



PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE #9
Intrastate Traveler Testing
(Issued November 16, 2020)
(Revised February 23, 2021)

WHEREAS, the Petersburg Borough Assembly is committed to minimizing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Petersburg's residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 testing that has been conducted at the James A. Johnson Airport for the last several months has been successful in alerting the Petersburg Medical Center and Emergency Operations Center to positive cases coming into the community; and

WHEREAS, it is in Petersburg's best interest to continue to provide for the testing of intrastate travelers coming into the Borough via the airport or the Alaska Marine Highway System (AMHS) ferry terminal, in order to quickly discover and isolate infected persons who come to Petersburg from within the State of Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of this Mandate are designed to provide the least necessary restrictions.

Accordingly, the Petersburg Borough Assembly issues the following Public Health Mandate:

The Petersburg Borough Assembly requires that all intrastate travelers arriving into Petersburg at the James A. Johnson Airport or the AMHS ferry terminal be tested prior to or upon arrival, with details as follows:

1. Alaskan residents (including residents of Petersburg) traveling into Petersburg via the James A. Johnson Airport or the AMHS ferry terminal from another Alaskan community are encouraged to have a COVID-19 molecular-based PCR test within 72 hours of their departure to Petersburg, if possible, and provide proof of a negative test at the airport. A second COVID-19 test, between five (5) and fourteen (14) days after arrival is recommended, but not required.
2. Alaskan residents who have tested in another Alaskan community within 72 hours before departure for Petersburg but who do not yet have a negative test result, must provide proof of the molecular-based PCR test and complete a Travel Declaration form that includes contact information, and the traveler's isolation location within Petersburg in the event of a positive test result. A second COVID-19 test, between five (5) and fourteen (14) days after arrival is recommended, but not required.

3. Except as set out in (a) below, Alaskan residents who did not receive a COVID-19 test within 72 hours prior to arriving into Petersburg must agree to be tested at the James A. Johnson Airport upon arrival. There is no charge for the test. Use of the State of Alaska Travel Portal, and completion of a Travel Declaration Form will be necessary, that includes contact information, and the traveler's isolation location within Petersburg in the event of a positive test result. Selection of the option to test as an Alaskan resident traveling intrastate is required to receive a test free of charge. A second COVID-19 test, between five (5) and fourteen (14) days after arrival is recommended, but not required.
 - (a) Alaskan residents may elect to not be tested, provided that they strictly self-quarantine, at their own expense, for a period of fourteen (14) days after arrival into the Petersburg Borough.
4. Non-Alaskan residents who are traveling to Petersburg from another Alaskan community must comply with all applicable testing recommendations protocols of State of Alaska Health Advisory No. 3. Additionally, non-resident intrastate travelers must have evidence of either a negative COVID-19 test, or proof of a test, taken within 72 hours of their departure to Petersburg, or must test at the James A. Johnson Airport upon arrival, at their expense. A second COVID-19 test, between five (5) and fourteen (14) days after arrival is recommended, but not required.
5. Intrastate travelers arriving at the AMHS ferry terminal shall utilize the State Travel Portal to receive a test at the airport, just as if they had arrived by air.
6. Any person currently infected with SARS-CoV-2 virus is prohibited from traveling until they are cleared from isolation by a medical professional. Asymptomatic persons who have recovered from a documented SARS-CoV-2 infection within the past 90 days are exempt from travel testing upon showing proof of a positive SARS-CoV-2 test result and a clearance letter from a medical doctor.
7. Fully-vaccinated travelers are required to adhere to testing requirements of this Mandate. A second COVID-19 test, between five (5) and fourteen (14) days after arrival is recommended, but not required. Fully-vaccinated is defined as more than two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a two-dose series, or more than two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.
8. Testing will be via PCR "send out" tests and not a rapid test. Results will be reported to the Petersburg Medical Center (PMC). PMC will notify travelers of their result and recommend medical attention upon any positive result.
9. The State of Alaska Public Health Nurse will be notified of any positive result in order to begin contact tracing and isolation of any infected persons. Any traveler that tests positive shall follow directions for isolation and quarantine given by the Public Health Nurse.
10. Intrastate travelers who submit to testing upon arrival in Petersburg, or who arrive in Petersburg with proof of a test, but no results, are not required to quarantine prior to receipt of test results, but must take all precautions to avoid

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the potential spread of COVID-19 for a minimum of five (5) days after arrival, or until a negative test is received, whichever is longer. Fully-vaccinated travelers must take all such precautions until a negative test is received. Required actions include:

(a) Asymptomatic Passengers: Travelers arriving without symptoms should take common precautions to protect themselves and others until the traveler has knowledge of a negative test result:

- i. Use of face coverings in public settings and other instances where physical distancing cannot be met, and compliance with any state or local face covering mandates.
- ii. Frequent hand washing or sanitizing.
- iii. Maintain a 6' distance from others as much as possible.
- iv. Avoiding crowded areas.
- v. Covering all coughs or sneezes.

(b) Passengers experiencing symptoms or developing symptoms after arrival, regardless of a negative test result:

- vi. Isolate yourself and avoid being around others.
- vii. Call local COVID hotline to seek medical guidance, at (907) 772-5788.
- viii. Use of face coverings except when completely alone.
- ix. Frequent hand washing or sanitizing.
- x. Avoiding crowded areas.
- xi. Covering all coughs or sneezes.

11. Travel into Petersburg by students and employees of the Petersburg School District (PSD) shall be governed by PSD's November 3, 2020 COVID-19 Travel Protocol, as amended from time to time by the Petersburg School Board. This Mandate shall apply in the event that Protocol is rescinded.
12. Travel into Petersburg by workers in critical infrastructure workforce shall be covered by the instructions and protocols contained in the employer's Community Workforce Protective Plan on file with the State. If a Plan has not been filed, or if that Plan does not contain protections or protocols for workers traveling into remote communities from the employer's general work site, workers shall be governed by the provisions of this Mandate. Emergency travel by such critical infrastructure workers shall be coordinated with Petersburg EOC.
13. Children 10 years of age and younger are exempt from the testing requirements set out above, however they should comply with the precautions of paragraph 10.

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14. The provisions of this Mandate shall not apply if application would delay or limit emergency travel into the Petersburg Borough by Law Enforcement Officers, healthcare workers, or personnel from the Office of Children's Services.
15. Commercial Fishing Vessels, Seafood Harvesters, and Seafood Processing Workers: To the extent that the testing requirements of this Mandate exceed the recommendations of any State Health Advisory applicable to such workers, the provisions of this Mandate shall govern.
16. Definitions.
 - (a) "Alaskan resident" means providing one of the following accepted forms of proof of Alaska residency for testing at airport:
 - (i) Alaska driver's license or state-issued ID card.
 - (ii) Federally recognized Alaska tribal identification card.
 - (iii) Active duty military ID card or active duty dependent ID card.
 - (iv) Employment verification letter on employer letterhead or school verification letter for in-person schooling stating traveler is moving to Alaska for employment or school.
17. This Health Mandate went into initial effect on November 16, 2020 and will remain in place until June 30, 2021 unless sooner rescinded by the Borough Assembly, or until the State of Alaska terminates the COVID-19 Screening and Testing Contract at the James A. Johnson Airport, whichever first occurs.

Passed and Approved by the Petersburg Borough Assembly on February 23, 2021.

Mark Jensen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk