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Mayor Jensen and Borough Assembly Members:

I want to thank you for passing the COVID-19 related mandates at the November 16 meeting. This was a crucial step in keeping our community healthy and slowing the community spread of COVID-19 over the holiday season. As of today, our rates of COVID-19 have remained relatively low because of the proactive healthy behaviors of many community members and organizations (masking, physical distancing, good hand hygiene, keeping social circles small and staying isolated when ill and after travel), the decision of the Assembly to pass the mandates, the readily available testing in our community, and the prompt follow up for people with COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19 by our Public Health Department and Petersburg Medical Center. I am very proud of what Petersburg has done.

As we look at the daily case counts and hospitalization rates in our region, state and country, I know that these efforts must be maintained and even enhanced to keep our community free from a devastating outbreak. We know masking makes a difference, but only if masks are worn and handled correctly. We know that hand washing is effective, but only if people do it. Enacting the mask mandate was an important first step. Now we need to encourage people, businesses and organizations to follow it. I will continue to support the businesses of Petersburg, especially during the holiday season, and want to be able to do it safely. Please continue to encourage our community and business owners to protect their employees and customers by correctly wearing face coverings, maintaining social distance requirements and encouraging hand hygiene on entry and exit.

Thank you for supporting the health of Petersburg. I wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season.

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