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If the novel coronavirus makes its way in force to rural communities, like Petersburg, residents may be particularly vulnerable, as they tend to congregate around only a few places: the local grocery store, the same gas station, the post office, essentially increasing the likelihood of spread. We are behind the lower 48. The virus is just beginning to arrive in Petersburg. In order to keep our community safe, we should be mandating that all people wear a mask in public spaces. If COVID-19 begins to spread in Petersburg, our healthcare system is vulnerable, our transportation system is vulnerable, our ability to meet basic needs for survival is vulnerable. By the time the coronavirus spreads here, it will be too late to prepare for or mitigate the consequences. Please assist in stopping the spread by mandating masks.

Thank you for your consideration!  
Michele & Thomas Parker