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JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | TWO NEW POSITIVE CASES

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For Immediate Release

Two new positive COVID-19 cases have been identified in Petersburg Medical Center staff. PMC and Public Health have commenced contact tracing efforts and patients or staff considered close contacts to these cases will be notified by public health. PMC has moved to RED Operational Status. Patients with appointments will be contacted by medical center staff to either reschedule or utilize telehealth services. The EOC will provide additional information as appropriate. Until the source investigation is completed by public health the public is encouraged to conduct themselves as if community spread is occurring in Petersburg.

In instances of community spread, it is HIGHLY important that the community:
- **Adhere to the face covering mandate. Businesses are requested to strictly adhere to the face covering mandate to help protect their employees and patrons**
- **Practice social distancing to curb the spread of the virus**
- **Continue efforts to maintain excellent hand washing habits**

Please refer to the CDC webpage for information on symptoms and precautionary measures at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/.

Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at coronavirus.alaska.gov.

All residents must take action to mitigate the potential spread of this virus. If you are sick or suspect that you may be infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, you should take steps to prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community. If you think you have

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907-772-5788

been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the Petersburg Medical Center COVID Hotline at 907-772-5788 for medical advice. Do not go to the hospital or clinic before calling the hotline.

If you are not sick, please continue to take precautionary measures to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, or cough or sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean frequently-touched surfaces and objects daily (e.g., tables, countertops, light switches, doorknobs, and cabinet handles) using a regular household detergent and water.
- Wear a mask when out in public when you cannot ensure six feet of social distancing as this could minimize the spread of COVID-19.
- Continue to socially distance. This means protecting you and your household members from getting sick. Avoid breaking your home bubble of protection.
- Monitor your health and that of your household members and call the COVID hotline with any questions.

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