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**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](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov).

COVID-19 in Petersburg				
	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
<b>Resident</b>	6	0	5	1
<b>Non-resident</b>	6	0	6	0

For current information about Petersburg's case counts visit: [www.psgcovidinfo.net](http://www.psgcovidinfo.net)

**NEW INTERSTATE TRAVEL PROTOCOLS**

Starting on August 11 all non-residents must arrive with a negative COVID-19 PCR test taken within 72 hours prior to departure or they must submit to a \$250 test at the airport. All non-residents that do not have results upon arrival must quarantine until the results of their test is received. Residents can still be tested for free when arriving at the airport or they can elect to quarantine for 14 days. Current protocols will remain in place through August 10. The EOC is developing a process for handling these new protocols. Information will be released as soon as it becomes available.

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

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

## **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. The EOC suggests these guidelines for use:

- Empty your box frequently and during off hours, keeping your box clear helps the PO put small parcels in your box
- Line up outside the building rather than inside
- Wear face covering and keep 6 feet apart from non-household members
- The window is open 2-4 M-Sat. Odd numbered boxes pick up parcels M-W-F, even numbers on T-TH-Sat. This is only a suggestion – essential items like medicine should be picked up as needed.
- Daily sanitizing occurs 4:30-5:30am

## **AKCARES ELIGIBILITY**

Expanded eligibility for AK CARES grants has been announced. Now businesses who received a small amount of PPP or EIDL (\$5,000 or less), 501c6 nonprofits, and 2020 limited entry permit holders who fished in 2019 are eligible to apply. Applications under these new guidelines will be accepted beginning August 6 at a new online portal <https://www.akcaresonline.org/>

For details on eligibility and information on how to apply, visit:

<https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ded/AKCARESGrant.aspx>

## **AKCARES APPLICATION ASSISTANCE**

If you would like more information or have questions about the AKCARES application process, mark your calendar for Friday, 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. Join us Friday, August 7 at noon at <https://zoom.us/j/7065344482>

## **ALASKA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION – CORONAVIRUS NONPROFIT RELIEF FUNDS**

The second round of the Coronavirus Nonprofit Relief Fund is now open. These funds are being dispensed by the Alaska Community Foundation in partnership with the Ak Dept of Health and Social Services. Application period closes on August 26. For more information:

<https://alaskacf.org/blog/grants/coronavirus-nonprofit-relief-fund/>

## **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.