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EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND

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 at eoc@petersburgak.gov.

| COVID-19 in Petersburg | | | | |
|------------------------|------------|--------|-----------|----------|
| | Cumulative | Active | Recovered | Deceased |
| Resident | 6 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Non-resident | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

LOCAL & STATEWIDE CASE COUNTS

For current information about Petersburg’s case counts visit: www.psgcovidinfo.net. The dashboard is updated when reports of new positive cases are received by the EOC. For Statewide information visit: <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>. Be aware that the State dashboard may report Petersburg information 1-2 days after it is reported locally.

TEST RESULTS

Due to the large increases in positive cases across the nation, and the resulting emphasis on increased testing, testing labs utilized by the PMC are overwhelmed. The PMC is doing all it can to procure test results in an effective amount of time. This situation underscores the fact that all residents and visitors need to be mindful of our actions and take all necessary precautions that will mitigate the spread of the virus to our population. Email covid@pmc-health.org for general questions about COVID testing. Contact the COVID Triage Hotline at 772-5788 if you have questions about symptoms.

PSD Fall School Perceptions Survey #2

The Petersburg School District is continuing to seek community feedback with a second survey about the re-opening of school in Fall 2020. The Education Commissioner in Alaska and the Department of Health and Human Services have provided guidance regarding parameters that must be considered before any re-entry plan is created or implemented. <https://aklearns.org/>. This new survey addresses questions about

scheduling and protocols in the face of ever-evolving guidance from the CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/.../commun.../schools-childcare/schools.html> and, most recently, the American Academy of Pediatrics <https://services.aap.org/.../covid-19-planning-consideration.../>. There are no simple answers and our goal is to provide the safest and most robust learning environment for all students and staff members. The survey can be found at <https://forms.gle/QTPJsyvqpBQELo9X7>

CORONAVIRUS NONPROFIT RELIEF FUND (CNRF)

This funding will enable nonprofits to continue providing essential services that prevent or alleviate negative impacts of COVID-19 on the economy, jobs, families, and children. Applicants can receive CARES Act funding for a variety of expenses including medical, public health, payroll, COVID-19 response compliance, economic support or other costs necessary for the function of nonprofit agencies impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. More info at: <https://alaskacf.org/cnrf/>

AK SAFE (Loan Guarantee Program)

AIDEA (Alaska Industrial Development and Export Authority) has implemented a new loan guaranty program to provide Alaska based companies with access to additional capital to keep Alaskans employed and put those businesses in a position to recover. AIDEA will provide a loan guarantee up to \$1,000,000 per Borrower to Alaska's banks and financial institutions for an increased advance rate on the Borrower's established credit facilities. The objective is to enable Alaska's banks and financial institutions to immediately provide additional capital to Alaska's businesses through their existing relationships as they continue to manage terms with those Borrowers. More info: <http://www.aidea.org/Programs/AKSAFEPROGRAM.aspx>

DEFER PAYMENT OF PAYROLL TAXES

The CARES Act allows employers and self-employed individuals to defer payment of the employer share of the Social Security tax they otherwise are responsible for paying to the federal government with respect to their employees. Employers generally are responsible for paying a 6.2-percent Social Security tax on employee wages. The provision requires that the deferred employment tax be paid over the following two years, with half of the amount required to be paid by December 31, 2021 and the other half by December 31, 2022. Under provisions in the PPP Flexibility Act, deferral is now available to those receiving assistance under the Paycheck Protection Program. More info: <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/deferral-of-employment-tax-deposits-and-payments-through-december-31-2020>

SBA ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS – CASH ADVANCE ENDED

Emergency cash advances are no longer available through the SBA EIDL program. The program continues to offer low-interest loans to small businesses and nonprofits. More info here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan>

GOT SYMPTOMS? CALL THE HOTLINE

Anybody can get tested who has ANY of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, a decreased appetite, diminished sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint aches, nausea, rash, rigors, a runny nose, a sore throat, sputum production. Anyone with any symptoms is encouraged to call PMC's 24-hour **COVID-19 hotline (907) 772-5788**. Experienced nurses are answering the calls.