**PRESS RELEASE**

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**PMC and Petersburg School District report a significant increase of COVID cases in the past seven days.** The PMC Dashboard does not include positive home tests and is therefore not a good indication of the active case count.

**The community should assume COVID-19 is spreading quickly, impacting schools, daycares, and local business.**

**AS A REMINDER:**

**Home antigen tests** are reliable if positive and you should immediately isolate and notify your close contacts. If you have symptoms and test negative, isolate and repeat the test in 24-48 hours. If you still have symptoms and tested negative a second time, please contact the PMC COVID information line at 907-772-5788 for further evaluation.

**Seek emergency medical care immediately** if any of the following signs are present:

* Trouble breathing
* Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
* New confusion
* Inability to wake or stay awake
* Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips or nail beds, depending on skin tone.