PETERSBURG BOROUGH | PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | NEW POSITIVE CASE

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A Petersburg Medical Center employee has tested positive for COVID-19 as part of their routine asymptomatic testing protocol. The staff member has been notified and is safely isolating. The medical center has activated the red status internally as a precaution and has canceled all non-emergent patients. Public Health and the State of Alaska Department of Epidemiology has been notified and a contact investigation has begun. The State of Alaska will be in contact with the patient until they have safely recovered and no longer need to isolate.

The PMC Emergency Department is open for emergencies and acute needs during this time. Patients with clinic appointments during this closure will be contacted to reschedule an in-person or telehealth appointment.   The COVID Hotline is available 24/7 at 772-5788 if you have any questions about COVID related symptoms.

PMC continues to work through its incident command structure and with the Borough of Petersburg Incident Command. Communication is ongoing between all entities involved with the Borough Emergency Operations Command.

At this time, the positive case has not changed the alert level at Petersburg Public Schools and classes are continuing per their plan.

Social distancing recommendations, safe hygiene practices, staying home when sick, masking when in public areas all contribute to protecting yourself and those around you from COVID. Everyone in the community should please be vigilant during this time.

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