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PRESS RELEASE

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PRESS RELEASE: Petersburg Medical Center is seeing an increase of four positive COVID-19 cases locally in the past 4 days in the following manner:

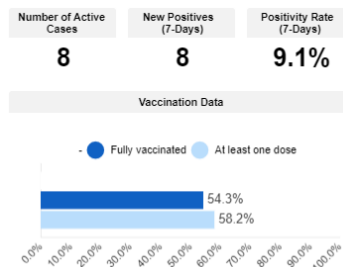
- July 9th: A resident of Petersburg tested positive for COVID 19 on Friday. This person is isolating at their home.
- July 10th: A guest from the American Cruise Lines Vessel *American Constellation* tested positive on Saturday. This person remains in Petersburg with a family member who had tested positive previously. Both are continuing to isolate in Petersburg. An American Cruise Lines representative is staying in Petersburg to assist these individuals.
- July 12th: Two new cases tested positive for COVID 19 today, one resident and one non-resident and both are isolating in Petersburg.

Contact tracing by Alaska Public Health is ongoing with our local case and those individuals associated with the *American Constellation*. The vessel sailed to Juneau on Friday, July 9th. Additional questions email media@americancruiselines.com or covid@pmc-health.org

While the risk to the community of Petersburg is considered to be low from the *American Constellation* cases, there have been a few recent new cases locally. There are currently 4 active resident cases identified in the last seven days. Additionally, there are other communities in SE Alaska experiencing an increase of COVID-19. Persons with concerns for symptoms suggestive of COVID-19 are urged to call the PMC COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788. Early recognition and treatment will prevent further transmission of the virus. Persons may call the same number to schedule an asymptomatic test and a COVID-19 vaccine.

“In order to prevent community transmission of COVID-19 during the tourist season, we strongly encourage all Alaskans who are eligible to get vaccinated if they haven’t already done so,” said Dr. Joe McLaughlin, Alaska’s State Epidemiologist. “Those who are not vaccinated are at greater risk of infection, serious illness and long-term adverse health consequences from COVID-19.”

From the Petersburg Dashboard: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=9e3fecdc25fa4bbe9186f45383f963a3>



Centers for Disease Control COVID-19 (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/default.aspx>

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