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COVID case counts are increasing in the community. In the past 7 days, 22 new cases have been identified by PCR and 3 patients reported a positive home antigen result to the clinic. If you have a positive home test, please notify PMC using the QR code below (anonymous is available). It is difficult to determine the extent of infections unless it is reported.

PMC physicians urge people:

1. Stay home and test when ill, notify your provider if you test positive, especially if you have underlying medical conditions and are not vaccinated.
2. Anonymously report your positive test. This will allow our providers to prepare for increased demand for medical services.
3. Arrange to receive the booster vaccination as soon as possible. While the majority of cases have been mild and treated with over-the-counter medications, several have required specialized monoclonal antibodies which are considered a scarce resource. People who have received a booster have had significantly milder cases of illness. Unvaccinated people with underlying medical conditions are at the highest risk for serious illness, hospitalization, and death.

Hospital capacity at other hospitals in the State of Alaska and Seattle are close to or at capacity and physicians may have difficulty locating a hospital to accept our patients. Many facilities are postponing non-urgent services to direct care to admitted patients.

To report your home test

- Call 907-772-5788 or
- Scan this QR code with your smartphone camera
- Or visit www.pmcak.org



For more information:

Treating COVID at home: <https://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/outpatienttreatment.aspx>

Persons with underlying medical conditions: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

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