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PRESS RELEASE

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Active case count: Petersburg Medical Center reports 7 addition cases today which brings our active case count to 37. The community is experiencing staff shortages and closures (i.e., schools, daycare, after-school activities). Community spread is rapidly occurring in Petersburg. Persons are asked to follow mitigation recommendations.

*PMC has moved into **RED** status. We will attempt to keep all appointments; however, we may experience limitations or rescheduling depending on staffing.

Scarce Resource(s):

- **Monoclonal Antibody:** While this treatment is available it is emergency use only, the medical team must monitor supply and give to patients who meet criteria. This treatment helps to decrease the risk of severe illness, hospitalization, and death in patients who are newly diagnosed with Covid-19. Patients with severe COVID disease may require transfer to a higher level of care.
- **Cepheid Rapid PCR Test Supply:** The rapid PCR test is in short supply and while we will attempt to use rapid tests as possible the medical team may require some tests to be sent to a reference laboratory. Same day results should not be expected for send out tests.

Community responsibility: The spread of COVID is being tracked back to events and gatherings not following mitigation plans. Events or gatherings following mitigation plans and being diligent with masking are not seeing a significant spread. *Children should not attend school or day care if they have symptoms. Anyone with symptoms should notify employer, test, and stay home.* Symptoms may vary, including minimal symptoms like a stuffy nose or feeling more tired than usual. If you have COVID, it is important that you 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.**

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

Contact Tracing: 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. If you are a contact and you began experiencing symptoms call the COVID information line at 907-772-5788.

Vaccine: All three types of COVID-19 vaccines remain available in Petersburg. To schedule your first dose call either PMC (907-772-5788) or Public Health (907-772-4611). Booster shots for mRNA vaccines are available for those persons with compromised immune systems. PMC staff are calling patients when its their turn for the booster.

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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