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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	7	0	6	1
Non-resident	6	0	6	0

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

NEW TRAVEL GUIDELINES FOR TRAVELERS ARRIVING FROM OUT OF STATE

All travelers entering Alaska must submit a Travel Declaration and Self-Isolation Plan through the STATE OF ALASKA TRAVEL PORTAL prior to travel <https://www.alaska.covidsecureapp.com/>

Non-Alaska Residents

- Must arrive with proof of a negative test taken within 72 hours, or proof of a test taken within 72 hours with results pending or pay \$250 to get tested at the airport.
- If you have proof of a negative result, you still need to follow strict social distancing requirements.
- If you are waiting for results you need to self-quarantine until your result is returned, and then follow strict social distancing for 14 days or until a second negative test is taken and received at 7-14 days after arrival.

Alaska Residents

- Must arrive with proof of a qualifying negative COVID-19 test or receive a COVID-19 test for no cost when you arrive in Alaska, or self-quarantine at your expense until results arrive or self-quarantine at your expense for either 14 days or the duration of your trip whichever is shorter.
- You must quarantine until you get the result of your first test and practice strict social distancing even if you have your first negative result.

State Traveler Information: <https://covid19.alaska.gov/travelers/>

Local Traveler Information: <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/travel-testing>

INTERPRETING THE NUMBERS, AN UPDATE FROM PMC

The Petersburg Medical Center COVID dashboard was created to keep the community informed on how many people have been tested, pending tests, current active cases and recovered cases. We currently have 998 residents who have been tested and 487 non-residents who have been tested – this changes by the hour. In the last 60 days, there were 170 symptomatic tests representing 162 individuals and 1937 asymptomatic tests representing 1123 individuals. **While testing numbers are important, the most important number to watch for is the number of active cases locally, regionally, and in the State.** Stay informed by checking the Alaska State data hub, <https://coronavirus-response-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com> to see what's happening elsewhere in Southeast Alaska and in the rest of the State. If you are traveling out of state, each state has their own data hub resource to help you stay informed. Be bear aware when picking berries, be COVID aware when traveling to potential hot spots.

COMMERCIAL, CHARTER, SUBSISTENCE FISHERIES

A total of \$50 million will be available through the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission for COVID-19 impacts to Alaska fishery-related businesses. Program guidelines have not been announced but the state did release an update:

http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/news/hottopics/pdfs/cares_act_guidance_080720.pdf

AK CARES APPLICATION ASSISTANCE – PREVIOUSLY RECORDED

Recently, the Chamber of Commerce and SE Conference offered a workshop on applying for AKCARES grant funding. If you were unable to attend or would like to review information, here is the link to the recording:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=udmKInarWMg&feature=emb_title

RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The United Way has approximately \$15,000 they have received with the AK CAN DO campaign to spend through the Salvation Army in Southeast for rental assistance for those that have been impacted by COVID-19. For more information contact amelia.jones@usw.salvationarmy.org

FREE LEGAL HELP

The Alaska Bar Association has a free hotline to help Alaskans struggling with legal issues because of COVID-19. The hotline is staffed three days a week by volunteer lawyers who can 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. More information at >

<https://alaskabar.org/>

GOT SYMPTOMS OR QUESTIONS ABOUT TEST RESULTS? 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.