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## PRESS RELEASE

Date: November 15, 2021  
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**Active case count:** Petersburg Medical Center **reports 16 additional cases** today which brings our active case count to 63. Community spread is not decreasing in Petersburg. Persons are asked to follow mitigation recommendations.

**Petersburg Medical Center will remain in RED status as we experience high volumes of COVID-19 and staffing shortages. Our staff is centering their focus on COVID-19. Please be aware that this may temporarily impact some patient services and some already scheduled appointments may need to be rescheduled. Please be patient with our staff.**

**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.

- **Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am-noon located on Fram street next to Public Health**

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

**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.

**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. 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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