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EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER UNIFIED COMMAND

JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: COVID-19 | EOC UNIFIED COMMAND SITUATION UPDATES

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This brief responds to questions and provides an update on information from the Emergency Operations Center Unified Command (EOC) and its partner agencies. Contact the EOC with your questions at eoc@petersburgak.gov.

	Cumulative	Active	Recovered	Deceased
Resident	7	0	6	1
Non-resident	7	0	7	0

For current information about local case counts visit: www.psqcovidinfo.net

MASKS FOR BUSINESSES & ORGANIZATION

The EOC has received a shipment of 1,000 masks from the State to distribute to local to the community. Businesses and organizations are encouraged to make masks available to customers. Request masks at eoc@petersburgak.gov.

CONTACT TRACING IS KEY TO STOPPING THE SPREAD

You can help contact tracers move faster and prevent more cases by keeping your contact list small, keeping a diary of who you are in close contact with (defined as within 6 feet for 10 minutes or more), wearing cloth face coverings when around any non-household members or in public, and responding promptly to being contacted. Any gathering, particularly indoors, poses some risk of exposure and you should take steps to minimize you risk and the risk you pose to others by keeping their social circles small, wearing face coverings, avoiding large gatherings, and gathering only if it is possible to remain 6 feet apart, ideally outdoors.

MONEY FOR FAMILIES TO BUY FOOD

The Pandemic-EBT is a program that provides additional money for families to buy food due to COVID-19 school closures during the 2019-2020 school year. Letters for families to opt-in to the program were sent out on August 20th. Unfortunately, there is a VERY TIGHT turnaround (10 days) for families to return the information needed to sign up for these benefits. The forms that were mailed out on August 20th will need to be received back by the Division of Public Assistance by August 31st, 2020. Given the very short enrollment period for Alaskan families, Food Bank of Alaska is offering assistance with enrollment. If eligible families do not receive the form or are concerned about their ability to get the form in by the August 31st deadline, they can contact Food Bank of Alaska for assistance at 907-222-3119 or by texting 'PEBT' to 907-891-8913."

COVID CONSCIOUS BUSINESS TOOLKIT

Alaska businesses have access to a suite of printable resources to help encourage COVID-19 precautions among employees and customers. The COVID- Conscious Business Toolkit features Alaska-themed artwork to communicate and encourage measures, such as physical distancing and mask wearing. Downloadable materials that can be printed and displayed include: front door signs, floor decals/signs to support physical distancing, commitment statements, and other signage for posting in breakrooms, restrooms and doors. Digital graphics are also available for use on social media, email messages and websites. The toolkit is available at <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/epi/id/pages/COVID-19/business.aspx>

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The state has been approved for a Federal Emergency Management Agency grant that will temporarily boost unemployment payments by \$300 per week. The payments are retroactive to July 25 and will take about 6 weeks to start. According to the Dept. of Labor, workers receiving PUA who are self-employed, 1099 workers, etc. may not receive the additional \$300 per week payment under the state's plan nor will workers receiving less than \$100 per week in regular benefits. Still waiting for more details on this.

CORONAVIRUS NONPROFIT RELIEF FUND

The final round of CNRF applications are being accepted until October 14. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, tribal organizations, and local governments. More info at: <https://alaskacf.org/cnrf/>

QUESTIONS ABOUT SYMPTOMS OR TEST RESULTS? CALL THE HOTLINE

Anybody can get tested who has ANY of the following symptoms: fever, cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, chills, a decreased appetite, diminished sense of taste or smell, diarrhea, fatigue, headache, muscle or joint aches, nausea, rash, rigors, a runny nose, a sore throat, sputum production. Anyone with any symptoms is encouraged to call PMC's 24-hour **COVID-19 hotline (907) 772-5788**. Experienced nurses are answering the calls.