



PETERSBURG BOROUGH | PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | PETERSBURG TO RECEIVE FIRST SHIPMENT OF VACCINE

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Alaska received the first shipment of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine this week and distributions across the state have begun. Petersburg Medical Center will be receiving the first batch of Pfizer vaccine on Thursday, December 17th on Alaska Airlines Flight 64. Detailed plans are in place to ensure the vaccine is handled appropriately throughout the transportation process. During the first few months, supplies for this vaccine are extremely limited. The Alaska COVID-19 Vaccine Allocation Advisory Committee has identified groups of individuals who should be receiving the vaccine in the early weeks. Using their recommendations, the first round of vaccine will go to:

- a. Staff and residents of PMC Long Term Care or Mountain View Manor Assisted Living Facility and
- b. Healthcare professionals providing direct care to patients and
- c. Petersburg Borough EMS staff and volunteers.

Petersburg's allocation of 220 initial doses is to serve the above groups as well as other healthcare professionals and first responders in our community. Shipments will be requested until the first allocation is used. The second doses (to be administered 21 days after the first dose) will be delivered to Petersburg Medical Center in the same manner. Over the next several months, additional allocations will be shipped to Petersburg for other groups identified by the Vaccine Allocation Committee. Eventually, every resident who would like a vaccine will receive one!

Vaccines will be administered by appointment due to strict temperature requirements and to maintain COVID-19 safe practices. Nurses and other professionals administering the vaccine have received training for appropriate handling, administration, and documentation of vaccine administration. Safety is an important component to this vaccination plan. People who receive the vaccine will be monitored for at least 15 minutes after receiving their vaccine and will have the ability to self-report any side effects to the CDC. Persons with questions about their medical eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine are asked to contact the PMC Joy Janssen Clinic at 772-4299.



For information about the COVID-19 vaccine please visit <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/vaccine.aspx>

On Friday, December 18th at 12:30 pm, KFSK will host a radio show addressing the COVID-19 vaccine. Please submit your questions in advance to joe@kfsk.org or covid@pmc-health.org Put this vaccine on your 2021 To Do List! Help our Community, State and Country move closer to seeing an end of this pandemic. Until we have an adequate number of people vaccinated, we will need to continue to wear a mask when less than six feet from others and keep our social bubbles small. Testing when symptoms first develop is extremely important to preventing spread of COVID in our community. Call the COVID Hotline at 772-5788 if you have any questions about symptoms.

