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PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE: On July 8th Petersburg Medical Center confirmed a positive COVID-19 case in an out-of-state cruise ship passenger. The cruise ship staff performed a screening antigen test which was positive. Per their protocol, the passenger was brought to Petersburg Medical Center for confirmatory testing. The passenger is isolating in Petersburg. Public Health has been notified and will commence contact tracing efforts.

COVID-19 mitigation to prevent community spread: 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 Information Line at 907-772-5788 for medical advice. Do not go to the hospital or clinic before calling the Information Line.

Vaccines for COVID-19 provide good protection against serious COVID illness that results in hospitalization and death. Vaccinations for people aged 12 and older may be scheduled by calling the COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788. People who are fully vaccinated and exposed to a positive case do not need to quarantine but do need to monitor for symptoms.

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

Please refer to the CDC webpage for information on symptoms and precautionary measures at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

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