



PETERSBURG BOROUGH | PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER  
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](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov).

	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
<b>Resident</b>	7	0	6	1
<b>Non-resident</b>	7	0	7	0

For current information about local case counts visit: [www.psqcovidinfo.net](http://www.psqcovidinfo.net)

**FREE MASKS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

The EOC has set up free face mask distribution sites around the community. We encourage citizens to wear a face covering when around non-household members. Our face covering stations are available at the following locations:

- City Hall (downstairs)
- First Bank
- Harbor Shack
- Kito's Kave
- Lee's Clothing
- Parks & Rec
- Public Library
- Rexall Drugs
- Viking Travel



Businesses, non-profits or other organizations that would like to obtain masks for distribution to the public can email their request to [eoc@petersburgak.gov](mailto:eoc@petersburgak.gov). Masks are provided by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

### **LOCAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE**

The Petersburg Borough announces the availability of \$500,000 in economic support grants for small businesses located in Petersburg, Alaska who suffered economic harm from the COVID-19 public health emergency. Businesses must have been established prior to March 2020, sell goods and services directly to consumers, and have a demonstrable decline in gross sales from the previous year. Please review the application and the FAQ's for specific eligibility requirements and how to apply at <https://www.ci.petersburg.ak.us/grants>. Deadline to apply is October 8<sup>th</sup>. Questions and completed applications may be sent to [grants@petersburgak.gov](mailto:grants@petersburgak.gov)

### **ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE OCT 6 MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

- VOTE BY MAIL: Request an absentee ballot online at [www.petersburgak.gov](http://www.petersburgak.gov), by contacting Debbie Thompson ([dthompson@petersburgak.gov](mailto:dthompson@petersburgak.gov) / 772-5405) or by visiting or calling the Finance Office front desk (772-4425). Ballots must be postmarked by October 6<sup>th</sup> or returned to the Municipal Clerk's office before 4:30 pm on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Deadline to request a ballot: Thursday, October 1
- ABSENTEE VOTING: Now through noon on Monday, October 5 Municipal Building Training Room 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **CIVIL EMERGENCY PROVISIONS**

Ordinance #2020-19 Amending Borough Code Chapter 3.72 to Provide for Civil Emergency Provisions has been adopted by the Borough Assembly. Provisions of Ordinance #2020-19 take effect immediately. Read the revised ordinance at <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/local-health-mandates>. A copy of the ordinance is also posted at the municipal offices at 12 S. Nordic Drive, the US Post Office, the City of Kupreanof, Papke's Landing posting board, the Library, and the Municipal Harbor office for review during normal office hours. Thank you to all those who took the time to comment and ask questions.

### **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.