordable-coverage-through-healthcaregov>.

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