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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 at eoc@petersburgak.gov.

COVID-19 in Petersburg				
	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
Resident	6	0	5	1
Non-resident	6	2	4	0

For current information about Petersburg’s case counts visit: www.psgcovidinfo.net

CASES IN ALASKA ARE RISING RAPIDLY

According to the Alaska Department of Health & Social Service this has been Alaska’s worst week of the pandemic in terms of rapid increases in resident and nonresident new cases. Total cases in Alaska residents rose 34% this week. The majority of new cases are among Alaskans aged 20-29, with cases among Alaskans in their 20s and 30s rising sharply. Most nonresident cases have been identified before the person had significant community interaction, so **most new cases in Alaskans are acquired from other Alaskans who have not traveled**. With current rates of physical distancing, face covering use and other measures to prevent transmission, cases are expected to continue to rise rapidly. Alaskans should avoid large and indoor gatherings, wear face coverings in public, keep six feet of distance from non household members and practice good hand hygiene to slow transmission of COVID-19.

POST OFFICE

We encourage everyone to be patient and kind to our local post office employees, they are short staffed for circumstances beyond their control and are doing their very best. Remember to bring along a mask for waiting in line and follow their posted guidelines for use.

AQUATIC CENTER NOW OPEN

The Aquatic Center pool and mezzanine is now open on a limited schedule, more information at <https://www.facebook.com/petersburgparksnrec/>. Please be mindful of their COVID safety guidelines:

- Maintain 6 feet between you and other non-household members
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a mask where applicable
- Wash and sanitize hands frequently

HOTLINE FOR COVID-RELATED LEGAL ADVICE

The Alaska Bar Association has launched a free hotline to help Alaskans who are struggling with legal issues because of the statewide impact of COVID-19. The hotline will be staffed three days a week by volunteer lawyers who will be able to respond to questions related to employment, family law, and debt and foreclosure issues.

- Call 1-844-263-1849 on Monday/Wednesday/Friday between 6-8pm on the day that applies to your COVID-19 legal issue.
- Ask your noncriminal legal question. Monday is Employment, Wednesday is Family law, and Friday is Debt/Foreclosure issues.
- A volunteer lawyer will answer the hotline on those days and give brief advice on your issue.

FEDERAL PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION ENDS

The last Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) extra payment of \$600 per week for unemployed workers and self-employed was last week. The program expires on July 30th.

ASSISTANCE WITH AK CARES APPLICATIONS – AUG 7

Mark your calendars for August 7 at 12pm. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce and Southeast Conference will host a virtual meeting via Zoom to address questions and provide assistance in applying for Alaska CARES COVID-19 Relief Program. The Alaska CARES Grant Program launched June 1st to provide emergency relief funds to Alaskan small businesses. For more information, visit commerce.alaska.gov and CU1.org and join us Friday, August 7 at noon at <https://zoom.us/j/7065344482>

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.