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## PRESS RELEASE

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### CASE UPDATE:

Active Cases	Resident	Non-Resident	Travel Related	Secondary Exposure	Community Exposure	Source of Exposure Unknown
17	17	0	1			16

**PMC reports an additional five cases today. Community spread of COVID-19 can be controlled by testing, identifying positive cases early and isolating early. Contact tracing helps to identify potential exposures. Contact tracing is hampered by the high number of new cases across the state. Persons who test positive are urged to notify their contacts. Contacts should stay home and monitor for symptoms. Persons uncomfortable notifying their close contacts may contact Public Health at 907-772-4611 for assistance.**

**Asymptomatic testing on Thursday, September 23 has been expanded to include all asymptomatic individuals. Persons who are fully vaccinated and have been notified of a contact to a positive case, should be tested on day 3-5 after last exposure. Unvaccinated contacts may be tested after day 6 of last exposure to a positive case. Persons who are quarantined and do not have any symptoms may be tested on Thursday. Masks must cover nose and mouth and strict social distancing will be required for everyone participating in asymptomatic testing. Persons who participated in social gatherings, particularly when social distance could not be maintained are urged to test.**

**Persons with symptoms are asked to call the COVID Information Line at 907-772-5788 to schedule a symptomatic test.**

### **TESTING OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Travel Testing Monday through Saturday from Noon – 4:00 pm, ER entrance.
- Asymptomatic Testing Thursday, September 23 from 9:00 – 4:00, at PMC, next door to Public Health
- Symptomatic testing or post contact testing available by appointment, call the COVID Information line at 907-772-5788. Testing after travel or after being around others who are not in your family cohort is available at no charge.

**STAY HOME IF SYMPTOMS DEVELOP! Children should not attend school/day care if they have symptoms.** Most people with COVID-19 start out with only one or two symptoms that may feel like a mild cold. People are the most contagious during the first few days of symptoms and can be contagious before they get any symptoms. Some people don't have any symptoms at all and are still contagious. If you notice even mild symptoms, you should get tested, even if you have been vaccinated. The CDC has a symptom self-checker here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html#>

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