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EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND

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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.

	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
Resident	7	0	6	1
Non-resident	7	0	7	0

For current information about local case counts visit: www.psqcovidinfo.net

CIVIL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS

The community is encouraged to submit emailed questions and comments regarding *Ordinance 2020-19: An Ordinance Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72 to Provide for Civil Emergency Provisions to Assembly@petersburgak.gov* . The proposed changes and public comments received can be viewed at www.petersburgak.gov . The Borough Assembly will vote on the third and final reading of the ordinance at their regular meeting on Monday, September 21.

LOCAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Petersburg Borough has made \$500,000 available for economic support grants for eligible small businesses. Applications and more information are available at: <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/grants>. Paper applications will be available at the Finance Office and the Public Library.

BE PREPARED: BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT

It's week two of National Preparedness Month so take a little time to build an emergency disaster kit if your family doesn't have one already. If you already have a kit, this is a great time to update it and check for expired items. Whether you're starting new or updating, the CDC recommends including

certain items to your kit to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 or other viruses, such as face masks, soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes. For a full list of items to include in a basic disaster supplies kit visit: www.ready.gov/kit

AKCARES CLOSED TO NEW APPLICATIONS

The State's small business grant program closed to new applications on September 15th. If remaining AK CARES grant funds are available after all applications received between June 1st and September 15th have been processed, the State will reopen the online application portal with advance notice to the public.

SEAFOOD TRADE RELIEF PROGRAM

The USDA has made \$530 million available to commercial fishermen nationwide impacted by retaliatory tariffs. The Seafood Trade Relief Program is limited to certain species where a trade damage has been identified. Species include: Crab, Dungeness, King, Snow, Southern Tanner; Geoduck; Herrings; Pacific Cod; Pollock; Sablefish; Salmon; and Squid. The application period opens on September 14. Applications are processed and paid as they are received. More information on eligibility, how to apply, and a complete list of species here: <https://www.farmers.gov/Seafood>. A Call Center is available for fishermen who would like additional one-on-one support with the STRP application process. Please call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee ready to offer assistance. The Call Center can provide service to non-English speaking customers.

IRS ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS

While most eligible U.S. taxpayers have received their Economic Impact Payment, some may need to provide their information **by October 15** if they have not received their payment yet. If you don't usually file a tax return and you have not received your Economic Impact yet, the IRS may not have enough information to determine your eligibility. This includes those receiving the federal benefits listed below.

- Those receiving Social Security retirement, disability (SSDI), survivor benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients
- Recipients of Veterans Affairs Compensation and Pension (C&P) benefits
- Individuals who receive Railroad Retirement (RRB) benefits

You can submit your information online **by October 15** using the Non-Filers tool at [Non-Filers: Enter Payment Info Here](#)

QUESTIONS ABOUT SYMPTOMS OR TEST RESULTS? CALL THE HOTLINE

Anyone with even one new symptom of COVID-19 (fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea), even if it is very mild, should get tested for COVID-19 right away. Tests are most accurate in the first few days of symptoms, and if the test is positive, getting tested right away helps contact tracers move as quickly as possible. Call PMC's 24-hour **COVID-19 hotline (907) 772-5788**. Experienced nurses are answering the calls.