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## PRESS RELEASE

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**Active case count:** Active case count is 11 and new daily positive cases are declining.

*As we celebrate this holiday season, please remember to be safe. Mask while at gatherings when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Home antigen testing can be used prior to any holiday gatherings.*

**You Can Help:** The COVID case count could continue to shrink with these easy infection prevention tips. Continue to physically distance from others not in your household, mask when in crowded areas, practice great hand hygiene, keep your social bubble small, if you feel ill, arrange for a test, and stay home. Anyone with symptoms should notify their employer, test, and stay home. If you are COVID positive follow the isolation guidelines provided to you by public health, physician or contact tracer and notify your close contacts to prevent the spread of infection. If you are waiting for test results, quarantine until you receive your results. Persons are asked to follow mitigation recommendations. Here is a link to the borough website on community resources and updates: <https://www.petersburgak.gov/administration/page/covid-updates-information-0>

**Home antigen testing:** Kits are available at Joy Janssen Clinic, Rexall, Public Health, Fire Department, Police Station, Public Library, and PIA. At-home antigen test are a great way to keep your friends and family safe, test before a gathering or Christmas party so you know everyone is COVID free. Home test kits are free, convenient, private and especially useful if you have family and friends arriving from out of town. If you test positive on your home test, don't wait to seek medical care especially if you are considered high risk with other medical conditions. Monoclonal antibodies need to be started early for the best success. A PCR test to confirm your home antigen test will provide the necessary documentation to prevent future need for quarantine.

**TESTING at PMC:** When presenting for a test, masks must be worn, covering nose and mouth.

- **Travel Testing: Mon-Saturday from noon- 4:00pm located at PMC Emergency Department Entrance**
- **Asymptomatic and Symptomatic Testing:** Call the COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788 to schedule a test through the clinic.

**Vaccine:** To schedule your first, second, or third dose call PMC (907-772-5788) or Public Health (907-772-4611). All three COVID-19 vaccines including pediatric Pfizer doses are available in Petersburg.

**Julebukking:** Visit PMC Tuesday, December 21 from 12-2 pm. Location is Dorothy Ingle Conference Room, Fram Street Entrance. Sample some delicious treats compliments of our hard-working Dietary Department!

Resources for you: <https://www.pmcak.org/covid-home-antigen-testing.html>

Alaska COVID-19 Information: <https://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

CDC Self Testing: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/self-testing.html>

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