



PETERSBURG BOROUGH PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATE #05
(Borough Harbor Facilities - vessel docking and disembarkment)

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The Center for Disease Control (CDC) continues to place an emphasis on cruise ship travel's unique exacerbation regarding the spread of COVID-19. The CDC has replaced the No Sail Order with a Conditional Sailing Order to require a framework for providing protective plans and mitigation measures for larger ships. The CDC's guidance in this regard 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 State currently recommends certain testing protocols for interstate and intrastate travelers. Due to the use of Borough Harbor facilities by smaller cruise ships which bring interstate and intrastate travelers to Petersburg, it is important for the Borough to ensure that all marine travelers abide by the local and statewide travel recommendations.

Accordingly, the Borough Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the safety and health of Petersburg that marine travelers traveling by cruise and charter passenger vessels and yacht flotilla operations, be tested (if recommended), screened and prohibited from disembarking passengers or crew from Borough harbor facilities without the express approval of the Borough Public Health Official. However, the Borough wishes to recognize the research and guidance of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) that recognizes the significantly lower risk that fully vaccinated persons pose in terms of contracting and spreading COVID-19.

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 or intrastate travelers aboard (including passengers and crew) who are subject to the recommendations of State of Alaska Health Advisory No. 2 or Health Advisory No. 3 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Alert, 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 approval of the Borough Public Health Officer, said approval to be conditioned upon a finding that the vessel's 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 Advisory No. 2 and Health Advisory No. 3 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Alert 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 follow the recommendations of State Health Advisory No. 2 and Health Advisory No. 3 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Alert. 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, no person on board the vessel will be allowed to disembark except upon the approval of the Health Officer. The Health Officer shall not unreasonably deny fully vaccinated passengers and crew the ability to disembark, provided those persons do not, in the opinion of the Health Officer, present a public health concern to the community.
- If any crew or passenger is known to be positive for COVID-19, the operation's owner is responsible to 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, passengers or crew may 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.
- The captain or master of a vessel which operates under a company COVID-19 mitigation plan or policy that requires full vaccination of all crew and passengers prior to boarding the vessel shall also abide by the terms of this mandate,

Effective Date and Duration. This Mandate went into initial effect on April 20, 2020, has since been revised and continued, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2021, unless extended or earlier terminated.

Effective Area. This Mandate is applicable borough-wide.

ATTEST:

Mark Jensen, Mayor

Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk