



**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION RELATED TO
THE SEPTEMBER
SARS-CoV-2 OUTBREAK**

By the authority vested in me, to provide advice and recommendations to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Petersburg, I, Stephen Giesbrecht, Petersburg Borough Manager, hereby announce as follows:

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2021, Petersburg Medical Center announced statewide shortages of monoclonal antibody supplies and shortages of available hospital capacity which have a direct effect upon treatment of local SARS-CoV-2 infections and local ability to redirect urgent care patients; and

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough continues to see communitywide spread of the COVID-19 virus, especially among the unvaccinated, with negative impacts on daycares, schools and employers; and

WHEREAS, the community's efforts to encourage increased vaccinations, testing, social distancing, use of masking, and contact tracing have been met with frequent resistance from portions of our community which have resulted in school closures, and impacts on businesses, daycares and other local facilities; and

WHEREAS, despite the success of our mitigation and vaccination efforts, the recorded number of cases has continued to increase in the community and in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant, a highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 virus strain, has resulted in spiking case numbers around the world and in the United States of America, and continues to spread at an alarming rate in our State; and

WHEREAS, the Delta variant of the SARS-CoV-2 virus creates considerable risk of infection for members of our community who are not vaccinated, including children under the age of 12 who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, such that COVID-19

continues to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Petersburg; and

WHEREAS, the current outbreak situation in Petersburg requires the serious attention, effort, and sacrifice of all people in our community to avert unmanageable strains on our healthcare system and potential mandatory closures of businesses and facilities; and

WHEREAS, SARS-CoV-2 continues to directly and indirectly cause fiscal and economic catastrophe, social impacts and stress on local organizations and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen Giesbrecht, Borough Manager of the Petersburg Borough, hereby invoke the following as set forth herein:

1. Recommendation for vaccinated and unvaccinated community members to wear masks in all public indoor spaces and to maintain strict social distancing when around others to help prevent spread of SARS-CoV-2.
2. Recommendation to avoid large group meetings and encourage capacity reductions in organizations and businesses to reduce the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.
3. Recommendation for all eligible community members to take advantage of the safe and effective SARS-CoV-2 vaccines available at no cost.
4. Recommendation for all community members to take advantage of no cost testing if you travel, encounter others who may have been exposed, or are showing signs of symptoms.
5. Recommendation for all residents and visitors in Petersburg to fully cooperate with medical professionals and contact tracers, including quarantine measures, to limit the spread of SARS-CoV-2.
6. Make it known that our failure to take these steps could result in the Borough Assembly considering increased mandatory actions to protect the lives of our community members.



Stephen Giesbrecht
Borough Manager