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## PRESS RELEASE

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**PRESS RELEASE:** Petersburg Medical Center confirmed three additional cases in the past two days. All are Petersburg residents and have been instructed to isolate at home. Public Health has been notified and will commence contact tracing.

One of the previous cases are considered recovered. These three cases bring the total active case count to 10, three are non-residents. All positive samples are referred to the Alaska Public Health Virology Laboratory in Fairbanks for genomic sequencing. The Department of Health and Social Services reports at least 40% of all positive cases are the Delta variant which is showing to be more easily spread and causes a higher viral load in patients.

**There is growing concern for community spread of COVID-19.** If you develop a fever and symptoms, such as fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call the Petersburg Medical Center COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788 for medical advice. Take steps to prevent the disease from spreading to people in your home and community. Do not go to the hospital or clinic before calling the Information Line. Persons with severe symptoms requiring ambulance transport are asked to notify the 911 dispatcher that you have COVID-19 symptoms.

**Vaccines** for COVID-19 provide good protection against serious COVID illness that results in hospitalization and death. Vaccinations for people aged 12 and older may be scheduled by calling the COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788. People who are fully vaccinated and exposed to a positive case do not need to quarantine but do need to monitor for symptoms.

For detailed information on COVID in Petersburg, visit the [Petersburg COVID Dashboard](#), the information is updated daily.

Please refer to the CDC webpage for information on symptoms and precautionary measures at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Additional current information on COVID-19 is available through the 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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