



## **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)

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The 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 Governor has issued State Health Order 6 and Health Order 8, and now requires certain testing protocols for interstate and intrastate travelers. Due to the increases in regional COVID-19 cases and the use of Borough Harbor facilities by smaller cruise ships which bring interstate and intrastate travelers to Petersburg, it is necessary for the Borough to ensure that all marine travelers abide by the local and statewide travel mandate requirements.

Accordingly, the Borough Assembly finds that it is in the best interest of the safety and health of Petersburg that marine travelers subject to State of Alaska Health Order 6 or Health Order 8 or local Intrastate Travel Health Directives, including those traveling by cruise and charter passenger vessels and yacht flotilla operations, be tested (if appropriate), screened and prohibited from disembarking passengers or crew from 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 or intrastate travelers aboard (including passengers and crew) who are subject to State of Alaska Health Order 6 or Health Order 8 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Directives, 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, said approval to be conditioned upon a finding that the requirements of State of Alaska Health Order 6 and Health Order 8 and applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Directives 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

Order 6 or Health Order 8 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Directives 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 Order 6 and Health Order 8 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Directives. 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, passengers 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 initial effect on April 20, 2020, has since been revised, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on February 28, 2021, unless extended or earlier terminated. In the event State Health Order 6 or Health Order 8 or applicable local Intrastate Travel Health Directives are terminated or substantially modified prior to February 28, 2021, 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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**Mark Jensen, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Debra K. Thompson, Borough Clerk**