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Memorandum For The Record

Subject: Increased incidence of local infectious disease, increased threat level

Addressee: Petersburg Emergency Operations Center, Petersburg Borough Assembly,
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1. There has been a recent increase incidence of positive Covid cases. They are three separate primary events occurring at this time. There is presently a high risk for additional community spread. Local and State Epidemiology investigations continue.
2. Petersburg Medical Center has instituted an increase in their threat level to Red. At the time of this dictation this will be reassessed at the beginning of the week. This will restrict access to the hospital campus, decrease home health and ancillary services outside the hospital campus, and increase our staff and patient surveillance.
3. We do not presently know the extent of potential spread, that a large majority of infections and onset of contagiousness is largely asymptomatic, and that there is a lag time of up to two weeks before infectiousness and/or symptoms appear. Although asymptomatic people are considered less infectious, they are at this point judged to represent 80% of the disease transmission. We have very noninvasive, nonrestrictive measures that are easily achieved and effective in decreasing transmission by at least 6 fold. I urge the following actions based on the public health risk and medical information available.
4. Recommendations:
 - a. Proactive action to involve a move to mandatory masking in all public venues.
 - b. Develop clear guidelines preferably using color designations to be in line with the Medical Center and designating the local threat level to red, until the extent of local disease is better identified
 - c. Strongly reaffirm the need for social distancing.
 - d. Curtail and/or cancel community gatherings or group events.

- e. Increased public service announcements affirming the above, as well as encouraging early evaluation and possible testing for symptomatology via the Covid hotline, 907-772-4788 area.
- f. Increased vigilance for hygiene and sanitation to all high contact and public areas.
- g. As possible increased availability of public hygiene stations.
- h. Increased personal situational awareness during activities of daily living and immunity interaction.
- i. Continue to provide medical screening and limit access to Harbor for nonessential activities with vessels that do not meet criteria

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