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PRESS RELEASE

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Active case count: Seven new cases on Thursday and three new cases today brings the active case total to 38. None are travel related cases. All sectors of the Petersburg Borough have been impacted. Community spread is still occurring in Petersburg. Persons are asked to follow mitigation recommendations.

September 2021 Outbreak, Age (years)

0-9	10-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-older
3	10	5	10	5	11	5

Scarc Resource(s):

- **Monoclonal Antibody** continues to be in extremely short supplies. This treatment decreases risk of hospitalization for high-risk patients with severe COVID disease. Patients with severe COVID disease may require transfer to a higher level of care. Medevac options for transporting patients to higher level of care continue to be extremely limited.
- **Cepheid Rapid PCR Test Supply:** PMC laboratory has performed over 500 PCR tests in house this week. Until supplies are adequately replenished, asymptomatic specimens will be sent to reference laboratories, same day results should not be expected.

Community responsibility:

- **Testing:** The sooner we can isolate those with the virus the sooner we can slow and stop the spread. If you are COVID positive follow the isolation guidelines provided to you by public health, physician or contact tracer. If you feel you are a contact, quarantine at home and call COVID hotline. If you are a contact and you began experiencing symptoms call the COVID hotline at 907-772-5788. If you test positive, notify your close contacts, or call public health to notify them for you at 907-772-4611.
- **Free Testing available:** Walk-up asymptomatic testing will continue the week of October 4th.
 - Monday – Friday: 9:00 – 1:00 PM, PMC next to Public Health
 - Monday – Saturday: Noon – 4:00 PM for Travel testing. PMC Emergency Department Entrance
- **Symptomatic Testing:** Call the COVID Line at 907-772-5788 to schedule a symptomatic test through the clinic.
- **When to test if you have been exposed?**
 - Vaccinated persons who are a close contact: test on day 3-5 after *last exposure*.
 - Unvaccinated persons who are close contacts: test after day 6 of *last exposure* to a positive case. Persons who are quarantined and do not have any symptoms may be tested at the asymptomatic testing times.



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- Persons who participated in social gatherings, particularly when social distance could not be maintained are urged to test following the above guidelines.
- Anyone with a recent negative test, regardless of vaccination status, should test again if symptoms develop.
- **Contact Tracing:** Tracking close contacts is becoming extremely difficult. Staff in Public Health are overwhelmed and cannot keep up with the volume and are not notifying close contacts. If you are COVID positive, please notify your contacts. Please answer your phone, public health may be calling from a local number, an Anchorage number or from out-of-state.
- **Vaccines:** This is our path out of COVID. Contact 907-772-5788 option 4 for vaccine information.

SAVE TIME WHEN TESTING: Submit test requests online by visiting www.pmcak.org, select the drop down for COVID-19 and open the Covid Test Request Form. Forms can be submitted with electronic signature. The form may also be completed using this QR code:



STAY HOME IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP! Children should not attend school/day care if they have symptoms. Anyone with symptoms should notify employer, test, and stay home. Most people with COVID-19 start out with only one or two symptoms that may feel like a mild cold. People are the most contagious during the first few days of symptoms and can be contagious before they get any symptoms. Some people don't have any symptoms at all and are still contagious. If you notice even mild symptoms, you should get tested, even if you have been vaccinated. The CDC has a symptom self-checker here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html#>

Thank you to you, the Petersburg Community, for testing, distancing, masking, and getting vaccinated. We are better together when we work together!

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