



**PETERSBURG BOROUGH & PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER
EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND**



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

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For Immediate Release

Two new positive COVID-19 cases have been identified in Petersburg from the same household. One household member had traveled within the last 2 weeks and the infection is considered to be travel related. That person was symptomatic and tested at the PMC Respiratory Clinic. A family member was tested after contact tracing identified them as a close contact found to be positive for COVID-19. Both are currently isolating and Public Health continues to perform contact tracing efforts.

Public Health has also informed the EOC of two additional positive cases of Petersburg residents that have tested positive outside of Petersburg. Both of these unrelated cases were not in Petersburg during their infectious stage and will remain outside of Petersburg until considered recovered. There is no risk to Petersburg in association with these two cases.

The current community risk level will continue to be in the Yellow (Low Risk) status.

COVID-19 testing is strongly recommended for all persons traveling into Petersburg. Testing is currently free for all travelers at the James A. Johnson Airport, regardless of residency. Testing of travelers is highly important to reveal previously unknown infections so that isolation can begin right away and spread of the virus to the community can be avoided.

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 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 identified as a close contact to a known positive COVID-19 case, please follow all medical direction for quarantine and testing. This is extremely important to stopping the spread of the coronavirus.

For detailed information on COVID in Petersburg, including a link to the [Petersburg COVID Dashboard](#), visit

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<https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/>

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.

PETERSBURG COVID-19 ALERT LEVEL 1 LOW

				
Face covering where social distancing can not be maintained	6 feet must be maintained with people outside of the household	Follow State Health Orders for travel & local intrastate travel mandate	Gatherings of 50+ outdoors 25+ indoors not recommended without strict adherence to safety measures	Businesses 100% open with allowance of telework for high-risk employees

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