



PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE #05
(Borough Harbor Facilities - vessel docking and disembarkment)
(Issued April 20, 2020)
(Revised May 18, 2020)
(Revised June 15, 2020)

The CDC's *No Sail Order* remains in effect controlling cruise ship operations and requiring No Sail Order response plans. This is due to the finding that cruise ship travel uniquely exacerbates the spread of COVID-19. The CDC's guidance currently extends only to those vessels with the capacity to carry 250 or more individuals, while the vessels which visit the Borough are generally small cruise vessels that carry fewer passengers. Nonetheless, cruise ship travel, regardless of the size of the vessel, remains a substantial public health concern, and it is necessary for the Borough to address this public health concern, with the assistance of the Borough Public Health Official. Furthermore, the Governor has modified State Health Mandate #10, and now permits certain testing protocols in lieu of a 14-day quarantine for interstate travelers. Due to the increase in use of Borough harbor facilities during the summer season by those traveling from out-of-state, it is necessary for the Borough to ensure that all interstate marine travelers abide by the mandate requirements.

Accordingly, the Borough Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the safety and health of Petersburg that all interstate marine travelers subject to State of Alaska Health Mandate #10, including those traveling by cruise and charter passenger vessels and yacht flotilla operations be screened and prohibited from utilizing Borough harbor facilities without the express approval of the Borough Public Health Official. The conditions of this Mandate are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF PETERSBURG MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 3.72, THE BOROUGH ASSEMBLY HEREBY ORDERS:

No passenger vessel with interstate travelers aboard (including passengers and crew) who are subject to State of Alaska Health Mandate #10 may disembark passengers or crew members onto the docks or floats of Borough harbor facilities, as defined in PMC 14.20.030, without the prior written approval of the Borough Public Health Officer. Such approval is to be conditioned upon a finding that the requirements of State of Alaska Health Mandate #10 have been satisfied and the vessel passengers and crew present no hazard of transmitting COVID-19 to the Petersburg community. Commercial fishing vessels are excluded from this mandate.

The captain or master of a vessel wishing to enter Petersburg harbor facilities that has aboard travelers (either passengers or crew) who are subject to State of Alaska Health Mandate #10 shall contact the Borough Public Health Officer, Mark Tuccillo, DO at 907-518-1336 or 907-772-2266, at least 24 hours prior to the vessel's anticipated arrival, and the Borough Public Health Officer shall retain control over the ability of the crew and/or passengers to disembark from the vessel.

- All crew or passengers must strictly abide by the requirements of the current State Health Mandate 10. Test results for any pre-travel or post-travel PCR tests shall be available when the vessel enters the port.

- Upon questioning by the Borough Public Health Officer, if any crew member or passenger has experienced or is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, the entire population of the vessel will not be allowed to disembark. The operator of the vessel must arrange for medical attention.
- If any crew or passenger is known to be positive for COVID-19, the operation's owner must arrange for isolation, quarantine of close contacts, medical care and medivac of the affected persons. Assistance from the Petersburg Medical Center cannot be guaranteed. A known positive case among a group of travelers, passenger manifest or crew will result in the entire population of the vessel being denied the ability to disembark at Petersburg harbor facilities. Fueling, water fill-up and grocery delivery may still occur.

Effective Date and Duration. This Mandate went into effect on April 20, 2020, has since been revised, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on August 31, 2020, unless extended or earlier terminated. In the event State of Alaska Health Mandate #10 is terminated or substantially modified prior to August 31, 2020, this mandate will be reconsidered by the Borough Assembly.

Effective Area. This Mandate is applicable borough-wide.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on April 20, 2020.

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ATTEST:

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