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**JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | TWO POSITIVE CASES IDENTIFIED**

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**For Immediate Release**

Two new cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Petersburg.

The first person is a Petersburg resident who became symptomatic while out of State. They followed CDC guidelines for isolation and exceeded those requirements before traveling back to Petersburg. The individual tested positive through the Petersburg airport on November 22. They are now considered recovered by the State and are not a risk to the community.

The second person is a college student returning to Petersburg who tested positive at the Petersburg airport on November 22. This individual was not symptomatic prior to or during travel and followed guidelines for quarantine due to travel. The individual became mildly symptomatic shortly after arrival and is following strict self-isolation. This case is considered to be low risk to the community.

Visit <https://www.psgcovidinfo.net/travel-testing> for guidance on traveling into Petersburg.

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