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PRESS RELEASE

Date: November 10, 2021
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Active case count: Petersburg Medical Center **reports 22 additional** cases today which brings our active case count to 92. Community spread is rapidly occurring in Petersburg. Persons are asked to follow mitigation recommendations. Here is a link for updates from the borough on community resources and updates: <https://www.petersburgak.gov/administration/page/covid-updates-information-0>

PMC remains in **RED status. We continue to keep all appointments; however, we may experience limitations on services or rescheduling depending on staffing. Please be patient with our staff as we are experiencing a high volume of calls and patient needs and low staffing.*

Community responsibility: Please remember that now is the time to take recommendations seriously: Social distance, masking, practice great hygiene, stay home if you're feeling ill, keep your social bubble small, get tested and get vaccinated! Anyone with symptoms should notify employer, test, and stay home. If you are a COVID positive follow the isolation guidelines provided to you by public health, physician or contact tracer. If you are waiting for test results, quarantine until you receive your results.

Asymptomatic Testing: When presenting for a test, masks must be worn, covering nose and mouth. Strict social distancing will be required for everyone participating in asymptomatic testing. Pop-up testing opportunities will be announced as available.

Symptomatic Testing: Call the COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788 to schedule a symptomatic test through the clinic.

Contact Tracing: Tracking close contacts has become very difficult. Staff in public health are overwhelmed and cannot keep up with the volume. *If you are COVID positive, please notify your contacts immediately.* Please answer your phone, public health may be calling from a local number, an Anchorage number or from out-of-state. If you are a contact and you began experiencing symptoms call the COVID information line at 907-772-5788.

Vaccine: Pediatric doses, ages 5-11 are approved and PMC has began administering those vaccines. Please call PMC COVID hotline (907-772-5788) to be placed on the wait list. Join the American Academy of Pediatrics Alaska chapter and Alaska Children's Trust as pediatricians from across the state come together to answer your questions. Join us Thursday, November 11 at 6:30pm to learn about vaccine safety for children and pediatrician recommendations so that you can make the best decision for and with your child about their health and the health of the community. To register for the event: <https://www.alaskachildrenstrust.org/events>
All three COVID-19 vaccines are available in Petersburg for adults. To schedule your first, second, or third dose call PMC (907-772-5788) or Public Health (907-772-4611).

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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