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PRESS RELEASE

Date: November 3, 2021
From: Petersburg Medical Center

Active case count: Petersburg Medical Center **reports 12 additional** cases today which brings our active case count to 48. PMC currently has 93 pending send out COVID tests, that should be resulted in the next 3-5 business days. We continue to experience staff shortages and closures. All Borough buildings are currenting closed to in person activities until further notice. Petersburg Schools remains open with additional testing opportunities. Community spread is rapidly occurring in Petersburg. Persons are asked to follow mitigation recommendations.

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: Children should not attend school or day care if they have symptoms. 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.

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 participated in social gatherings, particularly when social distance could not be maintained are urged to test following the above guidelines.

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: Pediatric doses, ages 5-11 are approved and PMC will begin administering those vaccines soon. Please call PMC COVID hotline (907-772-5788) to be placed on the waiting 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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