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PRESS RELEASE

Date: November 9, 2021
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Active case count: Petersburg Medical Center reports 21 additional cases today which brings our active case count to 79. Community spread continues to escalate rapidly 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. Additional pop-up testing opportunities may be announced. Walk up testing is available on the following dates

- **Tuesday, November 9 from 9:00AM- 12:00PM, next to public health**

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. If you would like to stay anonymous, there is also an online tool that allows you to tell your contacts by sending out emails or text notifications anonymously (www.tellyourcontacts.org) or contact public health for assistance.* 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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