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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
19	19	0	1			18

PMC reports an additional two 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 will be available on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 FROM 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM, PMC next to Public Health. Only persons without symptoms should be tested at this location.

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

When to test if you have been exposed?

- **Vaccinated persons who are a close contact: test on day 3-5 after last exposure.**
- **Unvaccinated persons who are close contacts: test 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.**
- **Persons who participated in social gatherings, particularly when social distance could not be maintained are urged to test following the above guidelines.**

Masks must cover nose and mouth and strict social distancing will be required for everyone participating in asymptomatic testing.

TESTING OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Travel Testing Monday through Saturday from Noon – 4:00 pm, ER entrance.**
- **Asymptomatic Testing Friday, September 24, 9:00 am– 6:00 pm, 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.**

SAVE TIME: Submit test requests online by visiting www.pmcak.org, select the drop down for COVID-19 and open the Covid Test Request Form. Forms do not need to be printed if you submit with an electronic signature. The forms may also be completed on a tablet or phone using this QR code:





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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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