



PETERSBURG BOROUGH, PETERSBURG MEDICAL CENTER

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | POSITIVE CASE FROM OUT OF STATE

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For Immediate Release

A new positive test result for COVID-19 has been identified through the Traveler testing site at the James A. Johnson Airport in Petersburg. The positive case is a guest at the Rocky Point Resort and has been at the lodge since his arrival from out of state earlier in the week. The Alaska Department of Epidemiology has been notified and has begun a contact investigation. The resort guest did not have symptoms of COVID-19 upon his arrival to Alaska.

Rocky Point Resort submitted a COVID-19 Mitigation plan to the State of Alaska in April 2020 and has been following their plan during their season. The plan includes isolating guests from the community upon arrival at the airport, providing for social distancing, face coverings, hand washing and serving meals to individual cabins to lessen the interaction between guest parties.

Rocky Point is providing isolation and quarantine for the COVID-19 positive guest and has notified all staff and guests of the situation. The Resort is focused on the safety of their guests as a top priority and will be performing cleaning and sanitizing of all common areas, boats and fishing gear that the COVID-19 positive guest may have come in contact with. Staff members and guests within the guest's party that have been in close contact will be guided by the Public Health Nurse on any isolation, quarantine or testing requirements.

We want to reassure the public that we are working closely with the Alaska Division of Public Health to identify anyone who may be at risk for having contact with this individual. We will keep the public informed of any information that is needed for community health and safety.

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.

We must assume that COVID-19 is being spread in the community and all residents must act accordingly to prevent the further 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 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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