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Announcement for Those Coming to a Show

In solidarity with other performing arts organizations around the state of Alaska, and to create a consistent set of protocols around the state for touring artists, the Petersburg Arts Council is announcing the following requirements to ensure the safe and successful return and continuation of live, indoor performances in Petersburg.

Alert status for the Borough for the purposes of a Petersburg Arts Council sponsored event will be determined by the Council Board using the alert status map maintained by DHSS¹ in conjunction with the PSG COVID Dashboard² maintained by PMC, whichever contains the most up-to-date data.³ Applicable alert status will be announced on our web site, Facebook page, and on KFSK during the week leading up to the event date.

When Petersburg Borough is in Low (Blue) or Moderate (Yellow) Alert status:

Masks should be worn by all unvaccinated guests in accordance with CDC and state guidelines for indoor gatherings in areas with Low and Moderate community transmission.

Masks are encouraged for all guests, regardless of vaccination status or test result.

If you do not have a mask, the Petersburg Arts Council will have masks available at the door.

When Petersburg Borough is in Substantial (Orange) or High (Red) Alert status:

Performance attendees must provide either proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 completed at least two weeks prior to the event, or proof of a negative test result within 72 hours of the show. Proof of vaccination must be in the form of a vaccine card or a photo of a vaccine card and a matching photo ID. Contact information of attendees will be recorded in case contact tracing becomes necessary.

In addition, masks are required for all guests, regardless of vaccination status or test result, in accordance with CDC and state guidelines for indoor gatherings in areas with Substantial or High community transmission.

¹ Please refer to [Alaska Department of Health and Social Services \(http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/alertlevels.aspx\)](http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/alertlevels.aspx) for definitions of alert levels based on 7-day average daily case counts.

² [COVID-19 Dashboard v2 - Smartsheet.com](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=9e3fecdc25fa4bbe9186f45383f963a3)
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³ The DHSS alert level utilizes all cases that are considered "Petersburg Resident" whether they are currently in Borough or not. The PMC Dashboard case numbers are often a more accurate snapshot of actual cases within the Borough.

Masks must be worn at all times while in any indoor venue utilized for a Petersburg Arts Council performance. All masks must completely cover the nose and mouth and comply with the CDC guidelines for acceptable face coverings. If you do not have a mask, the Petersburg Arts Council will have masks available at the door.

Social distancing and limiting total capacity for an event may also be implemented, as conditions warrant and at the discretion of the Petersburg Arts Council.

Petersburg Arts Council Board may also consider any sudden increase in local transmission and raise the applicable alert level prior to any performance. This will be determined by the Petersburg Arts Council Board and announced on KFSK and on our web page at <http://www.petersburgarts.com>. Venue owners may have their own protocols and restrictions which may be more stringent than ones described here.

We are allowing refunds on all tickets to accommodate those who are not willing or able to meet these requirements. Also, if you have recently tested positive for COVID-19, are waiting for COVID-19 test results, have COVID-19 symptoms, or if you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 please stay home and request a refund. To receive a refund for any pre-purchased tickets, contact Petersburg Arts Council at petersburgarts@gmail.com for refund instructions, or they may be mailed to Box 1648. Please include your name and address specifying where the refund should be sent.

These safety measures were created with the health and wellbeing of our artists, event staff and volunteers, production staff, audience, and the community always at the forefront. Due to the often-changing public health environment, all rules and guidelines are subject to change. You can play a part in keeping COVID-19 transmission levels low in Petersburg: wear a mask, get vaccinated, and stay safe.