From:	Singh, Sym
To:	Plowden, Mark; Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	HIPAA - PHI
Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:28:00 AM
Attachments:	HIPAA - PHI disclosure.docx image001.png
Importance:	High

This email ended up in my junk email. I wanted to make sure I passed this to you.

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Subject: [External] Fwd: HIPAA - PHI

Sym, thank you for the Governor's attention to this very important first responder issue.

Let me know if you need more info.

Thomas E. "Tommy" Pope

From: Tolson, Kevin <kevin.tolson@yorkcountygov.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Tommy Pope
Subject: HIPAA - PHI

Tommy,
Thanks. Any assistance is appreciated. Please call or email with any questions or concerns.
Kevin.

From: Mouzon, Heather
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:29 AM
To: 'Jarrod Bruder'
Cc: Tolson, Kevin; 'Doug Barfield'
Subject: HIPAA - PHI

Jarrod:

Sheriff Tolson asked me to share my research findings on DHEC's ability to share PHI with law enforcement. In short, I do not believe that DHEC is required to share identifying information about the patients diagnosed with COVID-19, unless ordered to do so by the Governor. While I do not think DHEC is required to disclose this information at this time, I think both state and federal law allow them to disclose this information.

S.C. Code Section 44-4-560 allows DHEC to disclose PHI "to appropriate state or federal agencies when necessary to protect public health." Law enforcement officers are one of the few categories of people that are unable to limit their contact with members of the public at this time and are therefore, one of the biggest threats to the spread of this disease. By identifying the location and identity of those currently infected, law enforcement can take appropriate precautions in the event we are called to respond that location.

Unfortunately, there is no case law or administrative opinions that support this interpretation, but I do think this is a reasonable conclusion to reach – for what that's worth.

The HIPAA privacy rule allows for disclosure if such disclosure "is necessary to prevent or lessen a serious and imminent threat to the health or safety of a person or the public" and the disclosure "is to a person or persons reasonably able to prevent or lessen the threat." 45 C.F.R. Sec. 164.512(j). Again, by disclosing location and identity information to law enforcement, those agencies can lessen the threat to themselves and to the public because they would be able to take appropriate precautions when responding to infected individuals.

Also, by referring to a geographic unit smaller than a state, DHEC is already disclosing PHI. So it would be nice to know what basis they are relying upon that authorizes that disclosure.

I've attached the full text of the referenced statute and regulation. I have also included some language from a Nevada AG's opinion that supports disclosure to law enforcement in times of public health emergencies.

I hope this information helps. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Heather

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Cc:	Blair, Jamie D.
Subject:	[External] $45M Letter
Date:	Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:42:37 AM
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Here's the letter as discussed.

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To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Duwve, Joan M.; Toomey, Rick K.; McClellan, C. Suzette; Bruckner, James J.; Caldwell, Rick; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] 11:15 call
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:01:19 AM

Mark,

Dr. Duwve and I will start the DHEC portion on the 11:15 call to discuss the in-development statewide testing plan and then also include Suzette McClellan who is developing the portion of the plan that addresses under-resourced communities.

Thanks,
Nick

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Subject: [External] 2020 Emergency Alert Roster Update
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:59:52 PM
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Good afternoon,

The Horry County Emergency Management Department is currently updating the Emergency Alert Roster. Please submit the following information to our office by May 18, 2020. You do not have to submit the information below if your information has not changed since May 2019. Thank you for your prompt attention.

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Physical Address (if different)-
Web Page-
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Job Title-
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Subject: [External] accelerateSC Agenda 4.28.20 (002).docx
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:44:41 AM
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Have been informed that we might be asked to speak on nails, hair and restaurants.

Dr. Duwve has a 2 pm meeting with USC School of Public Health, will be arriving a little late.

Rick

From: James Burns
To: Hitt, Bobby; jfletcher@sccommerce.com; Toomey, Rick K.; Parrish, Duane; Adams, Marcia; Gaines, Brian; Singh, Sym
Cc: Webb, Beth; Barton, Melanie; Hall, Madison; Cleveland, John
Subject: [External] accelerateSC Component Meetings
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 1:53:09 PM

Folks,

Good afternoon. Thank you very much for participating in yesterday's accelerateSC meeting. I know the task was a bit laborious, but please understand that many of our task force members may only see a small piece of the world, but collectively, you painted an overall picture. Thank you. I apologize this e-mail is late, but after our meeting yesterday and doing my regular job late last night, my wife had to have an emergency appendectomy this morning at 7:30. Nevertheless, we need to prepare for next week.

Now we are moving onto our four component subgroup meetings. The schedule for those is below:

Monday, April 27 from 2:00-4:00 pm: Governance (Coordinating Agency: Executive Office of the Governor)-Governor's Office Liaison-Sym Singh

Tuesday, April 28 from 2:00-4:00 pm: Protection (Coordinating Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control)-Governor's Office Liaison-John Cleveland

Wednesday, April 29 from 2:00-4:00 pm: Response (Coordinating Agency: Department of Commerce)-Governor's Office Liaison-Beth Webb

Thursday, April 29 from 2:00-4:00 pm: Resources (Coordinating Agency: Department of Administration/Executive Budget Office)-Governor's Office Liaison-Melanie Barton

If you go past 4:00 pm that is fine. Rome was not built in a day, and there may need to be multiple meetings of this group. Since this is not my first rodeo, I know we all have to get in the sandbox together with the assisting agencies. This is the granular level of where we are really going to dig down on the issues and come up with some solutions for the Governor. I know many of you are already starting down that path, and I am not asking anyone to stop the bus, but accelerateSC is intended to give the Governor solutions to problems that he can act on, either through you or some other method. Please note the following: THIS IS NOT A GENERAL AIRING OF GRIEVANCES NEXT WEEK. You all know there are problems, we now need solutions working with the accelerateSC members, your agency, assisting state agencies, and outside, interested stakeholders.

Here is what I propose we do:

1. By 5:00 pm today, please reach out to the ALL assisting state agencies to let them know this schedule. You have the list, you know who they are. If there are others that should be added, please add others Please confirm with the GO liaison that you have accomplished this.
2. Please reach out to the accelerateSC member(s) who are the "lead" for the specific component. All of you know who those people are as we have discussed this. I put that in

quotes because they are not being some field general status, but they can help you in keeping the other accelerateSC members engaged. Please let them know what you are thinking as far as discussion, who you want to talk to (others outside government), and a general idea of the what you think can be accomplished. Healthy discussion and consideration of ideas is important.

3. Please plan for a full accelerateSC meeting on Monday or Tuesday of the following week (first week of May) to present some recommendations for action to the Governor.
4. It is likely the Governor and Lieutenant Governor will attend all of these component meetings.

Hopefully, I have provided sufficient guidance to move forward next week. I appreciate all of you. You are rock stars.

Best,
James

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Cc: Webb, Beth; Hall, Madison; Cleveland, John; Barton, Melanie; Symmes, Brian; Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] accelerateSC Follow Up
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:25:50 PM

Team,

Thank you very much for your presentations at today's accelerateSC meeting. I received a lot of feedback, and by all accounts everything I am hearing is good. Thank you for your commitment to making accelerateSC a thoughtful and productive endeavor to identify real solutions to issues our state facing. Right now, I am looking at our next full accelerateSC meeting being on Wednesday or Thursday of next week. I want to follow up with y'all to determine your plan for having another component meeting either this week or early next week. Of course, I do not want you to meet unless it will be productive. Much work still needs to be done. I understand that traveling to Columbia may be a challenge in successive weeks. Those in Columbia and surrounding areas can meet at the Pastides Alumni Center and other component members can participate remotely via Webex if that makes it easier. We just need to coordinate this with Zach Pippin if folks will be appearing remotely.

We have a lot of positive momentum, and I do not want to lose it. I know before our next large group meeting there are likely some additional recommendations that will be submitted—specifically, I am thinking about Response component recommendations regarding close contact businesses, gyms, and public pools. I am good with that and want to get these in front of the Governor soonest. If this is applicable to other components besides the Response component, please let me know.

I look forward to hearing back from you. If I can do anything to assist you, please let me know.

Best regards,
JB

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Cc: Walker, Trey; Lemoine, Leigh; Limehouse, Thomas; Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark; Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] accelerateSC Meeting on Tuesday, May 5
Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 11:07:44 AM
Importance: High

Team,

First, thank you for your great work last week and your leadership and support of the accelerateSC component meetings. There was a lot of good issue spotting, discussion of possible solutions, and understanding of the interoperability over the entire accelerateSC enterprise. I know many of you have already started moving forward with addressing issues.

As you know, in addition to identifying issues, the Governor has challenged accelerateSC to propose recommendations for him to consider in continuing to move forward in a incremental, measured way. That is the approach he has taken throughout this COVID situation, and our state has been well served.

As we prepare for Tuesday, I encourage you to work with your component chair to prepare them for presenting the four components' initial recommendations to the Governor. I will reach out to the component chairs as well, but the plan will be 15-20 minutes for the component chair to present these recommendations to the Governor and the full accelerateSC group. I will **strongly** encourage them to stay within the time limits so we can have some time for discussion. There is no "written report" or requirement for a slide presentation (though one or more of the components may proceed in that fashion). If there is a written product or slide presentation, please make sure we have those available for each member of the accelerate task force. Accordingly, please make sure you give that product to your Governor's Office POC and Leigh LeMoine by 4:00 pm on Monday so we can have those ready for Tuesday's meeting.

In closing, thank you for your responsiveness to me as I having been helping the Governor. I know you have a lot on your plate, and I appreciate that you have made accelerateSC a priority. I am here to help. Please let me know if you have any questions or issues.

Best,
JB

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Cc:	James Burns; Higgins, Teresa; Cleveland, John
Subject:	[External] AccelerateSC Protection Task Force - Proposed Agenda
Date:	Monday, April 27, 2020 2:40:45 AM
Attachments:	image004.png (2020-04-27) AccelerateSC - Protection Agenda (v02).pdf

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This updated draft agenda for Tuesday reflects the comments/feedback that came in on Sunday. The attached agenda is just that at this point – it no longer includes the explanatory notes, as last night's did.

There would be four principal discussion topics and I'd envision we'd generally talk through the items identified below. The first category is somewhat tentative/delicate. If there are items on that list you don't support, please let me know. Thanks.

CLS

Preventing the spread

- Encourage the public to honor CDC's guidance on public masking
- Support continued stringent visitation policies for nursing homes and hospitals
- Ask vulnerable populations (seniors, immunocompromised, underlying conditions) to take the highest precautions (remain at home whenever possible, etc.)
- Re-accelerate the economy in measured and incremental steps, so the impact on public health can be carefully monitored

Improving our testing capacity

- What we have now, between DHEC, hospitals, and reference labs
- At what rate is that capacity growing?
- How reliable is the testing?
- Are we getting to vulnerable populations, and if not, how do we close the gap?

Responding to new cases

- What other resources can be brought to bear? (From hospitals, the "SWAT team" approach, etc.)
- What is the gap between our existing contact tracing resources and our needs, and how do we close it? (Furloughed healthcare workers, teachers, clinical students, etc. – software/technology?)
- How do we ensure that test results are immediately reported and made available to practitioners?

Improving PPE supplies

- SC Emergency Supply Collaborative
- How will we scale when businesses re-open and demand increases further?
- Should we be looking at a SC version of the Strategic National Stockpile for future crises?

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Subject: FW: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Importance: High

AccelerateSC Response Committee Members– Protection Task Force meeting notice.

Rick

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Subject: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Importance: High

You are invited to attend a meeting of the AccelerateSC Protection Task Force on:

Tuesday, April 28, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at My Carolina Alumni Association, 900 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201

As was requested at the kickoff meeting on Thursday, April 23, please limit attendance to one representative from your agency or institution to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained. A conference call number for those not able to attend in person and additional information will be provided on Monday.

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Subject:	[External] Agency Response to 3/24 Letter from Sec. Azar
Date:	Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:53:38 AM

Dear Governor McMaster,

This email is in response to Secretary Azar's letter that was forwarded to us below. His letter asks for accommodations and flexibilities in the health care workforce in order to respond to the coronavirus pandemic. Since the beginning of South Carolina's first response to the pandemic, each of the South Carolina state agencies implicated by the letter has taken measured responses and adopted incremental flexibilities to ensure South Carolina has adequate resources to combat the virus, but also to ensure its citizens are provided with appropriate care and benefit from those responses and flexibilities. Below is a summary of what each agency has already implemented by way of maximizing opportunities for South Carolina to do its part in swiftly containing and eradicating COVID-19 cases in this country, as well as safely and adequately treating our citizens during this critical time of need.

SC Department of Labor Licensing and Regulation – in collaboration with the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

DHEC and LLR have consistently worked together to ensure that South Carolina has the regulatory flexibility to combat COVID-19. Your issuance of a Public Health Emergency on March 13, 2020, in Executive Order No. 2020-08, triggered DHEC's ability to utilize the full breadth of powers under the Emergency Health Powers Act. Additionally, your Executive Order No. 2020-10 entered March 17, 2020, provided wide latitude to LLR and its regulatory boards of licensing to waive or "suspend provisions of existing regulations . . . [that] would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency." To that effect, we have implemented the following measures as it pertains to licensure, scope of practice and delivery of healthcare:

In conjunction with DHEC, under the Emergency Health Powers Act, the Board of Medical Examiners ("Medical Board") and the Board of Nursing ("Nursing Board") issued orders waiving any and all South Carolina licensing requirements for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory care practitioners, and nurses whose services have been deemed necessary by DHEC. DHEC and the Boards' actions allow additional healthcare workers to come to South Carolina, but also serves to expand the use of telemedicine. To date, since the public health emergency began, 4,000 additional out-of-state healthcare workers have been approved to provide services to South Carolina citizens. Further, not only has telemedicine been expanded to out-of-state practitioners, telemedicine use has been expanded in the following ways:

- **TELEMEDICINE AND SCHEDULE II AND III DRUGS:** The Medical Board issued an order that allows physicians, physician assistants, and nurse practitioners (if authorized by the Nursing Board) licensed in good standing in South Carolina and physically present in South Carolina to write Schedule II and III medications via telemedicine without first obtaining approval from the Medical Board.
- **TELEMEDICINE (HOSPICE):** The Medical Board temporarily amended its policy requiring

hospice providers are to conduct an in-person examination of patients within 14 days of prescribing medications for them. It will allow such providers to conduct a telemedicine examination in lieu of the traditionally-required in-person examination.

- **TELE-MAT:** The Medical Board issued clarification on the use of telemedicine to treat individuals with opioid use disorder with medication-assisted treatment (MAT). The Board's order allows previously-approved practitioners to initiate MAT therapy via telemedicine; allows practitioners treating already established patients to utilize telemedicine in the continued treatment and prescribing for these established patients; and it allows DAODAS, in conjunction with a provider or providers authorized to prescribe MAT under federal law, to request the Board's Executive Committee approve additional providers who may initiate treatment, without the need for a hearing.
- **TELECOUNSELING:** The Board of Professional Counselor's, Marriage and Family Therapists, Addiction Counselors and Psycho-Educational Specialists and the Psychology Board expanded services by allowing professionals licensed in other jurisdictions with pre-existing relationships to continue teletherapy to South Carolina clients.
- **TELESPEECH AND LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY SERVICES:** The Speech Language Pathology Board eased telehealth requirements that initial evaluations be conducted in person.
- **TELEEYE CARE:** The Optometry Board approved telemedicine for clients for the first time.
- **TELEPRACTICE:** The Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy Boards have allowed telepractice during the declared emergency.

The Board of Pharmacy also waived permitting requirements for facilities licensed in another state whose assistance is requested by DHEC. This will allow South Carolina citizens to have drugs and medicines shipped from another state's pharmacy without requiring the out-of-state pharmacy to have a South Carolina pharmacy permit.

In addition, under the Health Powers Act, DHEC and LLR's licensing boards may utilize healthcare students as needed to provide assistance during a public health emergency. To date, we've had one hospital system ask that respiratory care students be able to assist. LLR and DHEC are working through determining the scope of services these students will be able to provide, and what credential, if, any would be necessary. We anticipate receiving more inquiries regarding student services and will work to meet those needs.

Lastly, LLR's Boards of Nursing and Pharmacy have extended renewal deadlines for licensees.

SC Department of Health and Human Services

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- SCDHHS has implemented and will continue to implement a variety of flexibilities that extend telemedicine authorities for behavioral health professionals, physicians, and nurses, and are working with the provider community to write guidelines and billing guides for Federally-Qualified Health Centers, Rural Health Centers, and non-physician therapy providers.
- SCDHHS has also made modifications for documentation and prior authorization requirements for pharmaceuticals, durable medical equipment, and nursing home admissions to facilitate access to services and accelerate discharges from hospitals to create additional inpatient capacity.
- The state is submitting an 1135 disaster waiver on Friday, March 27, 2020 that will be retroactive to the emergency declaration to allow for rapid enrollment of out-of-state providers into the Medicaid program, site of service flexibilities targeted for hospitals and nursing homes, and waivers of prequalification and certain prior authorization requirements.
- SCDHHS is also completing for the Secretary's consideration (1) a state plan

amendment to add COVID-19 testing to the portfolio of family-planning related services to address the testing gap created by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act for states that have not expanded Medicaid and (2) an emergency 1115 waiver to waive the definition of "Medical Facility" as it affects inpatient facilities that predominantly serve inmates to prevent COVID-19 patients under the supervision of the Department of Corrections from utilizing limited civilian inpatient capacity.

- All of the state's bulletins and memoranda are available at: https://msp.scdhhs.gov/covid19/. The website is updated daily with provider- and benefit-specific guidance.

SC Department of Insurance

- South Carolina law does not give our Director of Insurance the authority to modify or temporarily rescind coverage provisions in a medical malpractice insurance policy.

- However, the Director has spoken with the largest writers in South Carolina and has encouraged them to waive any requirements that would preclude coverage of health care professional's work responding to the COVID-19 emergency in another stat

- The emergency powers conferred upon the Director of Insurance include:

  - the promulgation of emergency regulations addressing issues such as claims reporting, grace periods for performance of certain requirements and temporary postponement of cancellation and non-renewals of insurance coverage provisions. (*See* S.C. Code Ann. Section 38-3-410 *et seq*.)

  - the authority to authorize the temporary licensure of adjusters and physical damage appraisers to facilitate the state's recovery from emergency conditions. (See S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 69-1)

  - Director issued bulletin 2020-02 encouraging insurance industry to work with South Carolina citizens and businesses directly impacted by COVID-19 to provide relief (e.g., extending premium payment and nonrenewal and cancellation deadlines to waiving fees, penalties and other charges).

- Like the federal statutes cited in Secretary Azar's letter, South Carolina law provides liability protections and waivers for health professionals volunteering their services. Those statutes include S.C. Code Ann. Sections 38-79-30 and 44-30-310.

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From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:33 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Emily Farr <Emily.Farr@llr.sc.gov>; Baker, Josh <Joshua.Baker@scdhhs.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>; Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>; Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>; Simpson, Cody <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Letter from Sec. Azar

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From: Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:14 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Letter from Sec. Azar

Dear Governor-
Attached please find a letter from Secretary Azar regarding your healthcare workforce. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Best,

Darcie

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Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Secretary
202-690-1058 (office)
[redacted] (cell)

From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] announcement
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:48:25 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Just the governor and Molly in attendance at the 11 presser?

Richard K. Toomey, DHA, FACHE

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From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Finnern, Megan
Subject: [External] Automatic reply: Connection: COVID-19 Test Kit Capacity
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:18:47 AM

Hello,

I am currently away from the office. If you have an inquiry related to COVID-19 and need immediate assistance, please contact Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679, andrewe@dhec.sc.gov.

Thanks,
Maria

From: Britt, Will
To: Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] Automatic reply: Executive Order No. 2020-30
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 5:33:00 PM

I will be out of the office on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. During this time, please contact Danielle Maynard if you need assistance on COVID-19 matters at maynardw@dhec.sc.gov or (434) 238-8538. For all other questions, please call Virginia Riley or Cheryl Bullard at (803) 898-3350.

Thank you!

Will

From: Britt, Will
To: Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] Automatic reply: Executive Order Nos. 2020-18 & 2020-19
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 8:00:17 PM

I will be out of the office on April 3 and 4. If you need immediate assistance on COVID-19 matters, please contact Danielle Maynard at maynardw@dhec.sc.gov or (434) 238-8538. For all other questions, please call Virginia Riley or Cheryl Bullard at (803) 898-3350.

Thank you!

Will

From:	Moore, Cristi Y.
To:	SC Gov News
Subject:	[External] Automatic reply: Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela S. Evette to Participate in AccelerateSC Meeting
Date:	Monday, April 27, 2020 10:49:04 AM

Media: For questions about **COVID-19**, please email **covid19news@emd.sc.gov** or call **803-737-8515**. This will put you in contact with the State Emergency Response Team's Joint Information Center that is coordinating information for media regarding COVID-19.

From: Moore, Cristi Y.
To: SC Gov News
Subject: [External] Automatic reply: Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials to Hold Media Briefing
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:59:12 PM

I'm out of the office until Friday, May 8. If you have an **urgent request**, please contact Elizabeth Childers at childeek@dhec.sc.gov or 803-542-1361.
Media: For questions about **COVID-19**, please email **covid19news@emd.sc.gov** or call **803-737-8515**. This will put you in contact with the State Emergency Response Team's Joint Information Center that is coordinating information for media regarding COVID-19.

From: Blair, Jamie D.
To: Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] Automatic reply: Request for PPE - Seaside Pediatrics of Bluffton
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:42:05 PM

I will be off Thursday March 26 and Friday March 27. Please contact acc-log@dhec.sc.gov or Scott Hagins
haginsms@dhec.sc.gov
803-920-6833
for immediate assistance. I will be back in the ACC on Saturday March 28.

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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Quattrone, Kristy
Subject: [External] Automatic reply: Video: Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials Hold Media Briefing
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:48:07 PM

I am out of the office with limited access to my mailbox.

From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Birth Certificates
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:00:16 PM
Attachments: D-2595.pdf

Hello, Sym,

I hope you are doing well. Rick C. asked that I pass along some information regarding birth certificates.

Attached is a copy of a birth certificate application. I've also included a note that we are sharing with folks that interested in any vital records requests:

Vital Records will temporarily not accept walk-in customers starting on Friday, March 27.

To protect the health and safety of our customers and employees, Vital Records will temporarily not accept walk-in customers starting on Friday, March 27. We feel this change is needed to help prevent the spread of germs and keep everyone who works in our offices healthy.

You can order birth certificates or other vital records through VitalChek at www.vitalchek.com or 1-877-284-1008, or through DHEC by mail.

All requests will be expedited within 3-5 business days and delivered via mail. If you need a record sooner than this timeframe, please call (803) 898-0176.

Additional information on birth certificates can be found here.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know. My cell phone number is 803 904 1966.

Thank you,
Maria

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From: Lanier, Hope
To: Lanier, Hope
Cc: Sara Hazzard (sara@myscma.com); John Wall; sunny.phillips@scchamber.net; Elaine Morgan (emorgan@bcoc.com); Bryan Derreberry (3100); Adrian Cain (3062) (acain@charlestonchamber.org); Ethel Bunch; Ashley Demosthenes (ademosthenes@lowcountrylandtrust.org); Jim Elliott; "John Powell"; MCCORMACK, JENNIFER; SHELEK, CHRISTINE; Gary Simrill (garysimrill@gmail.com); GSALAMIDO@NCCHAMBER.NET; Brewster Bevis; Ian Scott; [redacted]@gmail.com; EVAN WHEELER; David McGowan (McGowanD@api.org); Dave Mica (Florida); Eric Hamilton (hamiltone@api.org); Hunter R. Hopkins; "harmonm@api.org"; Mike Williams; Jon Barganier; Kelly Robbins; Elizabeth Harmon (eharmon@scha.org); sweatmmc@musc.edu; Chris Crolley; Casey, Jose; Kathy_Crawford@scott.senate.gov; Shannon Erickson; Rep. Sylleste Davis; joejefferson@tds.net; Tom Hutto; Heather Jones (hjones@partnershipalliance.com); Allen, April; April Donnelly; eddieingram50@gmail.com; ingramE@bcsdschools.net; Zacher, Jason; John DeWorken (john@lobbysc.com); Darrell Campbell (dc@thecampbellconsultinggroup.net); Darrell.scott@nexteraenergy.com; Billy Routh; Koszela, Kaylan; larry@larrygrooms.com; Reece, Myra; Allen, Tom; Payne-Hurley, Persia; perryman patrick; "Alison.patient@ccbcc.com"; mike.forrester@charter.net; chip@spiritlinecruises.com; [redacted]@gmail.com; Charles Lane; West, Raleigh; Antjuan Seawright; kblanchard@nutramaxlabs.com; Max.Metcalf@bmwmc.com; Rob Howell (Avison Young); Johnson, Will; Randy Lowell; Jonolyn Ferreri; Contiguous O"Gara ([redacted]@gmail.com); Alan Clemmons; Walker, Trey; bmcinni@CLEMSON.EDU; dan_head@lgraham.senate.gov
Subject: [External] BP Jet Fuel Donations
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:20:44 AM

Friends –

I am excited to share some good news. This morning, BP announced that we have teamed up with FedEx and Alaska Airlines to provide jet fuel to help speed the delivery of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other essential goods nationwide. BP will supply 3 million gallons of jet fuel to FedEx charter flights and Alaska Airlines at no cost to speed up the delivery of essential good and get supplies where they need to go. BP will offset the carbon emissions of all donated fuel deliveries through its Target Neutral program.

The donations to FedEx Express, supplied by Air BP, will be used solely for international air transportation to and from the US to deliver critical medical supplies, including gloves, gowns, ventilators and masks, that support the efforts to fight COVID-19. Supplies will be directed by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to communities in greatest need based on data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The fuel will be supplied by BP's refineries in Whiting, Indiana and Blaine, Washington and delivered to Chicago O'Hare and Seattle Tacoma International airports respectively. The fuel will supply more than 45 FedEx Express charter flights for HHS.

The donations to Alaska Airlines will assist as they step up to restore air service to several remote Alaska communities recently cut off after a local carrier declared bankruptcy. It will support the supply chain, delivering food, medical supplies, mail and emergency passenger services to these communities. The fuel will be supplied by BP's refinery in Blaine, Washington and delivered to Seattle-Tacoma International airport.

Here is a link to the press release that was issued earlier today: https://www.bp.com/en_us/united-states/home/news/press-releases/bp-donates-jet-fuel-to-covid-19-us-relief-efforts.html

The announcement was also posted on social channels:

- Twitter - https://twitter.com/BP_America/status/1255484527495065614?s=20
- Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/BPAmerica/videos/1504709889691292/
- LinkedIn - https://www.linkedin.com/company/bp/

As we are increasingly aware, this pandemic is a human crisis that affects us all. BP is proud to be part of the fight against COVID-19 and proud to help support the men and women on the front lines fighting the coronavirus every day. And I am proud to be part of an organization that is finding ways to make a meaningful difference and to be part of the solution!

Thanks for your help sharing this good news. It's good for people to know that we are really all #InThisTogether!

Best,
Hope Lanier Freeman

#COVID19 #coronavirus #covid19response

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody
Cc: Davidson, Nick
Subject: [External] Briefing Follow-Up Items
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:28:33 AM
Attachments: LTCF Deaths_4_28_2020.xlsx

Deaths by Nursing Homes
Attached is a copy of the deaths by nursing and assisted living facilities that will be released at 4 p.m. as part of our daily news release. This morning we are calling each facility to make sure they have a heads up.

Rapid Tests for Rural Areas
The rapid-response testing machines and supplies have been distributed to:

- Kershaw Health (Kershaw County)
- Self Regional Healthcare (Greenwood County)
- Piedmont Medical Center (York County)
- Regional Medical Center: Orangeburg Hospital (Orangeburg County)
- Bon Secours Health System (Greenville County)
- AnMed Health (Anderson County)
- Aiken Regional Medical Center (Aiken County)
- McCleod Health Clarendon (Clarendon County)
- Spartanburg Regional Healthcare (Spartanburg County)
- Coastal Carolina Hospital (Jasper County)
- MUSC Health Marion (Marion County)
- Williamsburg Regional Hospital (Williamsburg County)
- Lexington Medical Center (Lexington County)
- Al Cannon Detention Center (Charleston County)
- S.C. Department of Corrections

Thank you,
Jennifer

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case and bed count - 4/24
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 10:07:20 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_24_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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168 new cases; 5,070 total. Hospitals are at 56.8% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody; Walker, Trey; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/2
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:37:07 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx
DHEC Sneeze Guard.pdf

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261 new cases; 1,554 total cases across all 46 counties. 3 new deaths for a total of 29 as of 9 AM.

Also attached is an image of our new sneeze guard. We ordered 2,500. SCDMV will be receiving 300 from us. DHEC offices will be receiving 200. We will distribute the remaining 2,000 to restaurants/convenient stores.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody; Walker, Trey; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/3
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 11:40:15 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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150 new; 1,700 total. 4 deaths; 35 total.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody; Symmes, Brian; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/4
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:03:51 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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217 new cases; 1,917 total. 3 deaths; 37 total.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody; Symmes, Brian; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/6
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 9:15:27 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

Please see attached. 183 new cases; 2,232 total. 45 deaths as of 9 AM.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/8
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 8:55:35 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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139 new cases (4 are residents of other states and will not count toward SC total); 2,552 total cases to date. 55 total deaths.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/9
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:17:52 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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241 new cases (1 is an out-of-state resident that will not count towards our total); 2,792 cases to date. 66 total deaths as of 9 AM.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/10
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 9:09:22 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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274 new cases (1 is a resident of another state that will not count towards SC total); 3,065 total cases to date. 71 total deaths as of 9 AM.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/12
Date: Sunday, April 12, 2020 9:17:47 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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112 new cases; 3,319 total cases to date. 82 total deaths as of 9 AM.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/15
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:04:45 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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105 new cases (2 are residents of other states); 3,656 cases to date. 102 deaths as of 9 AM.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/22
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 10:05:18 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_22_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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160 new cases; 4,761 to date.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/23
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:06:23 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_23_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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161 new cases; 4,917 total. Hospitals at 58.3% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/27
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:19:28 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_27_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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142 new cases; 5,613 total. Hospitals are at 57.6% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/28
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:35:03 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_28_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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123 new cases; 5,735 total. Acute hospitals are at 59.8% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/30
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:15:40 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx
Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_30_2020.pdf

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220 new cases; 6,095 total. 232 deaths to date. Hospitals are at 60.4% capacity, with 307 confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 5/1
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:32:46 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 5_1_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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160 new cases; 6,258 total cases. Hospitals are at 59.2% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Case count - 5/2
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:55:23 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 5_2_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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226 new; 6,489 total. Hospitals are at 57.7% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 5/4
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:06:48 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 5_4_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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135 new; 6,757 total. Hospitals are at 58.5% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 5/7
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:04:21 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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214 new; 7,142 total.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count - 5/11
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 10:50:41 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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140 new cases; 7,792 to date.

As an update on our CDC testing plan, we have begun to hit our target testing numbers per day to meet our goal of 110,000 tests (2% of population) for May. For example, yesterday SC ran 4,637 tests. In April, we were averaging 1,700/day. We are coordinating mobile testing events statewide and are on target to hit our goal and meet recommended White House testing thresholds for reopening.

Additionally, our nursing home testing begins today with 74 facilities. We should start to see test results by end of week.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count & hospitalizations: 4/21
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:54:30 AM
Attachments: 4_21_2020 Hospital Bed V1.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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172 new cases; 4,608 cases to date. Hospitals are at 57.2% capacity. Lexington County has highest utilization rate today at 90.6%.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case count: 4-/29
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:48:48 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_29_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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130 new cases; 5,881 total. Hospitals are at 60.7% capacity.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case counts - 4/7
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:53:53 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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187 new cases (2 of these are out-of-state visitors and will not count towards SC total); 2,417 total cases to date. 50 deaths. SC rate: 46.9 cases per 100,000 people.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case counts - 5/8
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 12:23:59 PM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

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238 new cases; 7,367 total.

Today's long-term care facilities:

- 82 facilities
- 1,030 cases (724 residents, 304 staff)
- 106 deaths (104 residents, 2 staff)

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Case counts - 5/10
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:25:08 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 5_10_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

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113 new (daily positive rate of 3.40%); 7,653 total. Hospitals are at 63.5% of capacity, including 439 COVID patients (61 of whom are on ventilators).

Thank you

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] case tally for public reporting on 3/18
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:08:40 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally (2).xlsx

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:47:00 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__04_06_2020_FINAL.pdf

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FYI: Latest CDC brief and talking points.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Harris, Cassandra S.; Renwick, Laura A.; Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:05:57 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_30_2020_FINAL.pdf

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FYI. Latest sit report and talking points from CDC.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Renwick, Laura A.; Harris, Cassandra S.
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:14:14 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_25_2020_FINAL.pdf
ATT00001.htm

FYI

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:45:36 PM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_24_2020_FINAL.pdf

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Please find attached the latest daily briefing points from CDC. Of note:

- 44,183 confirmed and presumptive positive cases in US; 544 deaths
- CDC and federal partners recommend that people postpone routine medical or dental care at this time. This will help to reduce the burden on the healthcare system.
- More than half of the United States is seeing some level of community spread of COVID-19.

Thank you,
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:47:00 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__04_06_2020_FINAL.pdf

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FYI: Latest CDC brief and talking points.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Renwick, Laura A.; Harris, Cassandra S.; Caldwell, Rick; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Key Points
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 9:08:08 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Key Points__04_08_2020_FINAL.pdf

FYI. Latest briefing notes and talking points from CDC.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Harris, Cassandra S.; Renwick, Laura A.; Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] CDC COVID-19 Weekly Key Messages for March 22, 2020
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:34:46 PM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19 Weekly Key Messages__3.22.2020_FINAL.pdf

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Of note from CDC:

"Different parts of the country are seeing different levels of COVID-19 activity. The United States nationally is currently in the initiation phase, but states where community spread is occurring are in the acceleration phase."

As an FYI, we are in the acceleration phase here in SC as we have several counties now with community spread.

From: Johnston, Alicia L.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] CDC Dental Recommendations
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:03:56 PM

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https://www.cdc.gov/oralhealth/infectioncontrol/statement-COVID.html

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.
Subject: [External] CDC domestic travel advisory
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:37:41 PM

Mark,

On March 28, the CDC issued a domestic travel advisory for NY, NJ, and CT urging residents of those states to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately. The advisory wasn't extended beyond April 11, instead, CDC updated their travel guidance to instruct all Americans to refrain from non-essential travel as the virus is now widespread across the country. Here's the current CDC guidance on domestic travel:

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html

Any questions, please call.

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From:	Toomey, Rick K.
To:	coledj@musc.edu; tiffany.freeman@bcbssc.com; mhamlet@fbns.org; keith.mackey@schaeffler.com; pastides@mailbox.sc.edu; Christian Soura; Bell, Linda J.; Duwve, Joan M.; Baker, Josh; Emily Farr (emily.farr@llr.sc.gov); Goldsby, Sara; Michael Leach (michael.leach@dss.sc.gov); mary.poole@ddsn.sc.gov; Kenneth.rogers@scdmh.org; Stenson, Kim; Delores Dacosta; Davis, Janie; Munn, Connie; jclark@scsu.edu; bobcaslen@sc.edu; summerjv@sc.edu; Clements, James; CAWLEYPJ@MUSC.EDU
Cc:	James Burns; Pippin, Zach
Subject:	[External] clarification
Date:	Sunday, May 10, 2020 5:18:51 PM
Attachments:	image001.png (2020-05-11) AccelerateSC - 2nd Protection Agenda (v01).pdf

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The dial in / Webex meeting information was distributed in case anyone could not attend the meeting in person. Location remains at the USC Alumni Center.

Richard K. Toomey, DHA, FACHE

Director

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody; Toomey, Rick K.
Subject: [External] Clyburn plan
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 1:50:00 PM
Attachments: Expansion into Under Resourced Communities Plan - 20200430.docx
SC testing - under-resourced plan budget - 20200430.pdf

Mark,

Please see the attached community-based testing plan and proposed budget prepared for Congressman Clyburn.

Thank you

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From:	Sean Holihan
To:	judith@scnurses.org; Walker, Trey; rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov; kstenson@emd.sc.gov; DDonahue.naswsc@socialworkers.org; McCarty, Roy BG
Cc:	Camille Cooper
Subject:	[External] Combating COVID-19 in South Carolina
Date:	Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:06:40 PM

Thank you for all that you're doing to combat COVID-19 and to keep all of South Carolina safe during this trying time.

The Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) is the nation's largest anti-sexual violence organization, which runs the National Sexual Assault Hotline in partnership with more than 1,000 local sexual assault service providers across the country.

We are writing today to share a resource page we have developed for first-responders that includes guidance from national organizations working to respond to sexual violence during this pandemic. It includes best practices for investigators, sexual assault nurses, forensic interviewers, prosecutors, and courts. It also includes a checklist, "Prevention and Response to Sexual Violence at COVID-19 Facilities", for temporary COVID 19 facilities that your state might be preparing or have already established.

You can access this guidance here: https://www.rainn.org/articles/sexual-violence-preparedness-and-response-during-covid-19

We recognize that states are all at different stages of response and levels of contagion, some are even beginning to ease restrictions, but with a second wave likely once there is widespread community exposure again, we anticipate that these recommendations will be helpful.

Thank you again for all you are doing to protect people during this difficult time. Please let me know if we can help in any way.

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Sean Holihan
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RAINN

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From: Hilkin, Jake
To: Marsh, Jordan
Cc: Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Company Wants to Help
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:27:23 AM
Importance: High

Jordan – if we have a company (Puckerbutt Pepper) that wants to help either make sanitizer or provide jars, supplies, etc. is there a process within the state that I can send them? I know FEMA has a "how to help" web page which I sent to him already, but wasn't sure if there was something similar on the state level, as well.

Rick – I remember you sent me the contact info for the York County Emergency team. I can't seem to find it, can you provide that contact again? Or is there someone good they can reach out to on the local level (York County) that they can help donate supplies, etc.

Thank you gentlemen!

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Marsh, Jordan
Cc:	Davidson, Nick
Subject:	[External] Congressman Clyburn Plan
Date:	Friday, April 24, 2020 2:46:32 PM
Attachments:	image001.png SC Community Based Testing Prooposal v1.6 -ND.docx

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Jordan

This is what we discussed. We were wanting to chat with Congressman Clyburn's staff but Yebbie has had some challenges he is working through. Waiting to hear from Ashley from Clyburn's office.

Rick C.

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From: Rezaeerod, Paniz
To: John Wrangle; colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [External] Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:58:12 AM

Dr. Coleman,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to connect you with Dr. Wrangle, an oncologist at MUSC as well as the CMO for a company currently available to perform COVID19 testing. Jordan Marsh of the Governor's Office asked us to connect y'all since Dr. Wrangle's company has the ability to run dramatically expanded volumes of tests.

Please let me know if you need any additional information from Congressman Cunningham's office.

Be well,

Paniz Rezaeerod
Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Rep. Joe Cunningham

From: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
To: JMHendrick@dew.sc.gov
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Constituent Question for DHEC
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:40:18 PM
Attachments: image002.png
image003.png

Hi Mark,

I received your question from Maria.

As a general rule, I do not think it would be desirable to make it a standing practice to notify municipalities because the practice would conflict with how we report out cases (by county). A municipality notification could also run contrary to confidentiality required by Section 44-1-110; there could be some situations in which the municipality being identified could identify the individual.

There may be situations in which such a notification could occur; however, I do not see that being the case often.

Let me know if you have questions or concerns. If the fire chief or City Emergency Manager has questions about that, feel free to give him my number or email. I am happy to chat.

Best,

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From: Hendrick, Mark <JMHendrick@dew.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:54 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: SSingh@governor.sc.gov <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Constituent Question for DHEC

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Marie,

I know you guys are probably trying to keep your head above water. I know a fire chief/ City Emergency Manager who asked me to pass along this request of DHEC:

He asked that if a case of COVID-19 is discovered, could DHEC make it a standing practice to notify the municipalities? I don't think they are looking for a name of a patient but just to be notified. Let me know if you need any other information of me. Thanks.

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From: Higgins, Teresa
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Constituent requests pertaining to Governor"s Executive Orders
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:59:14 PM

Hi Sim,

Quick question for you. We have a request from a constituent pertaining to the Governor's Executive Orders that was sent to Rick Toomey. Who would be the appropriate person to send that request and similar ones we receive for response?

Thanks so much,

Teresa

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From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Plowden, Mark
Cc:	Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody; Toomey, Rick K.
Subject:	[External] Contact tracing in SC
Date:	Friday, May 1, 2020 4:46:36 PM
Attachments:	Contact Tracing in South Carolina - May 1 2020.docx

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Mark,

Please see attached and call if questions.

Thanks

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From: Tom Connolly
To: Walker, Trey; agencydirector@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [External] Contact Tracing Infrastructure
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:50:41 PM
Attachments: image002.png
image004.png
image006.png

Mr. Toomey/Mr. Walker,

I'm contacting you for a simple reason. We are the team that recruited, assessed, trained and onboarded the 1,500-strong contact tracing organization for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – in just 30 days. Our TalentBoost™ platform provided the infrastructure for this initiative, and we'll continue to play that role for as long as required. We partnered effectively with the Commonwealth and Partners In Health to make this happen, and we know this model works. If we can be of service to the State of South Carolina, we would be honored to assist.

Kind regards,

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From: Armour, Stephanie
To: media@dhec.sc.gov; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Contact tracing question
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:30:29 AM

Hi, can you help on this? Trying to get information on how many contact tracers you have and , if you have plans for any increase, to what number?

Stephanie Armour

Senior special writer, health care policy

The Wall Street Journal.

1025 Connecticut Ave, 8th Floor | Washington, DC, 20036

C: [redacted] twitter:@stepharmour1

From: Steven Long
To: sbatson@emd.sc.gov; caldwert@dhec.sc.gov; OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV; Singh, Sym; bpolk@emd.sc.gov
Cc: dhitchens@aeoweb.com
Subject: [External] Coronavirus Essential Business designation
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:32:08 PM

Good afternoon!
I appreciate all the work that you are doing during this especially trying situation.

A constituent and friend who owns an environmental/hazmat/emergency response company reached out to me today. His name is David Hitchens and he owns Advanced Environmental Options in Spartanburg. I have copied him on this email. (www.AEOweb.com)

The questions is, if SC makes a move to close "nonessential" businesses, how would that be defined and how can AEO be certain that they are classified as "essential"?

The work they do is essential during this time as they have a lot of experience doing doing decontamination work. They are already working with private businesses about responding to coronavirus and I imagine they could provide support to the public sector as well.

Thank you for your attention!

Thanks,
Steven Long
SC House District 37
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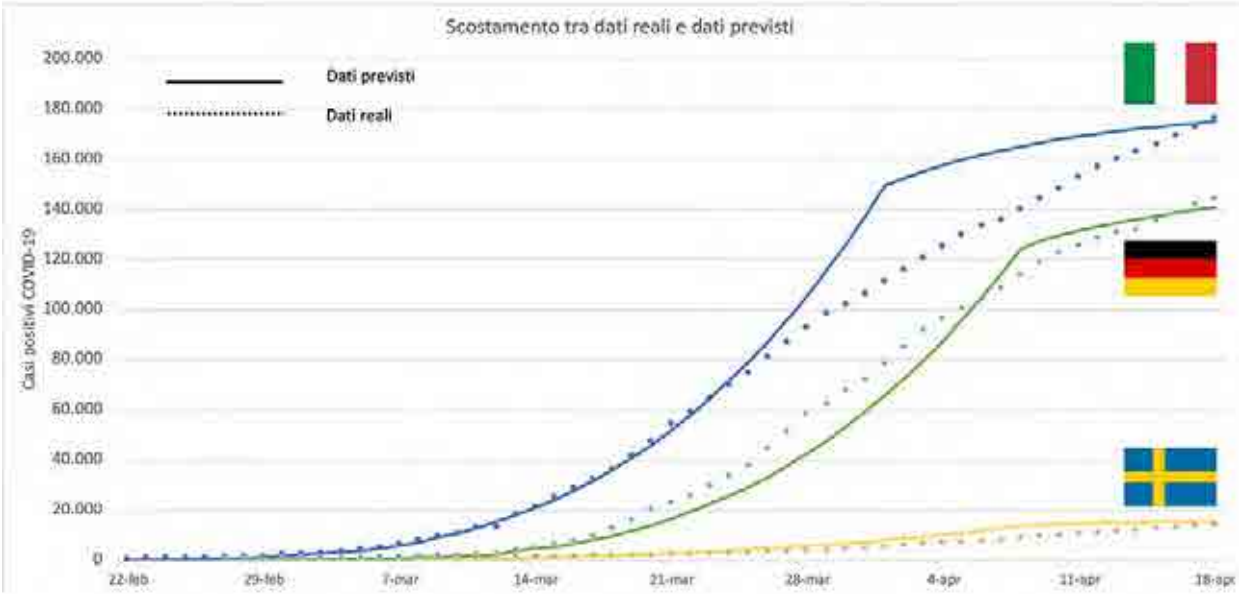


The analysis and comparison between the predictive model and real cases

The team of scientists and the model

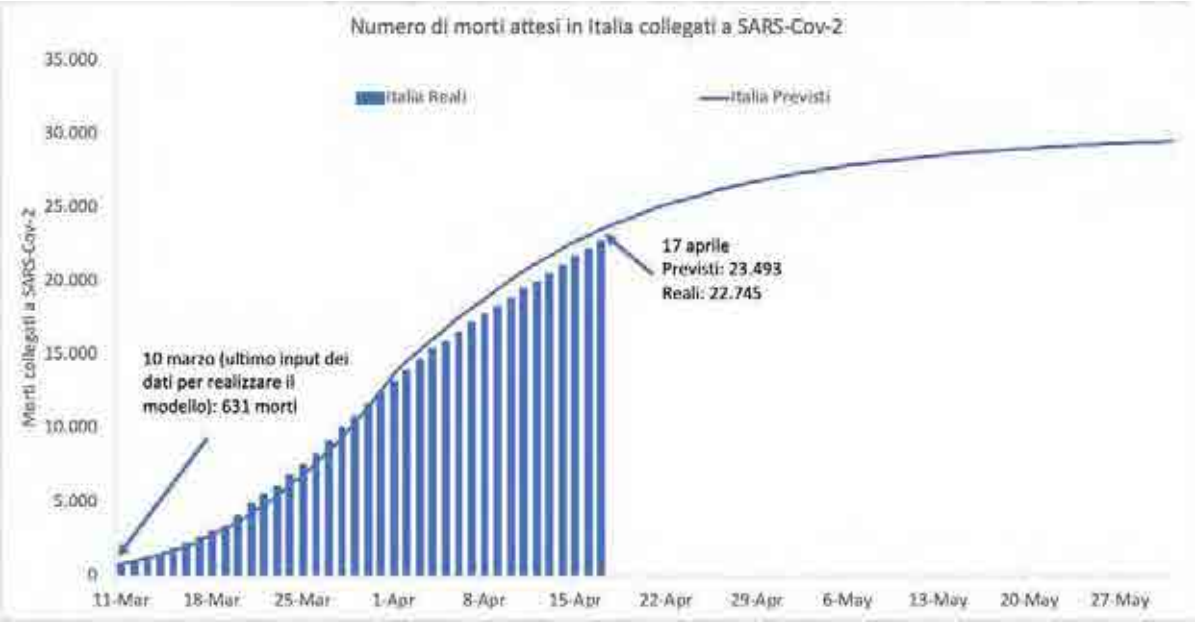
"Between the last days of February and the first week of March, we were attacked by an impressive number of people in the emergency room who had severe symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection. It seemed to me therefore useful and appropriate to set up an international research team that could promptly give us precise numbers on the development of the epidemic ", says Stefano Centanni, professor of respiratory diseases at the University of Milan and director of the pneumology departments of hospitals San Paolo and San Carlo, also in Milan, among the most valid frontline hospitals in the fight against Covid-19. In a few hours the team was formed, with professors Giovanni Sotgiu (Epidemiology, University of Sassari), Monica Miozzo (Medical Genetics, University of Milan), Giorgio Walter Canonica (Asthma and respiratory diseases, Humanitas University, Milan), Joan Soriano (Epidemiology, University of Madrid), J. Christian Virchow (Pneumology and Intensive Care, University of Rostock) and Alberto Giovanni Gerli, big data expert engineer, entrepreneur and «mathematical brain» of the group.

The equations and outlook for the development of the epidemic

"I reconstructed the curve of contagions and deceased patients starting from Chinese data, in particular from the province of Hubei. The secret was to divide the curve into two parts, before and after the daily peak of cases. The curves of all the nations of the world are similar in shape: a third degree polynomial first, a sigmoidal asymmetric then. Magnitude, on the other hand, depends only on how much the data grows in the first days », explains Gerli, also author of an interactive site (www.predictcovid19.com) where, **using the equations he reconstructed, it is possible to obtain the development forecasts of the epidemic in every community in the world, as small as a neighborhood or as large as a continent, only starting from the trend of the first 17 days.**

Real data and forecasts

The numbers seem almost magical: it is March 10, in Italy there are 631 deaths and the model predicts - for example - for April 18 23,873 deaths, regardless of the restrictive measures: in reality there have been 23,227 cases recorded, a few hundred less . The forecast for the end of May is instead of just under 30,000 victims, and it is very likely that it will come true.



The publication of the results

After the analysis of the Italian data, a more detailed comparative analysis was carried out between Italy, Germany, Spain and New York State, published in Allergy, an international scientific journal. The results? Always the same. Starting from the data of the famous 17 days, we arrive at forecasts with a correlation between real and estimated data greater than 99%.

Scientists do not stop and, responding to a strong need in Europe but above all in the United States, they are working on a predictive model of intensive care places, today a fundamental clinical approach to deal with severe cases. Who knows if Anthony Fauci, the immunologist adviser to the White House for the pandemic, does not want to rely on a model developed in Italy, the country of origin of his family?

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Correctional Facilities Guidance
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:33:52 PM
Attachments: Correctional Facilities Guidance.pdf

Attached was sent to the county emergency managers today.

From:	Dr.D Daskalakis
To:	Myra Reece; Kristy E. Ellenberg; Walker, Trey; Julie Norman; Philip Morgan
Subject:	[External] Courtesy of Radhe Grouo - superb yet simple outline of Covid 19 issues covid_19_ebook.pdf.pdf
Date:	Monday, March 23, 2020 10:34:09 AM
Attachments:	covid_19_ebook.pdf.pdf

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would encourage DHEC to get something similar on the website with additions on testing - everyone be well and safe

Sent from my iPhone

From:	Patrick Lynch
To:	CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov; Singh, Sym
Cc:	Jefferson B. Guimond
Subject:	[External] Covid - 19 testing and PPE pricing
Date:	Monday, May 11, 2020 2:56:13 PM
Attachments:	attachment 1.xlsx Attachment 1.pdf

Gentlemen-

I wanted to follow up to our outreach to you by supplying you with the latest pricing that we have as of Friday May 1. In these busy and unfortunate times and with a host of people and entities having access to product, I have found prices can vary and change dramatically. Also, there are too often examples of prices that are rather high.

Attached below you will find two brief documents for the products my client has available to supply to your state. The first document is a pricing list of the products available. The second document is a deck with more extensive information regarding the FDA approved and FEMA used Osang Genefinder Covid-19 Plus RealAmp Test available.

The pricing for the Osang Genefinder Covid-19 Plus RealAmp is per Kit. Each Kit contains 100 individual tests. My client's price for the Osang Genefinder Covid-19 Plus RealAmp Kit is $1,700.00, amounting to $17.00 USD per test. The $17.00 per test includes shipping. The minimum order quantity is 1000 Kits (equal to 100,000 tests). The test price is listed as item one on the first attachment.

Other pricing listed on the attached sheets are for PPE products also available and inclusive of shipping cost.

Should there be any other information needed or if you or your colleagues have questions, I trust you will advise.
Thanks again.
Stay healthy ,
Patrick

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On May 6, 2020, at 3:02 PM, Jeff Guimond <jeff@patricklynchgroup.com>

wrote:

Hello Sym and Rick:

Matt Gates recommended reaching out as a point of contact for submissions to the state regarding Covid-19 tests and PPE.

I wanted to touch base on Covid testing and PPE in SC. Patrick has been brought in to be counsel to a group of doctors associated with Brown University here in RI on a matter they are working on with a South Korean company called Osang. Osang recently was authorized by the FDA for Covid Testing. I have attached an article on that as well as an article that discusses a recent procurement that FEMA has undertaken with this company.

I have cc'd in Patrick here. He can provide you with further information on product and pricing for your review.

Best to Governor McMaster, Patrick served with him when they were both in the AGs office. Thanks and stay safe!

Jeff

https://www.bioworld.com/articles/434522-osang-becomes-first-korean-company-to-win-fda-emergency-authorization

https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/13/politics/south-korea-coronavirus-tests/index.html

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From: Philip Kent
To: Dr. Ellen Shaver; Hani El Shawa; Don Oneill; Rick Caldwell; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Covid 19 Testing Call

Dial-In: (267) 930-4000
Participant Access: [redacted]

Attendees:
Sym Singh – Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor of SC
Rick Caldwell – Director of Legislative Affairs, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

CopernicusMD:
Dr. Ellen Shaver – Medical Director
Dr. Hani El Shawa – Medical Director
Philip Kent – External Affairs Director
Don O'Neill – Healthcare Consultant

From:	Deirdre Kennedy
To:	media@dhec.sc.gov; Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] COVID Tracking Project request for data
Date:	Friday, May 1, 2020 6:24:11 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Dear Laura Renwick and Brian Symmes,

I realize it's the end of day Friday afternoon for your offices – I am not expecting a response until next week.

I'm a heath care reporter, currently working with the COVID Tracking Project, which collects and publishes data from all fifty states and the U.S. territories. CTP's mission is to provide the most accurate and comprehensive COVID-19 data sets for use by media, policy makers, and researchers. The New York Times, CNN and many government agencies, including the CDC, have cited CTP's COVID-19 statistics.

We appreciate that your health department and the governor's office have been working extremely hard to keep the public informed throughout this crisis. You've set a high standard for other states and countries, especially with your future projects on case numbers. CTP based its Best Practices Guide, in part, on the high reporting standards and graphic visualizations provided by states like South Carolina.

As we expand our data sets to include more detailed demographic information, we are reaching out to health officials in every state to ask for additional data, for example:

- number of COVID-19 patients on ventilators / in ICU
- pre-existing conditions in COVID-19 patients
- number of deaths by race

CTP is hoping to make this and other important demographic information available as soon as possible.

Could you let us know if you have plans to release the information listed above or another additional figures on the COVID-19 epidemic in South Carolina, such as cases and deaths of health care workers. If not, would you please let us know about any obstacles to collecting or making this data public. Our team of **data scientists, designers, and web developers** will be glad to provide technical support or any other assistance to help expedite the process.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Gary Simrill; Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] Covid Zip Code Analysis 3_29_2020 EM ONLY_2.pdf
Date:	Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:55:06 PM
Attachments:	Covid Zip Code Analysis 3_29_2020 EM ONLY_2.pdf ATT00001.htm

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Good Afternoon
Please see attached zip code data provided to county emergency responders only.
Let me know if you have any questions.
Stay Safe.
Rick C.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Cc: Symmes, Brian; Derrec Becker; Stenson, Kim; Bell, Linda J.; Toomey, Rick K.
Subject: [External] COVID019 projections and daily case tally
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:20:38 AM
Attachments: SC COVID-19 Projections of 3-24-2020.pptx
Daily county tally.xlsx

For today's briefing at 12:30 p.m., please see attached our latest epi projections along with our daily case tally.

We have 82 new cases for a total of 424 across 39 counties.

Derrec, it would be helpful to Dr. Bell if these documents were loaded for the presentation so that Dr. Bell could refer to them in her intelligence briefing.

Any questions, please call.

Thank you,
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From: Taylor, W. Marshall
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] COVID-19 Budget Basis
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 1:28:59 PM

Mark,

Director Toomey asked me to forward the following information to you that we are also sharing with the Senate today.

Regards,
Marshall

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation. The exact costs will depend on how successful our efforts at containment and mitigation are, as well as direction from the Federal level (CDC, etc). At this time, we estimate a need of $45,000,000 for DHEC protocols and procedures to prepare for a variety of contingencies and situations for COVID-19. Costs for coordination of DHEC's public health response include the following:

Staffing: DHEC needs additional staffing to support COVID-19 disease surveillance and contact investigation, laboratory testing, and information phone lines.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): PPE for DHEC's healthcare workers to prevent spread of infection.

Staff Support: Operating costs such as technology, lab supplies and reagents, travel, and facility cleaning.

Education Campaign: Support for TV/Radio airtime and printed materials.

Quarantine: Cost to quarantine and support indigent patients.

Transportation: Cost to courier lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic National Stockpile.

Contingency: We have built in about 10% for unanticipated costs or changing assumptions based on disease spread.

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Subject: [External] COVID-19 Business Support & Coordination Call

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Team SC:

As we all continue to work hard to support our business community during these unusual times, Commerce would like to host a call this afternoon with key business associations, industry sector partners and state agencies to:

* Share agency updates and resources businesses can leverage quickly to get their questions answered
* Hear from associations/organizations on key concerns from their business constituents
* Coordinate efforts where appropriate

Looking forward to connecting.

Listing of call invitees:

SC Chamber of Commerce- Ted Pitts

SC Manufacturing Alliance – Sara Hazzard

NFIB- Ben Homeyer

SC Retail Association- Rebecca Leach

SC Insurance Association- Russ Dubisky

SC Trucking Association- Rick Todd

SC Farm Bureau – Gary Spires

SC Association of General Contractors- Leslie Clark

SC Homebuilders Association- Mark Nix

SC Small Business Development Center- Michelle Abraham

SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership- Chuck Spangler

SC Aerospace- Adrianne Beasley

SC Logistics- Suzanne Dickerson & Taylor Jackson

SCBIO – Sam Konduros, Erin Ford & Morgan Nichols

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SCPRT- Dawn Dawson

SCDOI- Ann Roberson

SCLLR- Katie Phillips

SC Dept. of Ag- Clint Leach

Commerce:

Ashely Teasdel, Director of Business Services (Host)

Jennifer Fletcher, Deputy Secretary of Commerce

Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] COVID-19 related deaths reported
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:09:02 PM

DHEC will publicly report COVID-19-related deaths as they are reported to the agency.

Positive cases of COVID-19 are required to be immediately reported to DHEC. We are working closely with our hospital partners to ensure the department is also immediately notified of a COVID-19 related death.

We've provided guidance to death certifiers (coroners, physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants) on how to appropriately complete the cause of death in the event of a COVID-19 related death.

As background, deaths are not required to be immediately reported to DHEC. Deaths are required to be reported to DHEC's Office of Vital Statistics within five days. But, as stated, above, we're working closely with our hospital partners to make sure COVID-19 deaths are immediately reported to us.

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Cc: mark.nosacka@tenethealth.com; Marsh, Jordan
Subject: [External] COVID-19 Testing Kits for Piedmont Medical Hospital (Rock Hill)
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:29:51 PM
Attachments: image001.png
Importance: High

Hey Rick and Ellen,

I hope you all are well under the circumstances. First, I want to say thank you and others at DHEC for the work you all are doing for the state. Second, I wanted to reach out to specifically request that 100 testing kits be immediately sent to Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC. As you know, Piedmont serves a significant number of patients in York County and the surrounding areas and I am sure you have been contacted by multiple facilities across the states, but I think the volume of patients who come into Piedmont's ER warrants increased kits as soon as possible.

I have cc'd the CEO of Piedmont, Mark Nosacka, who has mentioned to myself and the Congressman that these kits will be prioritized for the most vulnerable and employees who are caring for these patients.

Additionally, as little background:

- Has Piedmont Medical administered COVID-19 test before now: **YES**
- How many test kits does Piedmont Medical have remaining: **20 kits left**
- How many testing kits does Piedmont Medical need: **They need as many as possible, but 100 immediately. Mr. Nosacka generously gave this number (100) knowing the limited number of kits state-wide, and said this would be a vital start.**
- How many testing kits has Piedmont Medical administered: **Roughly 50 tests have been administered because the hospital has been rationing knowing the limited resources.**

This is a top priority for the Congressman, so please let me know what we need to do on our end. My personal cell is 803-207-6144 if you need to contact me urgently.

Best –

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director

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Subject:	[External] cruise ship repatriation plan
Date:	Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:31:16 PM
Attachments:	cruise monitoring plan.docx

Mark,

Per our discussion, see attached.

Thanks,
Nick

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Subject: [External] daily #s
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:40:32 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 4_26_2020.pdf

Morning, all,

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Subject: [External] Daily case count - 3-31
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 12:12:17 PM
Attachments: Daily case tally - 3-31-20.xlsx

Attached is the latest table. 158 new cases; 1,083 total over 42 counties (Bamberg is new).

We also have developed an interactive map that will be displayed today during the briefing. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits to the map or other briefing materials.

Thanks

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Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:07:05 AM
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Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:32:04 AM
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Subject: [External] daily case counts
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 11:13:42 AM
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Please see attached. We have 45 new cases. Note that one case that was previously announced for Charleston County has been removed as the case was determined to reside in another state. Thus, the new statewide total is 125 across 25 counties.

Also, below is a list of the 9 hospitals have designated specimen collection sites (drive-through testing):

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32 new cases. Private lab results only. Total is 456.

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Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:05:27 AM
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Please see case count table attached. We have 44 new cases today for a total of 342 cases across 36 counties.

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From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Moore, Cristi Y.
Subject: [External] Daily DHEC News Release and Update
Date: Sunday, April 12, 2020 1:50:22 PM
Attachments: 04.12.2020_South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update MK edit ver 2.docx

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Hi Brian,

Please see attached daily news update. We plan to send this out at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Sincerely,
Cassie

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From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Moore, Cristi Y.; Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] Daily News Release
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:50:48 PM
Attachments: SC Announces Latest COVID-19 Update April 28.docx

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Stenson, Kim
Cc: Renwick, Laura A.; Davidson, Nick; Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] Daily numbers - 3/27
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:26:46 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 3_27_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

Please see attached our daily case tally and a new breakdown of bed availability.

By the Numbers:

- New cases - 86 (3 are residents of other states)
- SC total cases - 539
- Deaths - 11 (2 new since yesterday)
- Hospital beds in use - 6,735 (54% capacity)
- Hospital beds available - 5,641
- Number of DHEC staff deployed for response: 600

Of note:

- Our innovative lab team was able to recreate a component of our extraction supplies that was on back order and resume testing late yesterday. The vendor's supply arrived this morning. Currently, they are working through the 1,600 backlog. Will take a day or two to catch up.
- We will be posting cases by zip code on our website today. Will be updated daily.
- Private labs were ordered earlier this week to report negative tests to us also. These reports are starting to come in. Will give us a better picture of total universe of testing.

Thanks,
Jen

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Stenson, Kim
Cc: Renwick, Laura A.; Davidson, Nick; Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] Daily Numbers 3/28
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 10:40:23 AM
Attachments: Hospital Bed Capacity Reporting 3_28_2020.pdf
Daily county tally.xlsx

Please see attached our daily case tally and a breakdown of bed availability.

By the Numbers:

- Number of DHEC staff deployed for response: 600
- New cases - 121
- SC total cases - 660
- Deaths - 15 (2 new since yesterday)
- Counties with cases: 40 (1 new - Laurens)
- Hospital beds in use - 6,501 (53% capacity)
- Hospital beds available - 5,740

Of note:

- Our second round of SNS supplies were distributed by the Guard to counties yesterday. A breakdown of what each county received will be added to website today and b-roll of Guard delivering supplies will be sent to media.
    - We are expecting a third (and final) shipment of SC's allocation from the SNS in the near future. Have been told this will be the last batch we receive as SNS will have then distributed 100% of states' allocations at that time.
- Public Health Lab testing backlog down to 1,500 (was 1,800 yesterday); this includes new samples submitted this morning. Lab is performing a double round of tests today and tomorrow to clear the backlog.

Thank you.

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To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] Daily Release
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:06:04 PM
Attachments: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 29, 2020)-FOR REVIEW.docx

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To:	Symmes, Brian
Cc:	Renwick, Laura A.; Moore, Cristi Y.
Subject:	[External] Daily Release
Date:	Monday, May 4, 2020 4:21:10 PM
Attachments:	South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 4, 2020)_CM input-LBT (2).docx

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Hi B,

FYSA, please see attached daily news release. We plan to send out shortly and to conduct our standard telebrief at 4:45 p.m.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Daily tally case counts
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:56:07 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally - 3-19-20.xlsx

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Attachments: 04.10.2020_South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Final.docx

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Attachments: SC Announces Latest COVID-19 Update April 27.docx

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To: Pippin, Zach; Christian Soura
Subject: [External] Data Slides.pptx
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:59:22 AM
Attachments: Data Slides.pptx

Only if (1) can que up, and (2) if we need some current background data points.

Do not think it will add to the overall discussion. But had some slides just in case.

Rick

From: Johnston, Alicia L.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Dental Request
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:15:11 PM

Hey Mark,

I forgot to ask, if the Governor's office does put out guidance/info pertaining to dentistry, can I get that sent to me as well? The SC Dental Association executive director has asked me to keep him in the loop as most dentists in SC are members (he made this request weeks ago).

Thanks!

-A

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"We emphasize the importance of practicing disease prevention measures and following recommendations for social distancing to protect our community as a whole," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician consultant.**

County location of new cases

- 1 new case from Beaufort County
- 2 new cases from Charleston County
- 1 new case from Calhoun County
- 5 new cases from Kershaw County
- 1 new case from Lexington County
- 1 new case from Richland County
- 1 new case from York County
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3 new cases reported from commercial labs

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Two new cases are from Horry County. The cases are elderly individuals who had known exposure to a confirmed case of COVID-19 from another state. The cases are currently isolated at home.

6 new cases from DHEC's Public Health Laboratory

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- One case is from Greenville County and is a young adult who recently traveled to Spain. The case is currently isolated at home.

Impacted facilities

- One of the additional Kershaw County cases was a childcare worker of Bethesda Daycare. The individual was not ill while working and there are no known contacts at the childcare facility at this time. The source of this case's exposure is being investigated. DHEC is working with the center to provide guidance about infection control measures to prevent spread. However, the center was following the governor's closure of schools in Kershaw and Lancaster counties and is not currently open.

"On Friday, March 13 the childcare center voluntarily closed as a precaution after the governor issued school closures for Kershaw and Lancaster counties. We are working closely with this childcare facility to immediately investigate possible exposures at this facility," **said Dr. Bell. "**The facility is completely cooperative and staff are abiding by DHEC's and CDC's recommended actions for helping to protect this population."

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New preliminary information

- The case from Lancaster County is a household contact (family member or close friend) of a previous case. He was evaluated at a healthcare facility and is currently isolated at home.
- The case from Kershaw County is a Camden man who is currently hospitalized and in isolation. DHEC is working with the healthcare facility and taking routine measures to prevent possible spread.

While the samples tested positive at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory, the results are required to be confirmed by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). DHEC treats all presumptive positives as cases of COVID-19.

DHEC has tested a total of 87 individuals for COVID-19, which includes the six presumptive positive cases and six confirmed cases. DHEC will update the public as soon as the confirmatory test results from the CDC or other reference laboratories that are now testing are available, and as other new information is known.

"We will continue to monitor the situation and will modify our recommendations to address what the public health data is showing in South Carolina and in other areas," **Bell**

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We are monitoring the status of the virus in South Carolina to make decisions about large gatherings. The cancelation of schools and events is not needed at this time. We are constantly monitoring our epidemiological data and following CDC for strategies to slow the spread of disease in our communities.

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In addition to urging residents to follow public health guidance to protect themselves and others, the PSAs also seek to bring increased awareness among groups such as older residents and Africa Americans, who are at higher risk of severe illness due the disease.

Current PSA videos feature Representative James Clyburn, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, and Dr. Linda Bell, DHEC State Epidemiologist. The agency also plans to spotlight other well-known South Carolinas in fields such as entertainment, athletics and more.

"I want to thank the many South Carolinians who have been making great sacrifices to protect themselves and our communities from COVID-19." **said State Epidemiologist Linda Bell, M.D.** "But the virus is still spreading. We can't let up now. By making these PSA videos available, it's another tool that we can use in our effort to combat this pandemic and help save lives."

Congressman Clyburn said intense outreach and education is needed to help reach those who are at most risk of severe illness from the virus. "COVID-19 has impacted certain groups harder, including those of us who are older and may suffer from conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung disease, and it has had a devastating impact on African Americans," he said.

The PSAs are available to view and share here.

How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves

Evidence is increasing about the high rates of infection in people who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious. This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:

- Practicing social distancing
- Wearing a mask while out in public
- Avoiding touching frequently touched items
- Regularly washing your hands
- Monitoring for symptoms

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec/COVID-19 Visit scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

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DHEC Announces Seventh Possible Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

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New preliminary information

- A Camden man tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 late yesterday, March 8. He was evaluated at a healthcare facility, was not hospitalized and is currently isolated at home. He is a direct contact, meaning he had close face-to-face exposure, with a previously announced presumptive positive case.

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Good morning,
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If he submitted a letter that explains his exit, we request a copy of it.

Thanks in advance for your time, attention and prompt response.

Best,
Sharranda Neal on behalf of
News19 Assignment Desk

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"Today we celebrate a significant milestone in environmental stewardship with the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Although many of us are staying at home, we can still find ways to commemorate the occasion," **said Myra Reece, Director of DHEC's Environmental Affairs.** "I encourage everyone to take time to reflect on the importance of clean air and water, and to celebrate the progress we have made over the past 50 years towards protecting the health of our environment."

While most public Earth Day events this year have been cancelled due to COVID-19, there are still many things you can do while staying safe and staying at home:

- Create compost pile in your back yard with leaves, pine straw, and sticks, while adding food items like eggshells, banana peels, and apple cores.
- Take time to go outside for a walk or bike ride while safely maintaining social distancing.
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- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites everyone to celebrate Earth Day by drawing pictures, making signs, or using recycled materials around the house to decorate your windows. Download and print activities for kids from Environmental Outreach Activity Book.

To learn more about Earth Day, visit Make Every Day Earth Day.

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My news organization - The Greenville News and Anderson Independent Mail - would like to be added to this alert network.
Please advise how we could do this.

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 20—April 6, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
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- For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's COVID-19 webpage.
- As of Friday, April 3, DHEC's Constituent Services has received a total of **1,728 inquiries**; **1,696 have been responded to**; and **32 are currently in progress**.
- DHEC added **Use of Cloth Face Coverings (Homemade Masks)** guidance on the Protect Yourself & Those Around You webpage.

COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **183 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,232 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **48**. The additional deaths occurred in patients who were elderly with underlying health conditions. The individuals were residents from Anderson, Horry, Richland, and Spartanburg counties.
- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

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Aiken	0	27	Hampton	1	3
Allendale	0	2	Horry	12	76
Anderson	3	72	Jasper	2	11

Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	4	152
Barnwell	0	3	Lancaster	2	43
Beaufort	7	163	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	6	52	Lee	1	18
Calhoun	0	5	Lexington	22	117
Charleston	26	300	Marion	2	4
Cherokee	2	4	Marlboro	3	6
Chester	2	14	McCormick	1	2
Chesterfield	2	15	Newberry	0	7
Clarendon	4	58	Oconee	0	8
Colleton	2	10	Orangeburg	1	28
Darlington	8	27	Pickens	2	20
Dillon	0	1	Richland	13	311
Dorchester	8	52	Saluda	0	4
Edgefield	0	6	Spartanburg	13	88
Fairfield	2	16	Sumter	10	90
Florence	3	39	Union	1	12
Georgetown	3	21	Williamsburg	1	11
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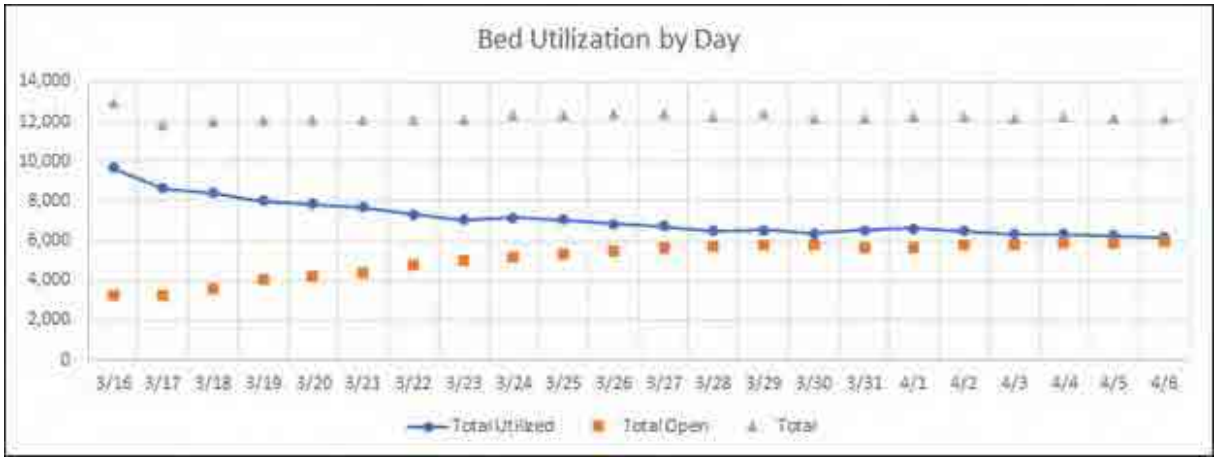

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 20—April 6, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

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Chesterfield	2	15	Newberry	0	7
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Darlington	8	27	Pickens	2	20
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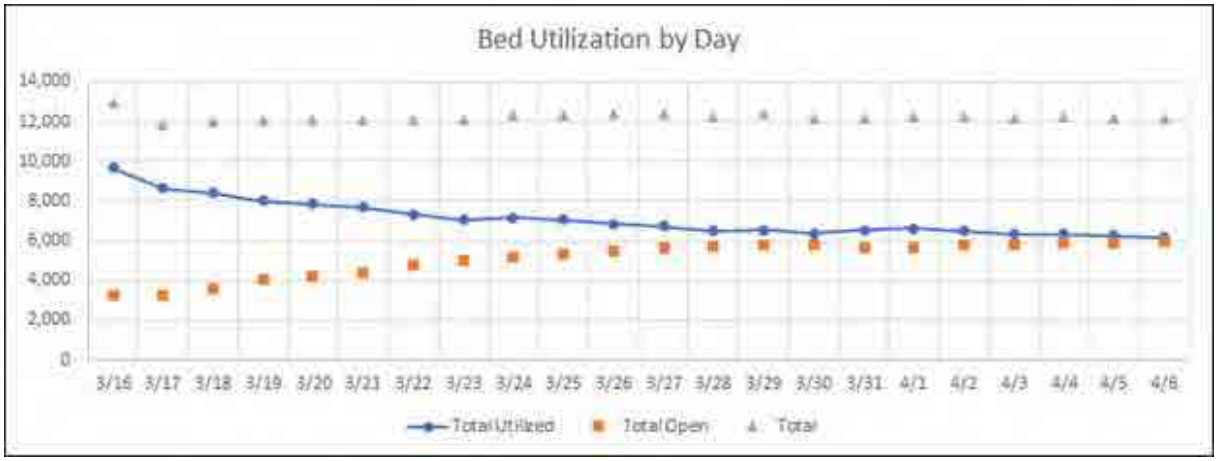

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To:	patriciahenegan@schouse.gov; , "patriciahenegan@schouse.gov
Cc:	Singh, Sym; dvowens02@gmal.com; Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	[External] DHEC Letter of Acknowledgement Re: COVID-19 Impact on Minority Communities
Date:	Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:52:55 PM
Attachments:	2020 April 9 Rep. Henegan and Rep. King Acknowledgement.pdf

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Dear Representatives Henegan and King,

Please see the attached letter from DHEC Director Rick Toomey acknowledging receipt of your April 7, 2020, letter to him.

If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Best regards,

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To: Cofield, Whitney
Subject: [External] DHEC Meeting agenda
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:24:24 AM
Attachments: County Administrators" Call - March 30, 2020.docx

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All, please find the agenda for the DHEC call with County Administrators at 2pm today attached. Please see the WebEx invitation sent earlier for the call in information. Thank you.

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Subject:	[External] DHEC News Release for May 9, 2020
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Thanks,

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"COMET drivers are an important human component in our city's economy, and thus they are essential personnel," **said Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin.** "At the end of their workday, after making sure our citizens get to and from their jobs safely and on time, they return to their communities and their families. We have a commitment to see to their safety when they are at work and help them by seeing to the safety of their passengers. By protecting our COMET drivers, we are also ensuring the total health of our Columbia community."

Inter-agency partnerships are essential for the ongoing efforts to stop the spread of this virus, and DHEC relies on those partners to help deliver safety messaging to every member of the community. By assisting the City of Columbia with public health and safety information, DHEC can count on The COMET to share the precautions wherever they travel. The more locations that this messaging is available, the better our prevention efforts will be.

For more information on The COMET, visit **catchthecometsc.gov.** For the latest information on COVID-19, go to **scdhec.gov/COVID19.**

Posters with prevention messaging are available for download **here.**

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COLUMBIA, S.C. – In response to demand for nutritious foods during the COVID-19 pandemic, DHEC is providing additional food items to South Carolina WIC participants.

"Currently there is no disruption to the food distribution supply chain, however some participants have experienced food item shortages due to people purchasing more food items than normal, "**said South Carolina State WIC Director Berry Kelly.** "By expanding food options on WIC approved items, our WIC families will have more flexibility and increased access to nutritious foods."

Beginning April 27, 2020, and until further notice, participants will have more purchasing options for milk, yogurt, fruits, and vegetables.

The following changes will go into effect:

- Participants can purchase 1% milk, non-fat milk, 2% milk, lactose-free 2% milk, lactose-free 1% milk, lactose-free non-fat milk, or soymilk.
- Participants can purchase any fat content of yogurt (Whole, Low-fat, or Non-fat).
- Participants who choose to receive Cash Value Benefits (CVB) instead of infant baby foods can purchase fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables.

This latest expansion is another way that DHEC is helping South Carolina's WIC participants stay well during the pandemic. In March, WIC expanded food items that participants could purchase at stores where supplies were running low and began offering 100 percent of WIC nutritional services over-the-phone in early April.

"Year-round, our WIC program is focused on helping pregnant women, infants and children eat healthy, nutritious meals," **said Kelly.** "Unique circumstances, like COVID-19 have challenged us to find new and creative ways to continue providing services and nutritious foods to our state's WIC participants."

These changes were made possible by programmatic waivers issued by the United States Department of Agriculture in response to COVID-19 and product shortages.

DHEC encourages South Carolina families who are experiencing loss of income related to COVID-19 to apply to our WIC program. Since March, more than 4,000 new participants have enrolled in South Carolina's WIC program. To apply for WIC, call 1-855-472-3432 to make an appointment. If you are a WIC participant and have questions or concerns, please contact your local WIC office.

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Good Evening Mr Cunningham
I hope you are doing well. I was forwarded your questions that AnMed Health had regarding testing and funding related to the COVID-19 response. Below are the questions that I think were related to the Department. Please see responses related to the questions:

"Any support you can provide in encouraging the release of rapid testing capability to individual hospitals from DHEC would be helpful.
We need clarification from DHEC around the allocation of funding to individual hospitals. These include recently appropriated State funds, funds managed through DHEC's Hospital Preparedness Program, and recently allocated Federal Funds through the Assistant Secretary of Preparedness and Response for COVID 19."

Rapid Testing

- The Department received our allocation of "Abbott Rapid Testing Units" from the Federal Government. This allocation was based on population. The Department, in conjunction with the South Carolina Hospital Association, identified areas in the state where we could increase testing. Anderson was identified as one of those areas and the Department felt that additional testing resources would benefit our response to the COVID-19 response. It is my understanding that DHEC and AnMed agreed to a partnership on the deployment of the allocated Abbott Rapid Testing units yesterday to AnMed Health as a Rapid Testing Health Site.

Funding Questions

- The state monies allocated by the General Assembly in March were specifically allocated to DHEC for the Department's response to COVID-19.

- At this time, we are not aware of there being any changes to the funds currently allocated through the HPP grant. That award is approximately $3.1M and approximately 85% of that funding is allocated to hospitals and coalitions.

- DHEC was awarded $628,506 in supplemental funding as part of the Hospital Preparedness Program through ASPR. That award has been received and dictates that DHEC award 90% of that funding out to hospitals and Health Care Coalitions in response to COVID-19. Funding can be utilized to prepare facilities to identify, isolate, assess, transport, and treat patients or suspect patients with COVID-19. In addition, it can be used to prepare the entities for future special pathogen disease outbreaks. DHEC staff are currently working on a budget plan to allocate funds our partner entities and will likely follow a similar distribution as used in the Ebola response.

Approximately $400k is being distributed equally to South Carolina's four Healthcare Coalitions (HCCs) for priorities to be identified by each coalition's Executive Committee. Those projects will likely include the purchase of PPE, decontamination equipment and other related equipment/supplies. Approximately $200k in directed funds were routed through this program to MUSC as our designated jurisdictional special pathogen treatment center. These funds were specifically targeted by the Federal Program Office to the facility, with DHEC serving only as the pass through.

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to let me know. I hope you have a wonderful Easter Weekend.

Best Regards,
Rick C.

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Afternoon, Brian,

We plan to issue the attached release around 3:30 p.m.

Thanks,

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COLUMBIA, S.C. - The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) will reopen Wallace Creek shellfish harvesting beds in Beaufort County at sunrise on Thursday, March 12, the agency announced today.

"Water quality data indicate that bacteria levels are once again suitable for shellfish harvesting in the Conditional Management Area of Wallace Creek," said Mike Pearson, Manager of DHEC's Shellfish Sanitation Section.

For more information on clam and oyster harvesting areas in Beaufort County, call DHEC's Beaufort Environmental Affairs Office at 843-846-1030 or visit www.scdhec.gov/shellfish.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — To better define the scope of COVID-19 within South Carolina nursing homes and similar facilities, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is providing regular updates on those **facilities that have an associated case of COVID-19**, as well as the number of positive cases for either residents or staff members.

The spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 is common in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and similar congregate facilities due to shared living and dining areas as well as limitations for social distancing. DHEC has worked, and continues to work, closely with these health care facilities to **provide guidance and help implement recommendations** for protecting residents as well as the dedicated workers who care for them.

“This virus is taking its toll on those most vulnerable to it, including our friends and family who reside in nursing homes and assisted care facilities,” **said Dr. Joan Duwve, DHEC Public Health Director.** “Around the country, nursing homes and similar facilities have been challenged to implement unprecedented safety precautions while also providing important care to their residents.”

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DHEC plans to provide early next week the number of COVID-19 related deaths associated with these facilities as well. DHEC is compiling and verifying this information to help present a fuller picture of COVID-19’s impact on these types of congregate facilities.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — In an ongoing effort to continue to define the extent of COVID-19 within South Carolina's nursing homes, assisted living and similar facilities, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today provided an updated list of the facilities that have been impacted by COVID-19. **This updated list includes reporting the loss of residents and staff due to COVID-19 complications.**

COVID-19 outbreaks at long-term care facilities are an indicator of ongoing transmission of virus within a community and require an intense focus on infection prevention practices. DHEC has worked, and continues to work, closely with these health care facilities to **provide guidance and help implement recommendations** for protecting residents as well as the dedicated workers who care for them.

"This virus is taking its toll on many of our state's most vulnerable, including our friends and family who reside in long-term care facilities," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC Physician.** "DHEC continues to work with facilities and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to provide recommendations and guidance for best practices in controlling the spread of this disease."

On March 13, Gov. Henry McMaster issued an Executive Order that stopped public visitation to these types of facilities in order to help protect the vulnerable population of residents, staff and visitors. This order is still in effect today. DHEC also has worked with nursing home facilities in South Carolina to review infection control practices, increase testing of residents and staff and group together residents with COVID-19 infections – all critical to preventing ongoing spread of the virus within their facilities.

"We continue to thank all of our health care professionals including our nursing, assisted living and other long-term care facility workers for your selfless work in helping guard against further

spread of this disease in those who are most susceptible to it," **Dr. Traxler said.**

In order to protect those most vulnerable to serious consequences of this disease, the entire community, including the staff who work in these facilities, must be aware of the risk and continue to practice social distancing, good hand-washing and wearing face masks in public areas, to prevent ongoing transmission of the virus. Nursing home populations also are of particular concern because older residents with chronic medical conditions are at highest risk for complications or death from COVID-19 infection.

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Sincerely In Christ,

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **151 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 925 cases** in **41 counties**. The quantity of new cases is higher than usual because these 151 new cases include cases from a backlog at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory caused by a nationwide shortage of testing chemicals. The lab now has the required chemicals and is processing tests as normal (the lab had previously been returning results the same day received). The lab is currently operating extended hours and is testing samples seven days a week.
- There was **two additional death** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **18.** One patient was an elderly individual from Beaufort County who had underlying health conditions. The other patient was an elderly individual from Anderson County with underlying health conditions.
- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly.

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Allendale	0	0	Horry	1	32
Anderson	2	31	Jasper	0	3
Bamberg	0	0	Kershaw	16	99
Barnwell	1	1	Lancaster	1	14
Beaufort	24	50	Laurens	0	3
Berkeley	0	14	Lee	0	5
Calhoun	0	2	Lexington	6	41

Charleston	6	123	Marion	1	2
Cherokee	0	0	Marlboro	0	2
Chester	0	2	McCormick	0	0
Chesterfield	2	6	Newberry	0	2
Clarendon	2	18	Oconee	0	4
Colleton	1	5	Orangeburg	5	21
Darlington	1	11	Pickens	2	13
Dillon	0	1	Richland	40	135
Dorchester	2	12	Saluda	0	1
Edgefield	0	2	Spartanburg	5	30
Fairfield	1	5	Sumter	4	34
Florence	1	15	Union	2	3
Georgetown	1	11	Williamsburg	0	2
Greenville	17	88	York	7	43
TOTAL— 151 new cases, 925 total cases					

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests: 4,160** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- **Getting Test Results:**
  - If a patient is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. **Patients cannot obtain results or status updates from DHEC or from the DHEC Care Line; they must contact their provider.** Providers utilizing the public health lab should notify patients of their test results; DHEC does not contact these patients directly.
  - Late last week, DHEC reported a backlog of specimens to be tested that had developed at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory due to a nationwide shortage in the reagents (chemicals) required to perform testing. As of March 27, 2020, DHEC's Laboratory now has the necessary reagents. The lab is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. As of today, DHEC's Laboratory will resume a turnaround time of 24-48 hours once specimens are received at the lab.
  - Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.

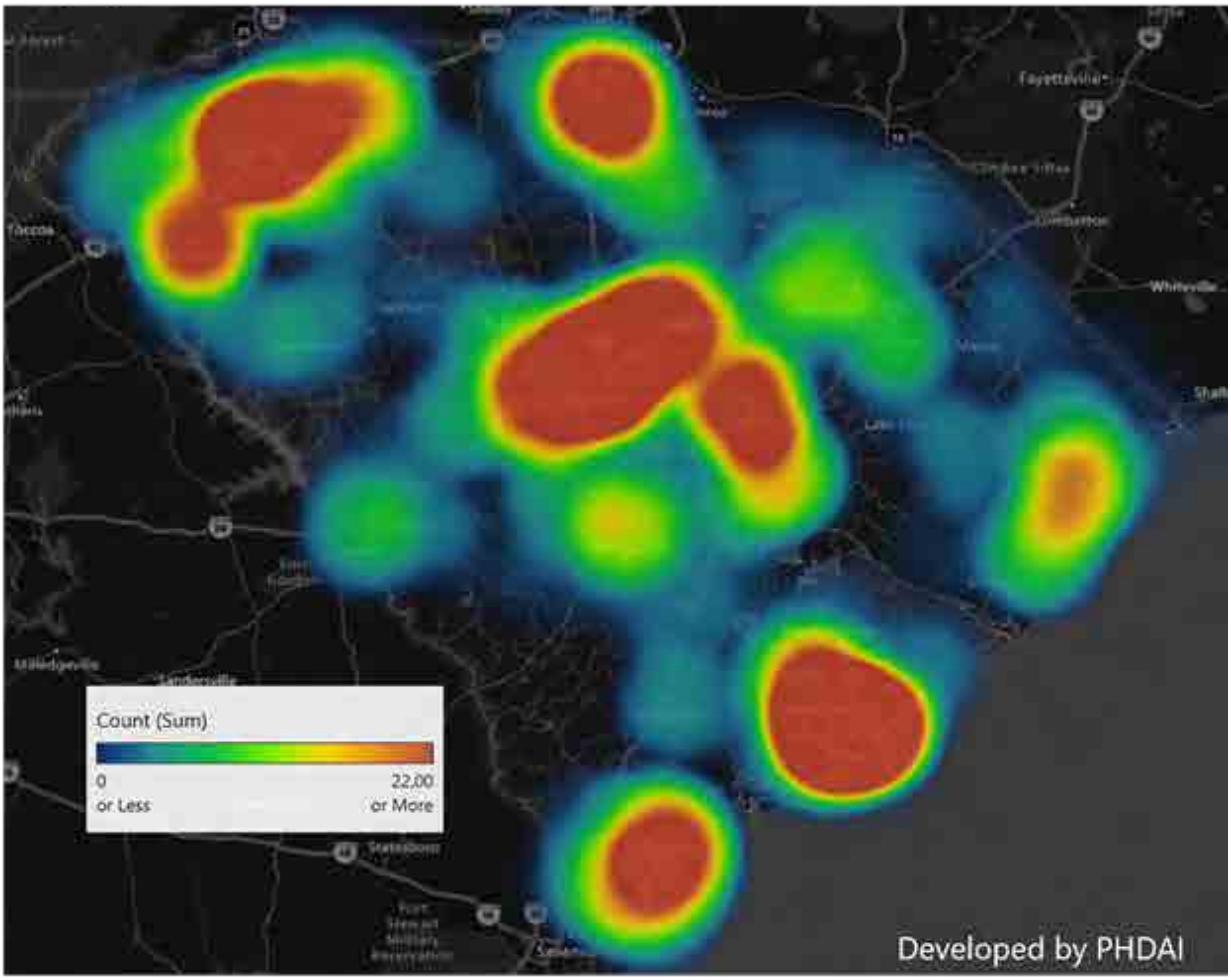
Heat Map of Reported COVID-19 Cases for the Last 14 Days (March 29, 2020)

- The map shows reported cases for the previous 14 days, as that is the timeframe for when an individual would be contagious. **However, there are within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.

COVID-19 in South Carolina

As of 11:59 PM on 3/29/2020

Map reflects cases reported the last 14 days, from 3/16/2020 to 3/29/2020



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Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has a list that includes products that meet the criteria for use against COVID-19. The list includes multiple search criteria including active ingredients, product name, company name as well as other important identifying words to assist with searching for the disinfectant.

Logistics Update

- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS):** A third shipment from the SNS started arriving today. We expect to have distribution this week.
- **Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

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- **DHEC List of Telehealth Providers**
- **State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities**
- **SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)**
- **CDC COVID-19 Resources**
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Healthcare:

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- **DHEC Guidance for Water Management**
- **EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement**
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- **SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center**

Children:

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **161 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 4,917.**
- There were **ten additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **150**. The deaths occurred in seven elderly individuals from Allendale (1), Fairfield (2), Lexington (2), Richland (1) and Spartanburg (1) counties, and three middle-aged individuals from Aiken (1), Anderson (1), and Richland (1) counties.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	1	23	Greenwood	0	41
Aiken	2	84	Hampton	0	21
Allendale	1	7	Horry	6	196
Anderson	3	137	Jasper	0	15
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	2	208
Barnwell	2	10	Lancaster	0	79
Beaufort	5	241	Laurens	0	21
Berkeley	10	152	Lee	3	45
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	8	294
Charleston	7	412	Marion	0	22
Cherokee	0	13	Marlboro	1	33
Chester	1	26	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	2	39	Newberry	0	21
Clarendon	12	151	Oconee	1	20
Colleton	0	23	Orangeburg	2	52
Darlington	8	92	Pickens	3	44
Dillon	5	28	Richland	11	736
Dorchester	0	84	Saluda	1	19
Edgefield	0	21	Spartanburg	8	237
Fairfield	1	27	Sumter	1	207
Florence	19	195	Union	0	24
Georgetown	1	36	Williamsburg	6	33

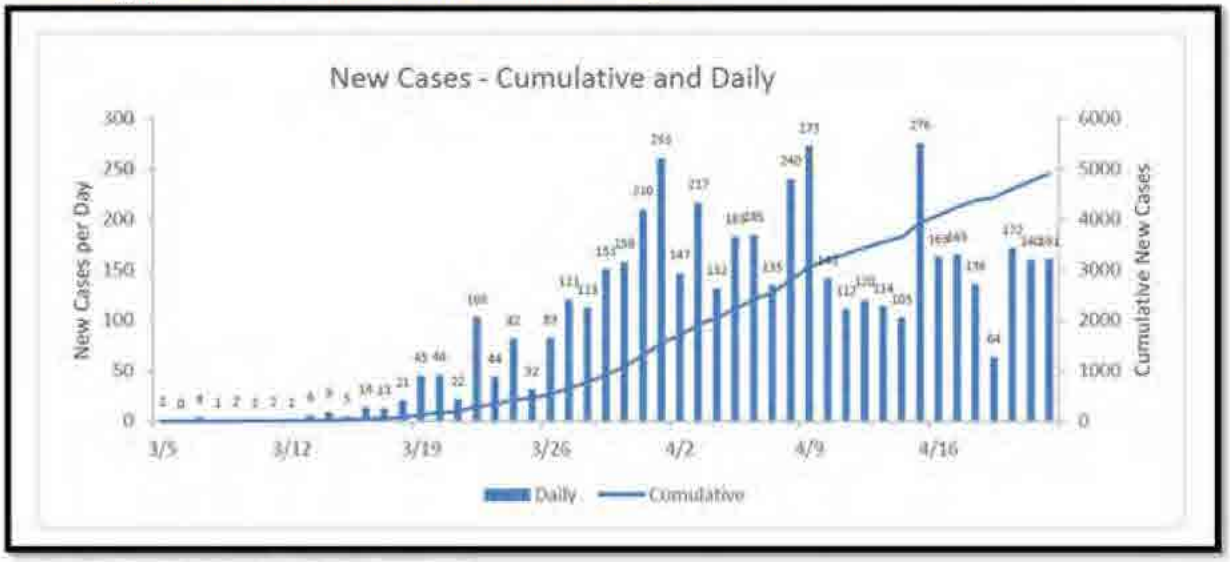
Greenville	22	558	York	6	171
TOTAL—161 new cases; 4,917 total cases *5 cases have been determined upon collecting additional information to be residents of other states and have been assigned to those states.					

**As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the person's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**44,463**
Total positive tests	**4,917**
Total negative tests	**39,546**
Negative - DHEC PHL	11,365
Negative - private labs	28,181

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **12,980**. Of those tests **1,615** were positive and **11,365** were negative.
- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **43,111** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.
- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
  - **Screenings by Telephone:** On April 20, MUSC Health announced the availability of a new hotline aimed to address individuals who may not have meaningful access to online screening due to homelessness, lack of internet access, or access and functional needs that may cause trouble with online screening (disabilities, lack of technical proficiency, etc.). The hotline, 843-985-8888, offers COVID-19 screenings in English and Spanish seven days a week.
- **Specimen Collection Sites:** A map of specimen collection sites is available on the COVID-19 data dashboard. Residents who wish to be tested for COVID-19 should not go directly to specimen-collection sites; a referral/physician's order from telehealth or a clinician is required.



Updated Reporting Criteria/Testing Guidance

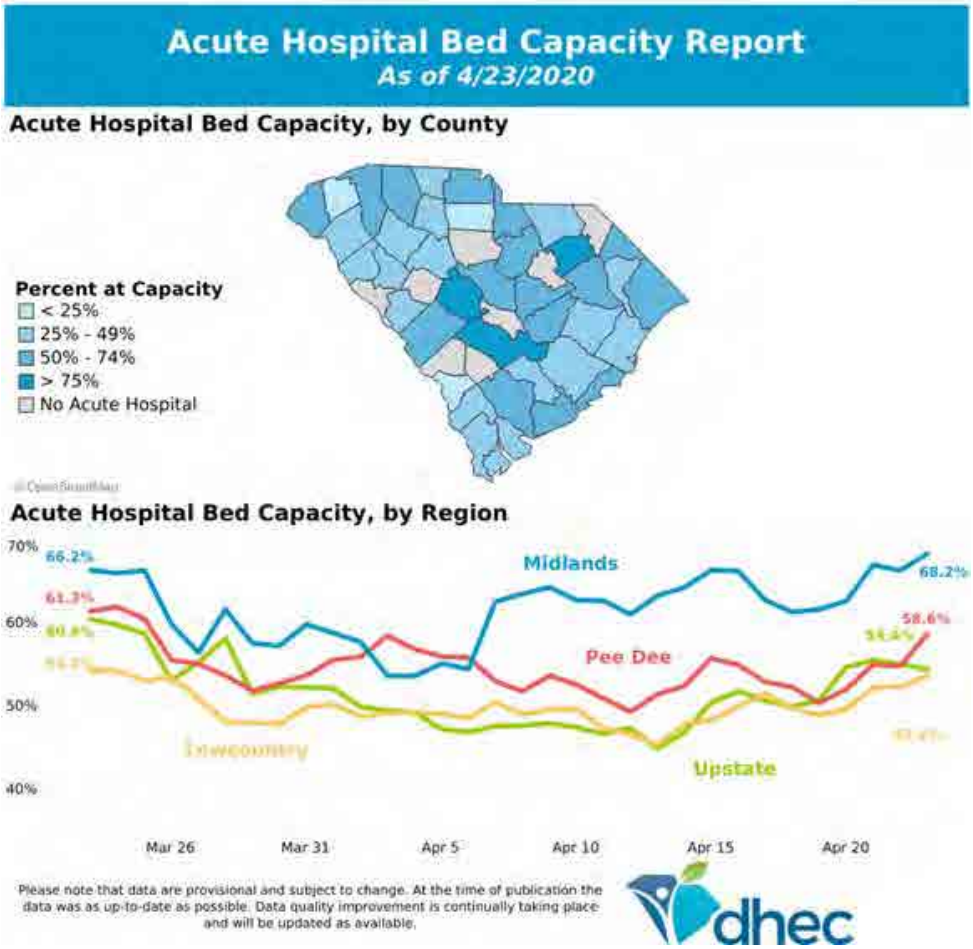
- The DHEC 2020 List of Reportable Conditions now includes COVID-19. COVID-19 **cases *and* deaths** are now considered an **Urgently Reportable Condition** (i.e. reportable within 24 hours by phone).
- A new DHEC Health Update was issued yesterday via the Health Alert Network to health care providers with the updated reporting criteria and requirements and guidance regarding testing for COVID-19.
- The HAN provided the following information regarding **testing for COVID-19**:

- Serology testing (IgM, IgA, and IgG) for COVID-19 is now available on the market. **Serological tests are still investigational and are not recommended for active case identification.**
- Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT) on a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab is still the preferred method for identifying and managing suspect cases of COVID-19.
- Providers should expand testing to symptomatic individuals not in the priority risk groups when possible (as testing supplies and resources allow). Expanding testing to these patients, when possible, will help provide better information regarding the burden of the disease in South Carolina and inform public health decisions.

- The HAN provided the following information regarding the **updated reporting requirements for COVID-19**:
  - Clinicians are required to report all cases of COVID-19 for which rapid or laboratory testing (serology or NAAT) has been completed and found to be positive.
  - COVID-19 cases *and* deaths are now considered an Urgently Reportable Condition to be reported within 24 hours by phone. Specific data elements, such as hospitalization and relationship to long-term care facilities), are expected to be included in all reports.
  - Upon receipt of report, Public Health staff will work with the reporting provider to gather additional clinical (if appropriate) and epidemiologic information to classify the case of COVID-19 and assist with additional public health actions for disease control and mitigation.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **4,747** hospital beds are available and **6,642** are utilized—a **58.3% statewide hospital bed utilization rate.**



DHEC Data Tools

- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard**, which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people. In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard's map shows the locations of the state's hospitals, as well as hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen

collection sites that have been reported to DHEC.

- **Interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC also provides an interactive tool to generate printable maps and reports for both confirmed and estimated COVID-19 case counts **statewide, by county, or by zip code.**

- **Heat Map**: The **heat map** indicates reported cases of COVID-19 in the state. Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against this disease.

- **Demographic Data:** The DHEC **demographic data** page, updated on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries. Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection and death. In addition, DHEC monitors this demographic data to enhance outreach efforts to high-risk populations and to identify any disparities that deserve further investigation or focus.

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Long-term Care Update

- **COVID-19 Data:** As part of the biweekly updates to the **demographic data page**, DHEC provides the public with information about cases related to healthcare facilities (below). To better inform the public about the scope of COVID-19 within these types of facilities, DHEC is also providing a **biweekly update** on the names of facilities in the state that have an associated **confirmed** case of COVID-19, as well as the number of positive cases for either residents or staff members.
- **CMS COVID-19 Reporting**: On Sunday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), which inspects Medicare and Medicaid-participating facilities in conjunction with State Survey Agencies (like DHEC) to ensure compliance with Federal health and safety rules, **published a memorandum** related to new requirements for reporting COVID-19 cases related to nursing homes:
  - To reinforce and support the existing requirement that nursing homes report communicable diseases and potential outbreaks to state health departments, CMS will soon require facilities to report this data to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); failure to report cases of residents or staff who have confirmed COVID-19 and Persons under Investigation (PUI) could result in an enforcement action.
  - CMS also previewed a new requirement for facilities to notify residents and their representatives to keep them up to date on the conditions inside the facility, such as when new cases of COVID-19 occur.
- **Nursing Home FAQ and Webinar—**The DHEC Healthcare Quality team recently completed a refresh of the FAQ for nursing homes. **Click here to view the FAQ.** In addition, **a webinar** was published earlier this month to provide nursing homes with additional guidance.
- **Additional Links/Information:**
  - **CMS Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities (April 2, 2020)**
  - **Coordinating and Aligning COVID-19 Nursing Home Infection Control Practices**
  - **CDC Long-Term Care Facilities: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19s**
  - **DHEC Guidance on Nursing Homes 1135 Waiver Requests**
  - **DHEC Guidance on Medicaid Nursing Home Permit Program**
  - **DHEC Guidance for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities on Visitation Restrictions**
  - **DHEC Memo: Healthcare Facility Staff Tuberculosis Screening**
  - **DHEC Memo: Nursing Home Patient Tuberculosis Screening**

Homelessness & COVID-19: Guidance for Developing a Plan for those Requiring Housing during Quarantine/Isolation

- On April 3, 2020, DHEC developed and distributed the COVID-19 Guidance for Developing a Plan for those Requiring Housing during Quarantine/Isolation to county emergency managers. DHEC will continue to work collaboratively with local, county and state governments to meet the needs of our entire population, **including those who may be homeless or displaced**.
- The latest guidance for **county officials** is available on the **DHEC website.**
- Additional resources related to **homelessness and COVID-19**:
  - **HUD COVID-19 Response and Homelessness: An Action and Resource Guide**
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Covi D-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **147 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,700 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **three additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **34.** The three patients were elderly individuals who also had underlying health conditions. Two were residents of Richland County and one of Greenville County.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

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Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	7	136
Barnwell	0	2	Lancaster	5	31
Beaufort	2	131	Laurens	2	6
Berkeley	9	42	Lee	5	13
Calhoun	0	3	Lexington	8	78
Charleston	16	247	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	0	1	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	1	7	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	0	10	Newberry	1	5

Clarendon	**3**	**34**	**Oconee**	**0**	**5**
Colleton	**0**	**6**	**Orangeburg**	**1**	**25**
Darlington	**0**	**15**	**Pickens**	**2**	**17**
Dillon	**0**	**1**	**Richland**	**24**	**224**
Dorchester	**1**	**36**	**Saluda**	**0**	**2**
Edgefield	**1**	**5**	**Spartanburg**	**10**	**60**
Fairfield	**0**	**8**	**Sumter**	**9**	**75**
Florence	**3**	**29**	**Union**	**1**	**6**
Georgetown	**1**	**16**	**Williamsburg**	**0**	**6**
Greenville	**20**	**174**	**York**	**7**	**73**
TOTAL— 147 new cases; 1,700 total cases					

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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

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  - 375 were resulted yesterday. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
  - The PHL supply of reagents is low; however, we hope to receive additional reagent shipments soon.
- **First Responder Priority Testing:** There are now 12 first responder testing sites throughout the state; the newest site was added today in York County. A site was added yesterday in Aiken County.

NEW: FAQ for Coroners

DHEC has published a FAQ **for coroners on our website.** This guidance addresses frequently asked questions related to postmortem activities, testing, and points of contact.

Logistics Information

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **217 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,917 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **six additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **40.** These additional deaths occurred in six individuals who were elderly and also had underlying health conditions. Two were residents of Lexington County, and the other individuals were residents of Beaufort, Georgetown, Richland, and York counties.
- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	6	Greenwood	1	10
Aiken	2	24	Hampton	0	1
Allendale	1	2	Horry	12	63
Anderson	6	68	Jasper	1	9
Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	5	141
Barnwell	0	2	Lancaster	8	39
Beaufort	17	148	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	3	45	Lee	3	16
Calhoun	1	4	Lexington	17	95
Charleston	27	274	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	1	2	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	5	12	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	3	13	Newberry	3	8

Clarendon	11	45	Oconee	3	8
Colleton	3	9	Orangeburg	1	26
Darlington	4	19	Pickens	0	17
Dillon	0	1	Richland	18	242
Dorchester	9	45	Saluda	2	4
Edgefield	0	5	Spartanburg	12	72
Fairfield	4	12	Sumter	4	79
Florence	6	35	Union	3	9
Georgetown	1	17	Williamsburg	3	9
Greenville	9	183	York	8	81
TOTAL— 217 new cases; 1,917 total cases					

- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available here. In addition, the agency is working to develop estimated cases by ZIP code and anticipates having the data available by Monday, April 5. These estimated counts will represent individuals who are potentially undiagnosed. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to take action to protect themselves and those they love.
- **Heat Map:** DHEC has updated the heat map; the map is now animated to show change over time. The heat map shows the number of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**18,314**
Total positive tests	**1,917**
Total negative tests	**16,397**
Negative - DHEC PHL	6,211
Negative - private labs	10,186

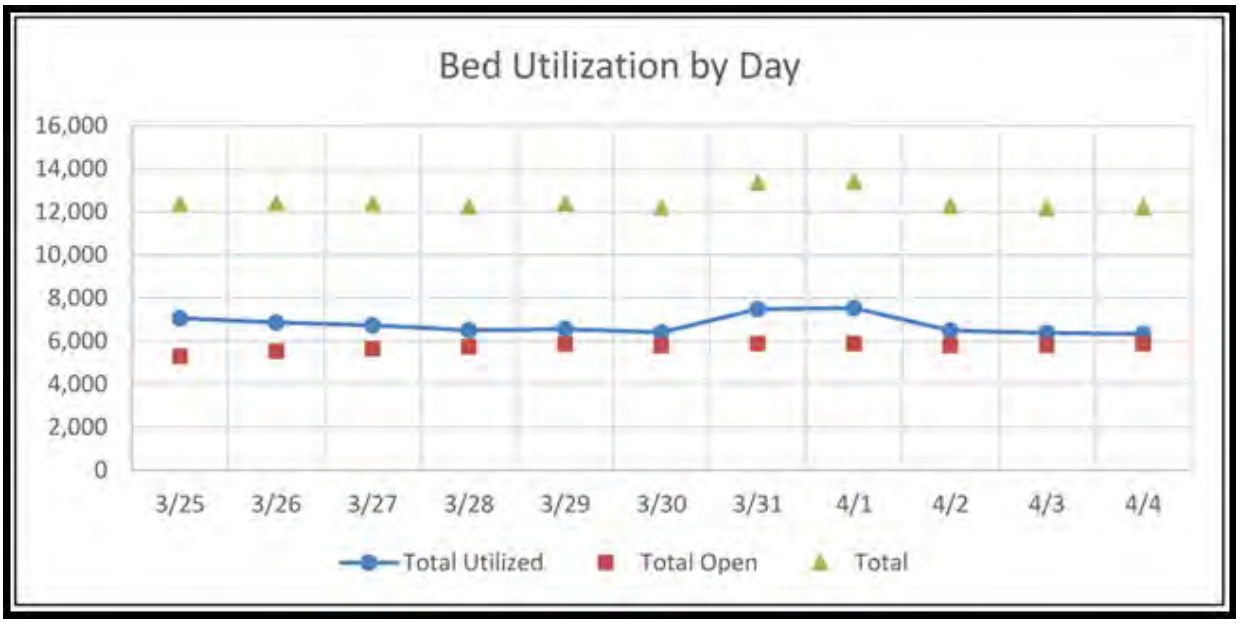
- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been 8,682 negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 7,017. Of those, 806 were positive and 6,211 were negative.
  - 530 were resulted yesterday. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
  - The PHL has now received adequate levels of reagent to continue testing without delays; the lab is operating extended hours and testing specimens seven days a week. The current timeframe for providing results to healthcare providers is 24 to 48 hours, with specimens typically tested the same day received.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of April 3, 5,807 hospital beds are available and 6,362 are utilized, which is a 51.9 percent

statewide hospital bed utilization rate.

- The overall trend this week has been in greater hospital bed availability, specifically a 6.4 percent decrease in hospital bed utilization since March 23.



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Indigent Population Guidance

- DHEC continues to work with its state and federal partners to assist with local planning for sheltering of indigent individuals impacted by COVID-19. The counties have been provided with an indigent/sheltered population FAQ and guidance document today; this document will be reviewed and updated as needed throughout the response.
- CDC resources for those experiencing homelessness and for homeless shelters are available **here.**

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Tuberculin Skin Testing & COVID-19

- DHEC sent a memorandum to 11 healthcare facility types waiving tuberculin skin testing for facility staff in order to expedite the hiring process during the COVID-19 State of Emergency. The memo has been **published on the DHEC website**.
- Facilities receiving this memo:
    - Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
    - Community Residential Care Facilities
    - Day Care Facilities for Adults
    - Facilities that Treat Individuals for Psychoactive Substance Abuse or Dependence
    - Home Health Agencies
    - Hospices
    - Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries
    - Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
    - Nursing Homes
    - Renal Dialysis Facilities
    - Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **132 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,049 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **44**. These additional deaths occurred in three individuals who were elderly. Two of the three elderly patients were known to have underlying health conditions, and one is under investigation. One patient was a middle-aged individual who had underlying health conditions. The residents were from Clarendon, Horry, Beaufort and Lee counties.
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Aiken	3	27	Hampton	1	2
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Anderson	1	69	Jasper	0	9
Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	7	148
Barnwell	1	3	Lancaster	2	41
Beaufort	8	156	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	1	46	Lee	1	17
Calhoun	1	5	Lexington	22	117
Charleston	0	274	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	0	2	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	0	12	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	0	13	Newberry	-1	7
Clarendon	9	54	Oconee	0	8
Colleton	-1	8	Orangeburg	1	27
Darlington	0	19	Pickens	1	18
Dillon	0	1	Richland	56	298
Dorchester	-1	44	Saluda	2	4

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Fairfield	2	14	Sumter	1	80
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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**18,976**
Total positive tests	**2,094**
Total negative tests	**16,927**
Negative - DHEC PHL	6,695
Negative - private labs	10,232

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been 10,232 negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 7,571. Of those, 876 were positive and 6,695 were negative.
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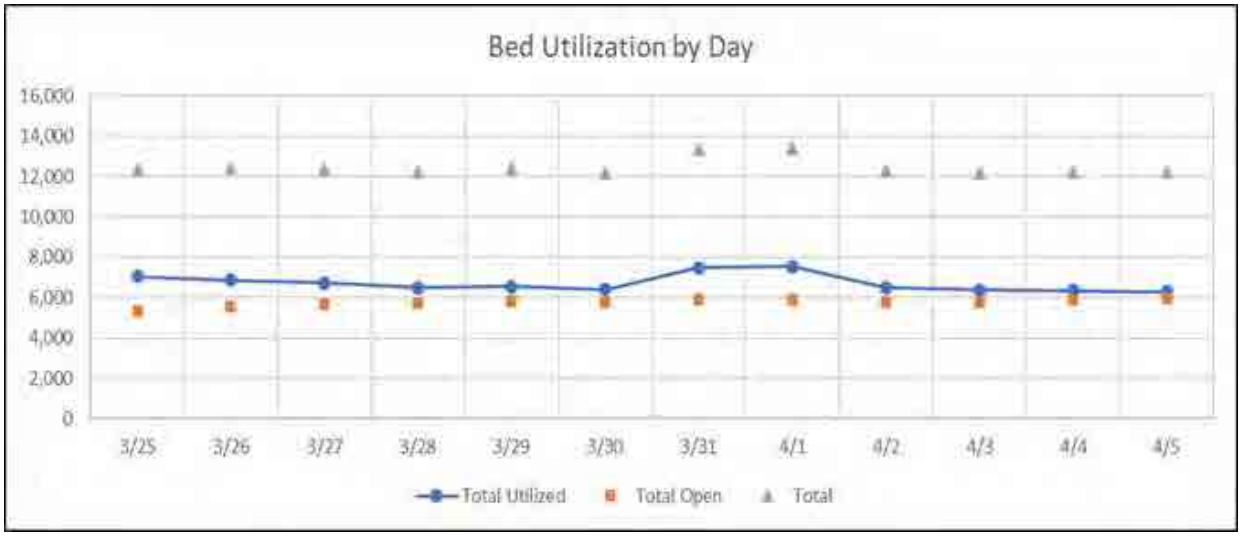

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How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves

- South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:
  - **Monitoring for symptoms**
  - **Practicing social distancing**
  - **Avoiding touching frequently touched items**
  - **Regularly washing your hands**
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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **187 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,417 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **three additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **51**. The additional deaths occurred in patients who were elderly with underlying health conditions. The individuals were residents from Greenville (1) and Lexington (2) counties.
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Bamberg	1	6	Kershaw	7	159
Barnwell	0	3	Lancaster	3	46
Beaufort	6	169	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	3	55	Lee	1	19
Calhoun	0	5	Lexington	6	130
Charleston	5	305	Marion	1	5
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Dorchester*	0	51	Saluda	1	5
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TOTAL— 187 new cases; 2,417 total cases					

- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available here. This includes estimated cases (those individuals potentially undiagnosed) by zip code. The estimate of undocumented cases is based on evidence that for every known case of COVID-19, there could be up to 9 people with the virus who remain unidentified. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to take action to protect themselves and those they love.
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- NEW—**IHME Projection Tool—**The DHEC testing and data page has been updated with new embedded projection tools from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) which utilizes the Chris Murray Model, referenced in prior White House press briefings, as a hospital planning tool updated daily. A FAQ is available on the IHME website. Residents can use this interactive tool to see information about projected need and availability of ICU beds, all beds, ventilators, and more. The model also shows projected deaths per day and total deaths.

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**23,680**
Total positive tests	**2,417**
Total negative tests	**21,263**
Negative - DHEC PHL	7,182
Negative - private labs	14,081

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been **14,081** negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Laboratory (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **8,123**. Of those, **941** were positive and **7,182** were negative.
  - **173** were resulted yesterday. **There is no backlog at the PHL at this time.** We are testing all samples received

today (approximately 450), and they will be resulted today.

- The PHL supply of reagents remains adequate for testing. The PHL continues to operate extended hours testing specimens seven days a week. Results are typically provided to health care providers within 24 to 48 hours.

Hospital Bed Capacity

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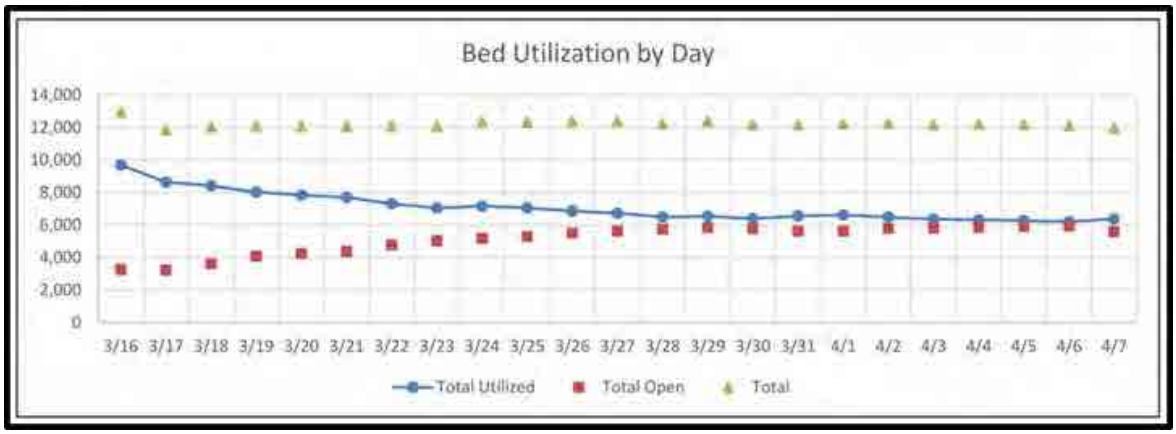

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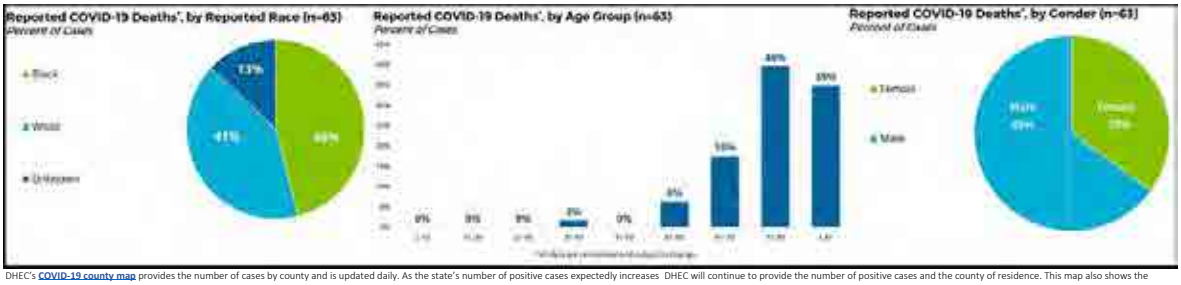

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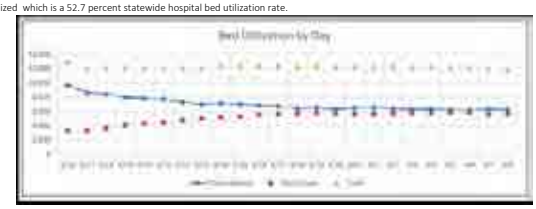

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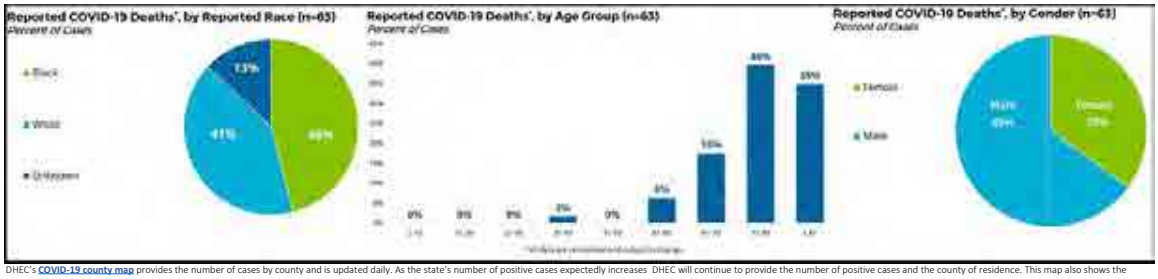

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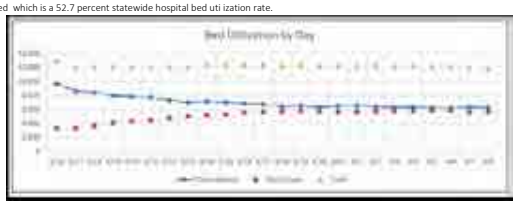

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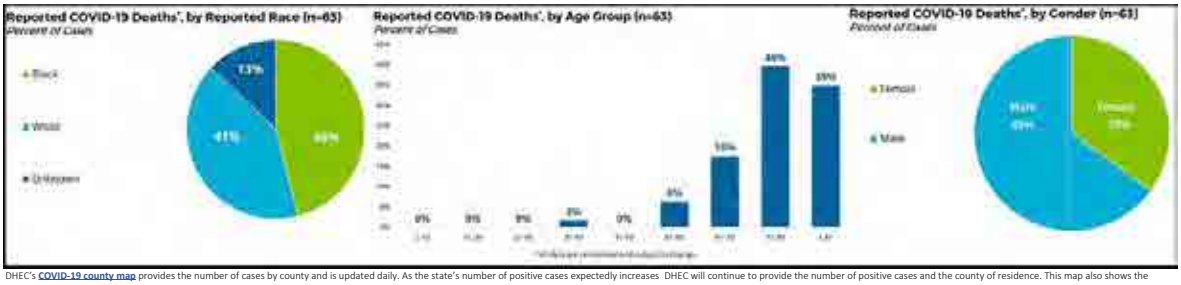

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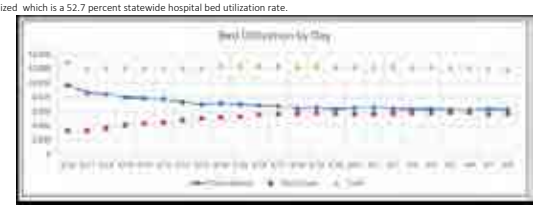

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Anderson	11	96	Jasper*	0	11

Bamberg	0	6	Kershaw	5	170
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Beaufort	10	184	Laurens	1	9
Berkeley	5	61	Lee	2	24
Calhoun	1	6	Lexington	33	161
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Chester	0	16	McCormick	1	3
Chesterfield	1	21	Newberry	2	11
Clarendon	3	75	Oconee	1	12
Colleton	3	15	Orangeburg	4	35
Darlington	3	31	Pickens	1	22
Dillon	2	3	Richland	45	417
Dorchester	4	58	Saluda	2	7
Edgefield	0	6	Spartanburg	13	139
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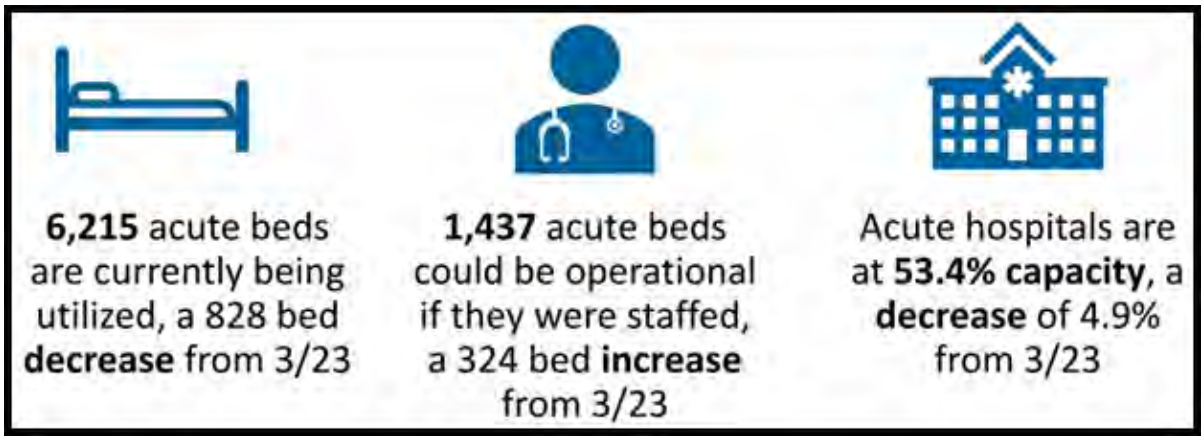

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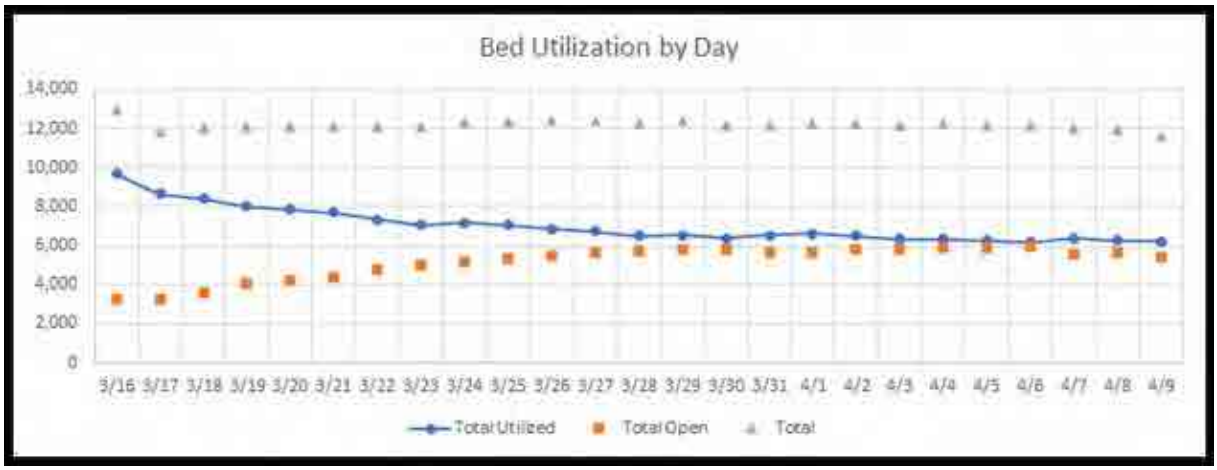

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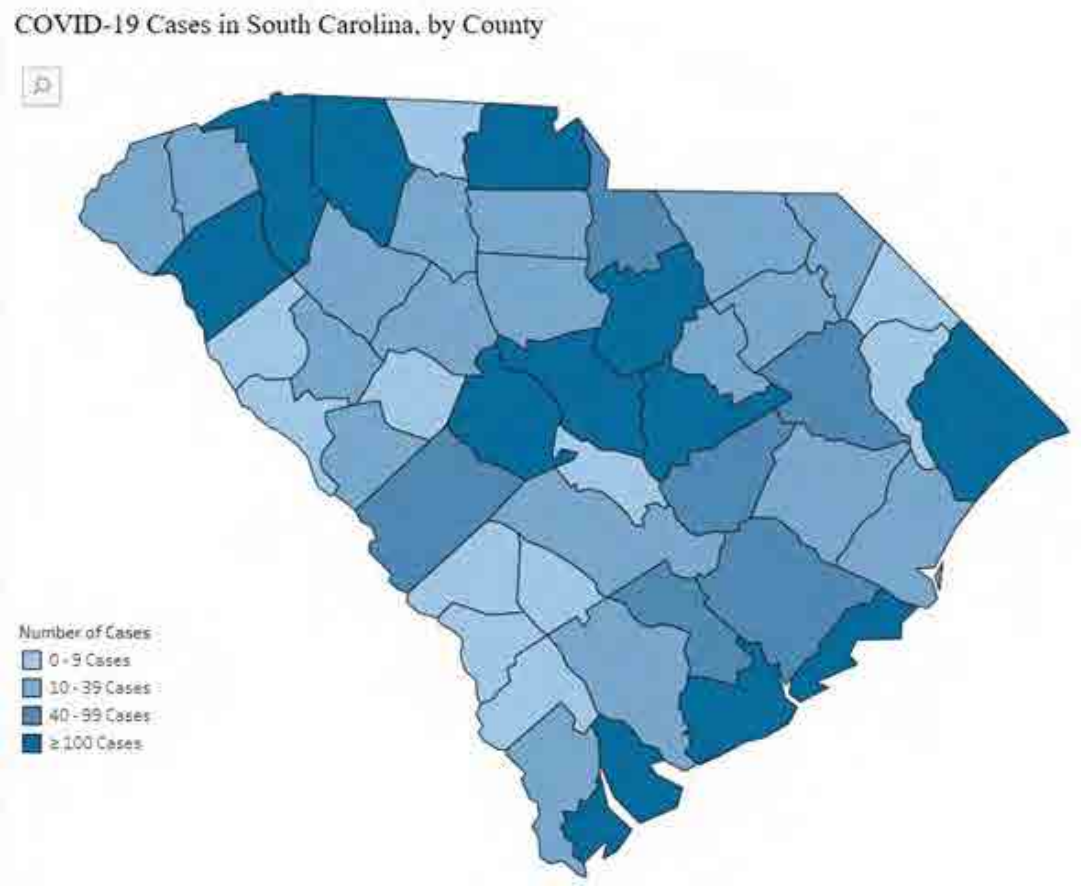

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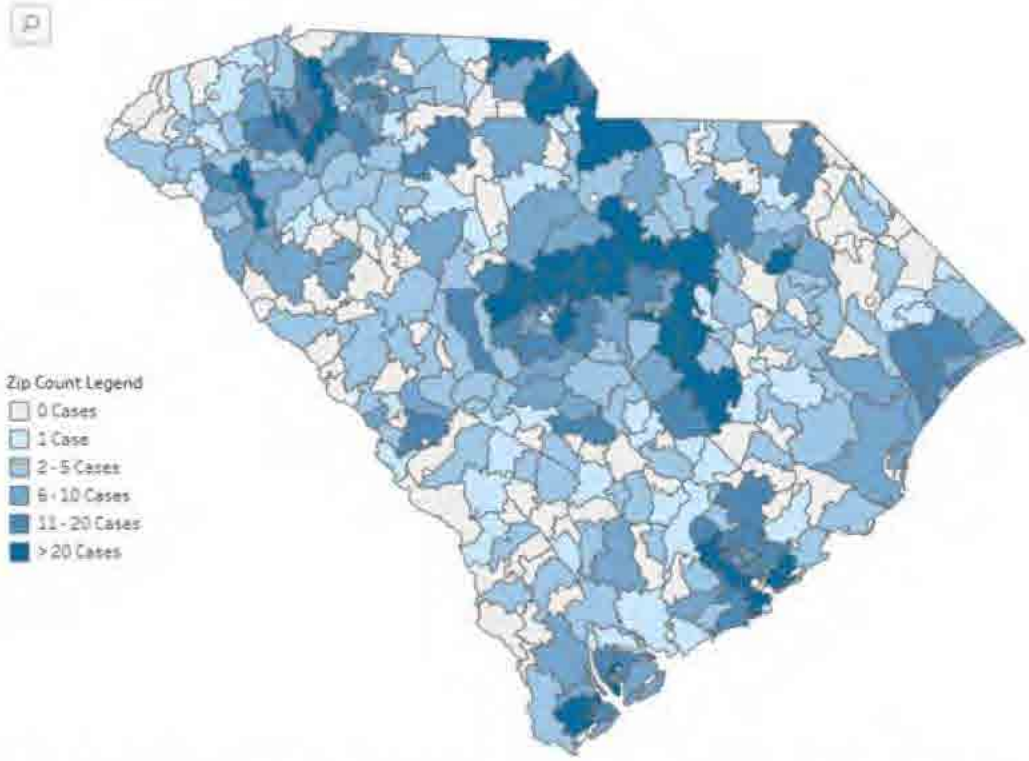

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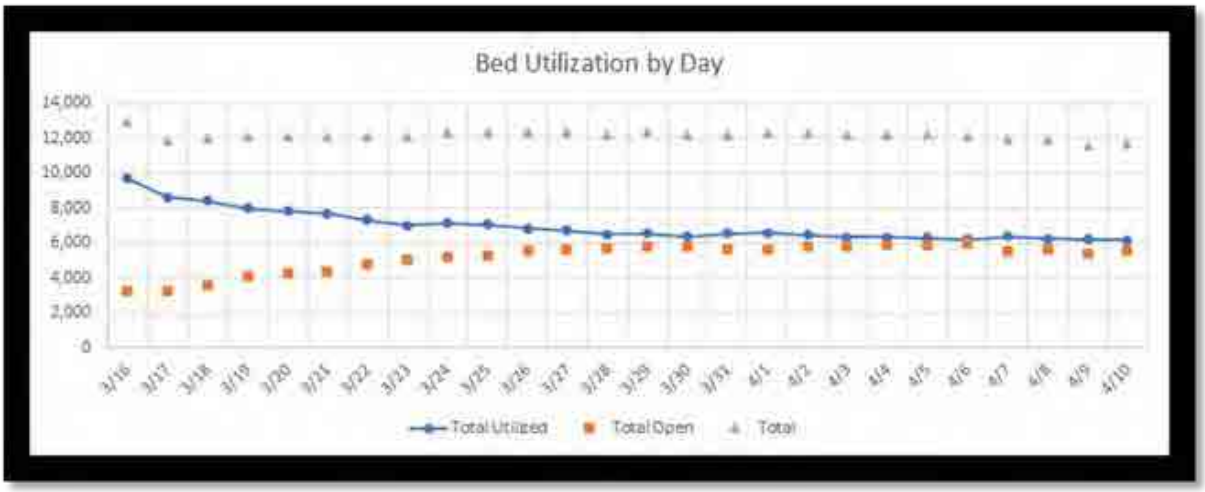

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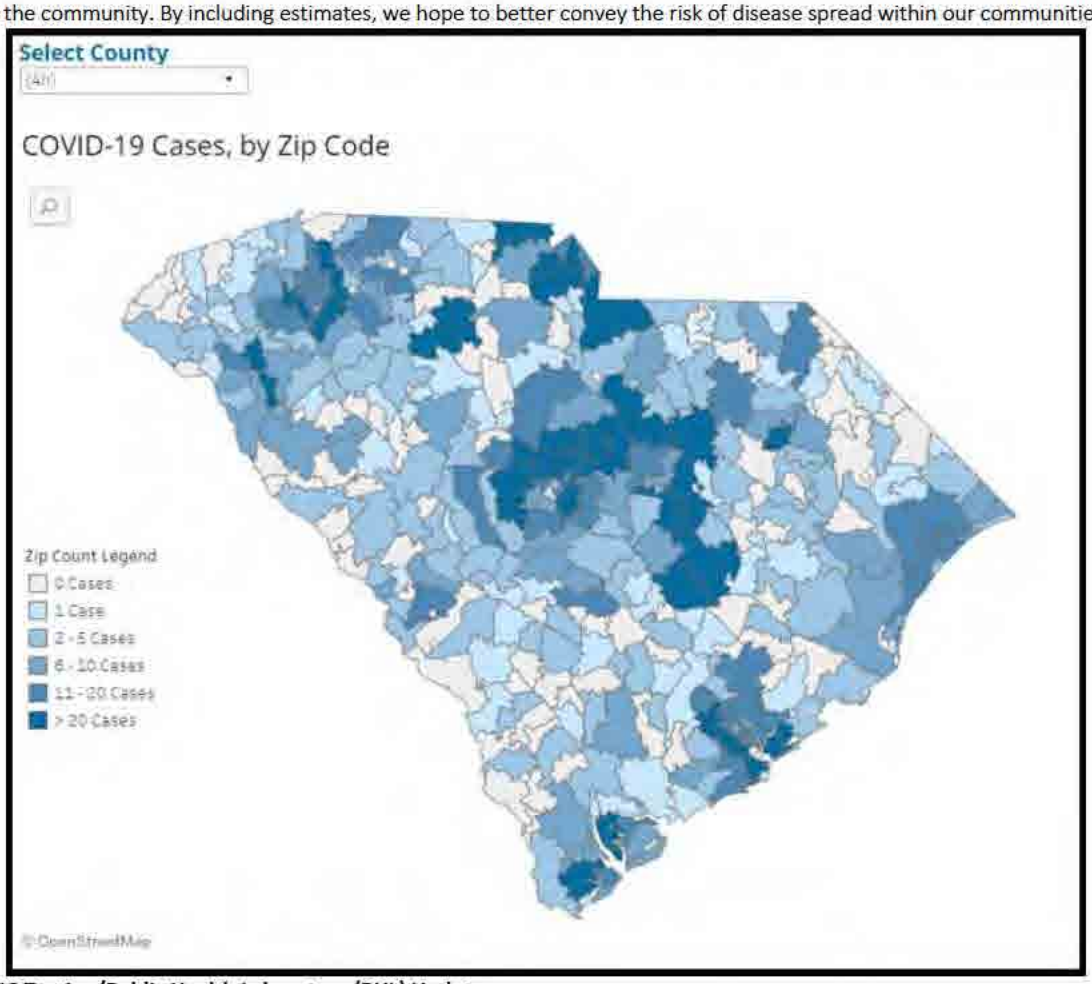

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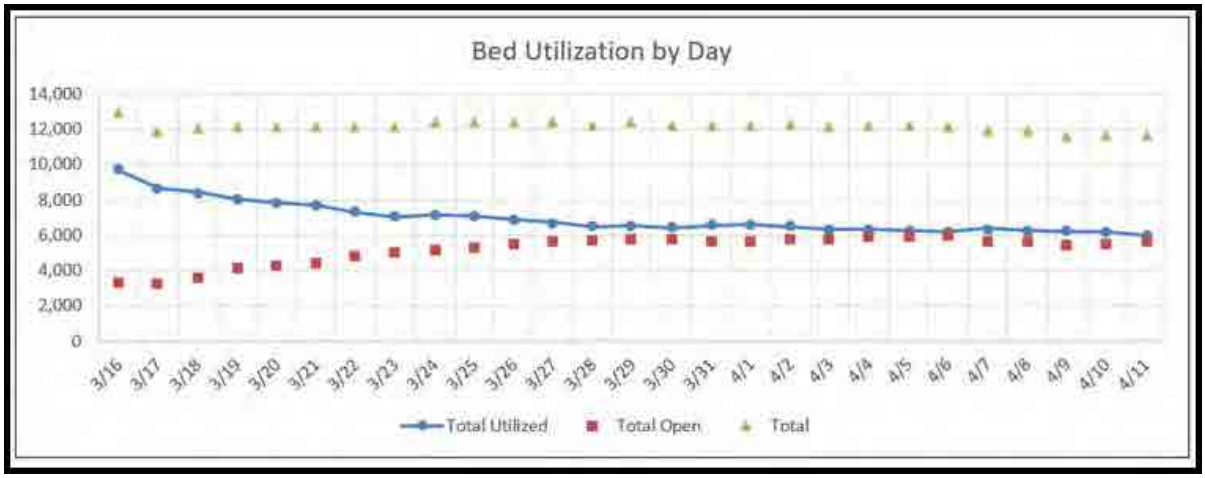

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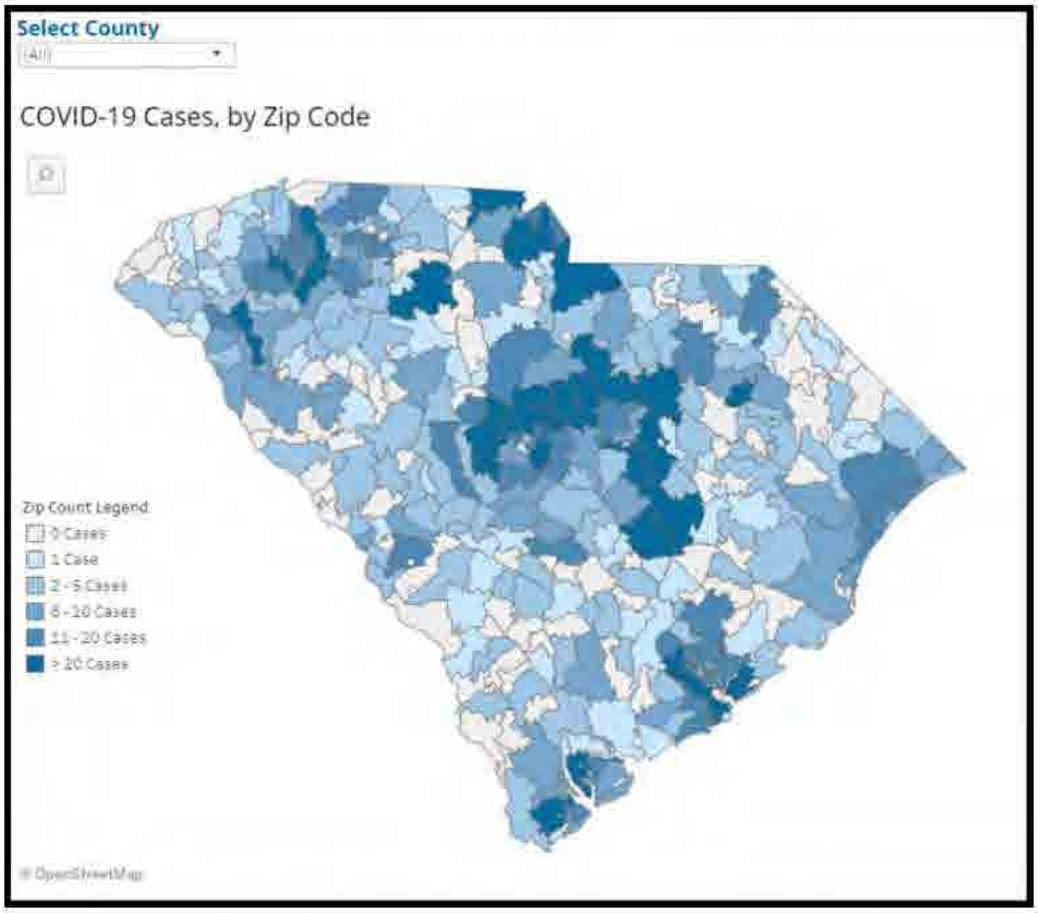

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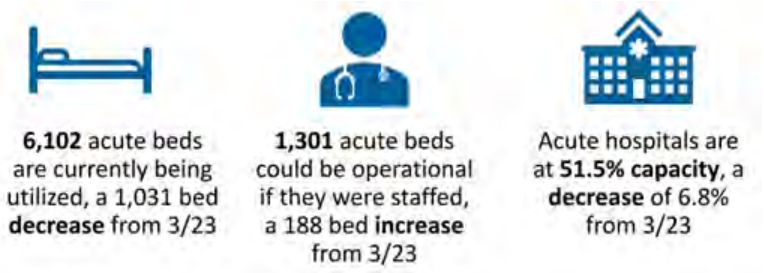

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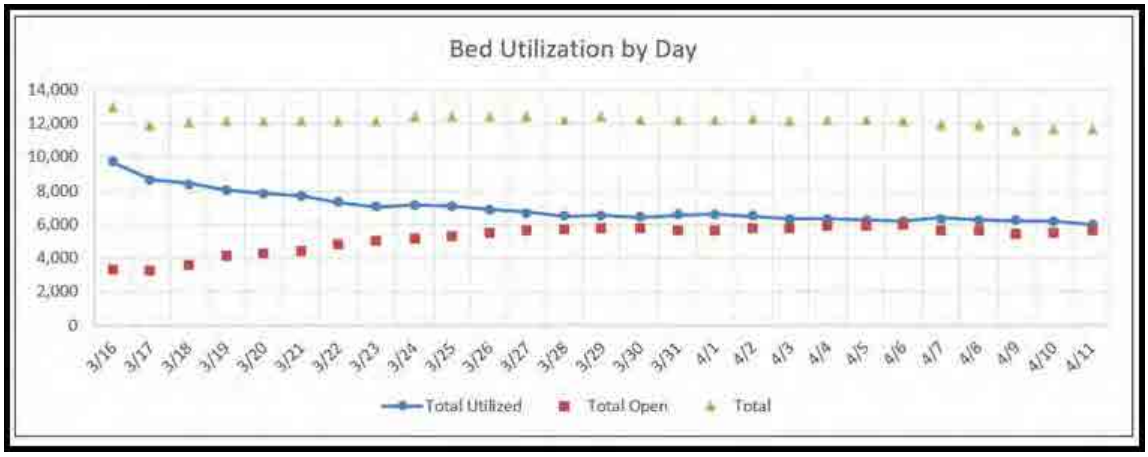

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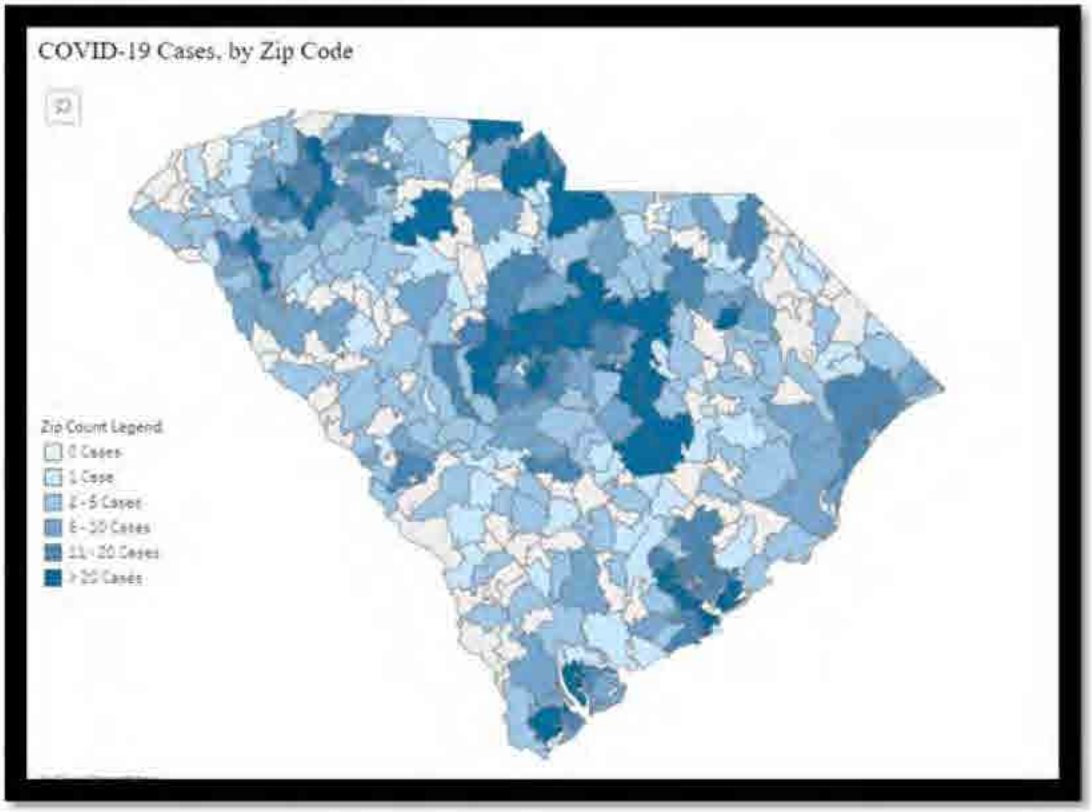

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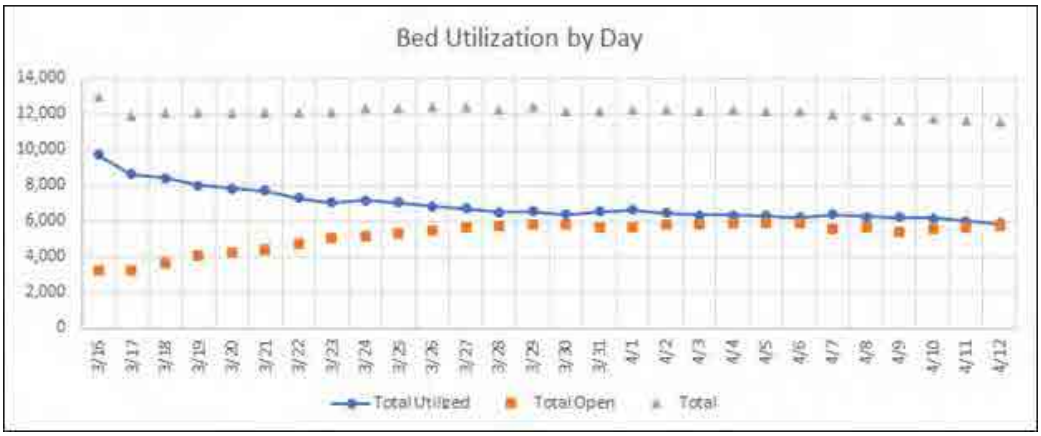

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Dorchester	2	85	Saluda	0	12
Edgefield	5	17	Spartanburg	5	225
Fairfield	1	26	Sumter	14	199
Florence	15	168	Union	0	24
Georgetown	0	33	Williamsburg	0	26
Greenville	17	517	York	3	162
TOTAL—172 new cases; 4,608 total cases					

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**42,441**
Total positive tests	**4,608**
Total negative tests	**37,833**
Negative - DHEC PHL	10,871
Negative - private labs	26,962

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **12,392**. Of those tests **1,521** were positive and **10,871** were negative.

- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **42,441** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.

- **Specimen Collection Sites:** A map of specimen collection sites is available on the COVID-19 data dashboard. Residents who wish to be tested for COVID-19 should not go directly to specimen-collection sites; a referral from telehealth or a clinician is required.

- **FDA Updates:** The FDA provides frequent updates related to diagnostic testing for COVID-19. This includes an **FDA Statement on Serological Test Validation and Education Efforts**, a diagnostic testing **FAQ**, and a letter to healthcare providers entitled **"Important Information on the Use of Serological (Antibody) Tests for COVID-19."**

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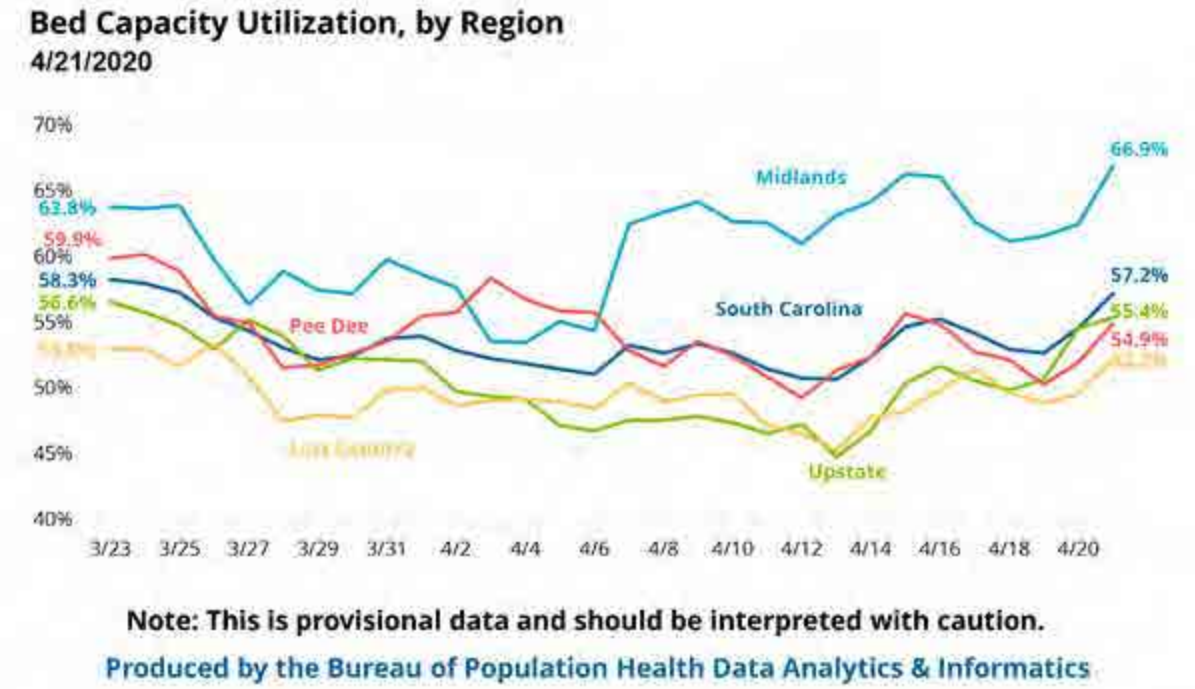
Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **4,869** hospital beds are available and **6,511** are utilized—a **57.2%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate. DHEC provides the **hospital bed capacity utilization by region and county** on its website.



DHEC Data Tools

- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard**, which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people. In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard's map shows the locations of the state's hospitals, as well as hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen collection sites that have been reported to DHEC.

- **Interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC also provides an interactive tool to generate printable maps and reports for both confirmed and estimated COVID-19 case counts **statewide, by county, or by zip code.**

- **Heat Map**: The **heat map** indicates reported cases of COVID-19 in the state. Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against this disease.

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Demographic Data Update

- The DHEC **demographic data** page was updated today; it is updated every Tuesday & Friday afternoon.

- Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection and death. In

addition, DHEC monitors this demographic data to enhance outreach efforts to high-risk populations and to identify any disparities that deserve further investigation or focus. Last week, DHEC added estimated recoveries, cases in healthcare facilities, and healthcare workers cases to this page in addition to already published categories of demographic information—age, gender, race, and ethnicity.

- **Healthcare Facilities:** DHEC provides information about cases reported in healthcare facilities and among healthcare workers on the demographic data page.

COVID-19 in Healthcare Facilities*

Aggregate number of nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, community residential facilities where at least one (1) COVID-19 case was identified	53
Aggregate number of cases reported within these facilities	246
Reported COVID-19 associated deaths in nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and community residential facilities	11

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COVID-19 Among Healthcare Workers

Aggregate number of COVID-19 positive healthcare workers	275

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- **Estimated Recoveries:** Based on the available symptom onset data we have for individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, DHEC estimates that as of April 20, 72% of individuals have recovered from the illness and 28% remain ill. This is an estimated percent of those who may have recovered from COVID-10, based upon the following parameters:
    - Those who reported **being hospitalized** were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 32 days since their illness onset.
    - Those who reported **not being hospitalized** were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 14 days since their illness onset.
    - Those where **hospitalization status was unknown** were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 32 days since their illness onset.

Reported COVID-19 Cases*, by Week of Report (n=4,608)

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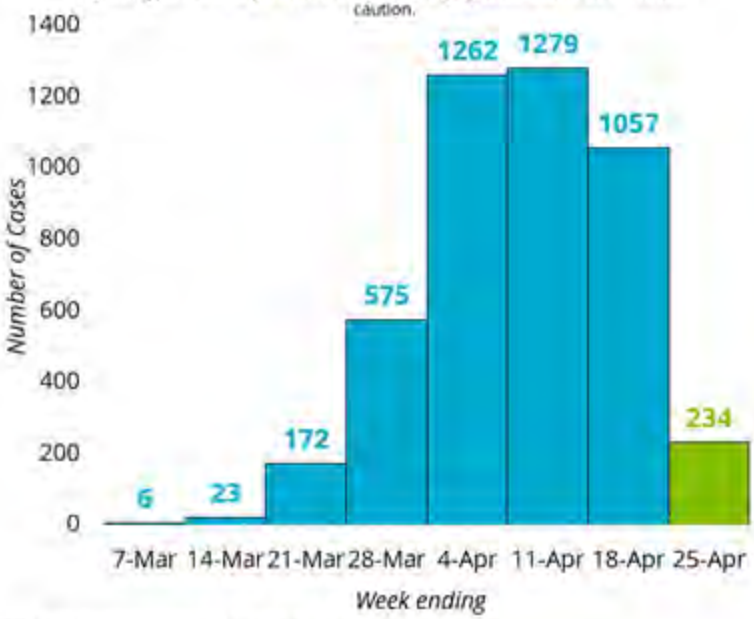

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Reported COVID-19 Deaths*, by Week of Report (n=135)

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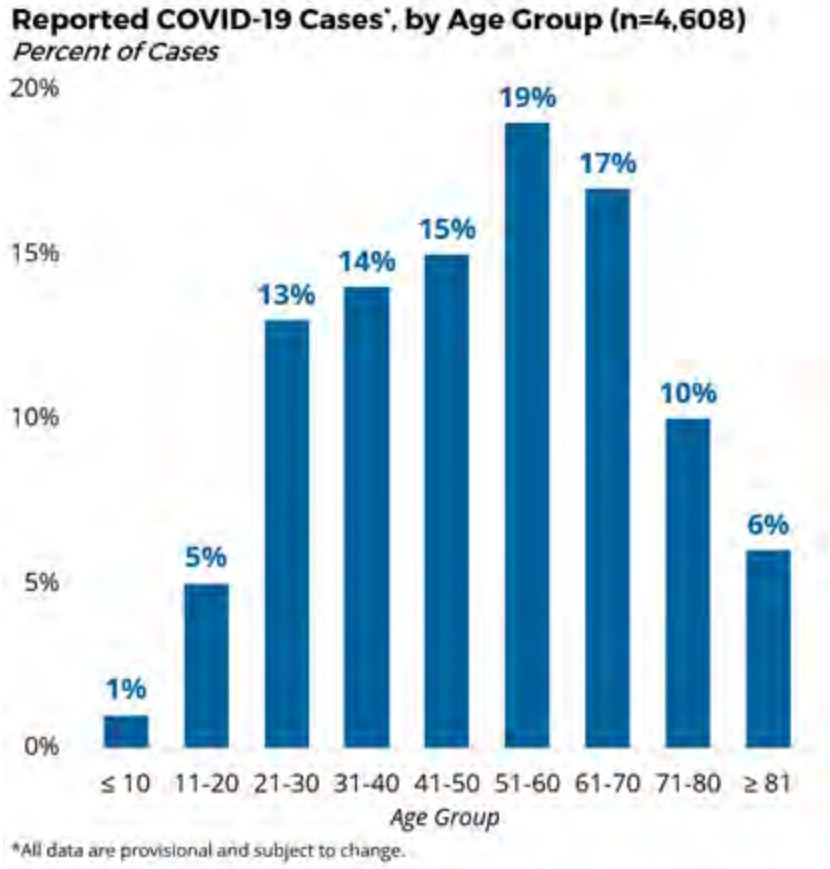
Reported COVID-19 Cases*, by Age Group (n=4,608)
Percent of Cases
20%
15%
10%
5%
0%
1%
5%
13%
14%
15%
19%
17%
10%
6%
≤ 10
11-20
21-30
31-40
41-50
51-60
61-70
71-80
≥ 81
Age Group
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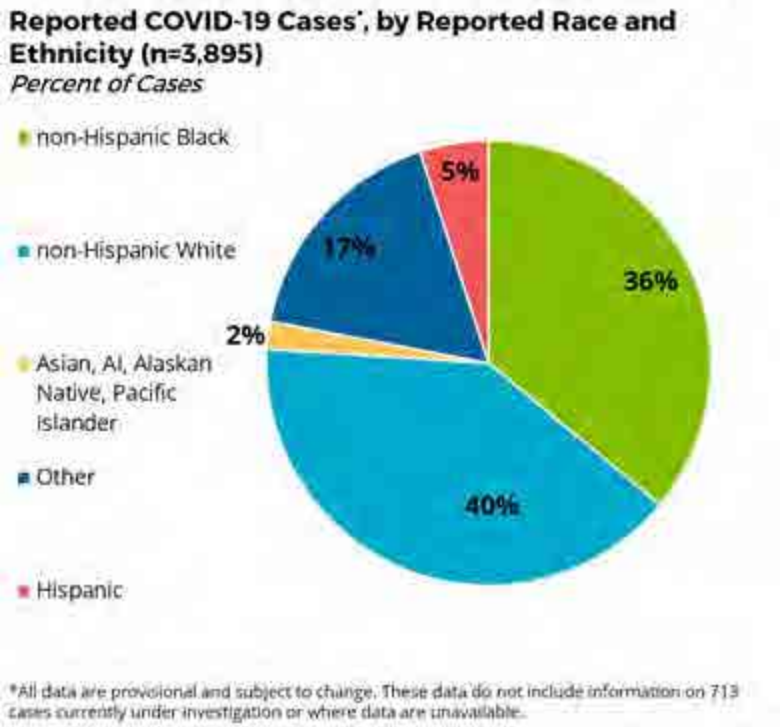
Reported COVID-19 Cases*, by Reported Race and Ethnicity (n=3,895)
Percent of Cases
non-Hispanic Black
non-Hispanic White
Asian, AI, Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander
Other
Hispanic
5%
17%
36%
2%
40%
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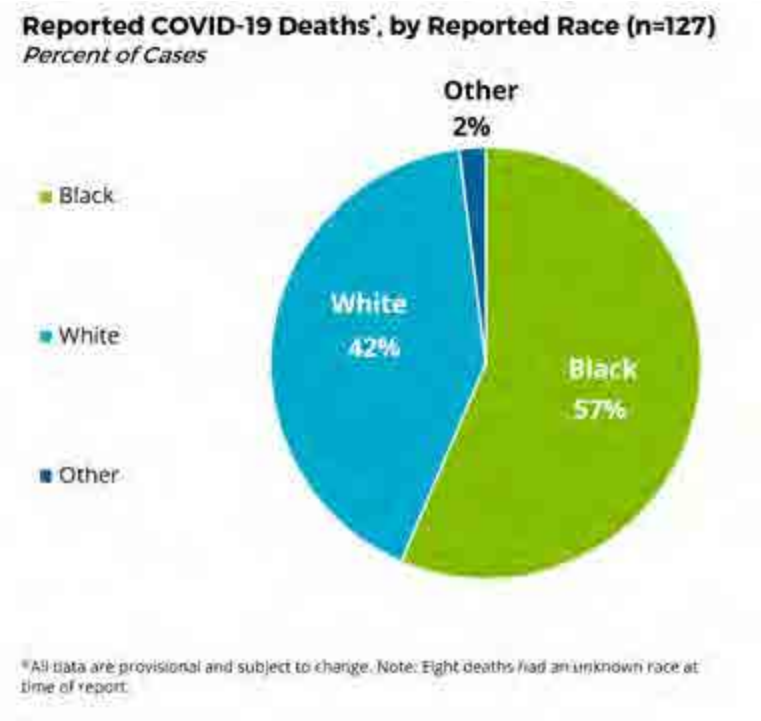

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Long-term Care Update

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DHEC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 37—April 22, 2020

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- The DHEC COVID-19 site at scdhec.gov/covid19 is updated often to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's COVID-19 webpage.

COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **160 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 4,761.**
- There were **five additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **140.** Three deaths occurred in elderly individuals from Berkeley (1), Clarendon (1), and Richland (1) counties. Two deaths occurred in middle-aged individuals from Greenville (1) and Spartanburg (1) counties.
- New cases by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	4	22	Greenwood	1	41
Aiken	12	82	Hampton	0	21
Allendale	0	6	Horry	3	190
Anderson	3	135	Jasper	0	15
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	2	205
Barnwell	2	8	Lancaster	1	80
Beaufort	3	236	Laurens	0	21
Berkeley	1	143	Lee	0	42
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	5	286
Charleston	3	406	Marion	3	22
Cherokee	0	14	Marlboro	2	32
Chester	0	25	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	0	37	Newberry	0	21
Clarendon	11	138	Oconee	0	19
Colleton	0	23	Orangeburg	2	51
Darlington	7	85	Pickens	0	41
Dillon	0	23	Richland	34	725
Dorchester	0	85	Saluda	6	18
Edgefield	4	21	Spartanburg	2	227
Fairfield	0	26	Sumter	8	206
Florence	15	176	Union	0	24
Georgetown	2	35	Williamsburg	1	27
Greenville	19	536	York	4	166
TOTAL—160 new cases; 4,761 total cases					

*Seven cases have been determined upon collecting additional information to be residents of other states and have been assigned to those states.

**As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the person's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	43,111

Total positive tests	**4,761**
Total negative tests	**38,350**
Negative - DHEC PHL	11,111
Negative - private labs	27,239

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **12,681**. Of those tests **1,570** were positive and **11,111** were negative.

- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **43,111** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.

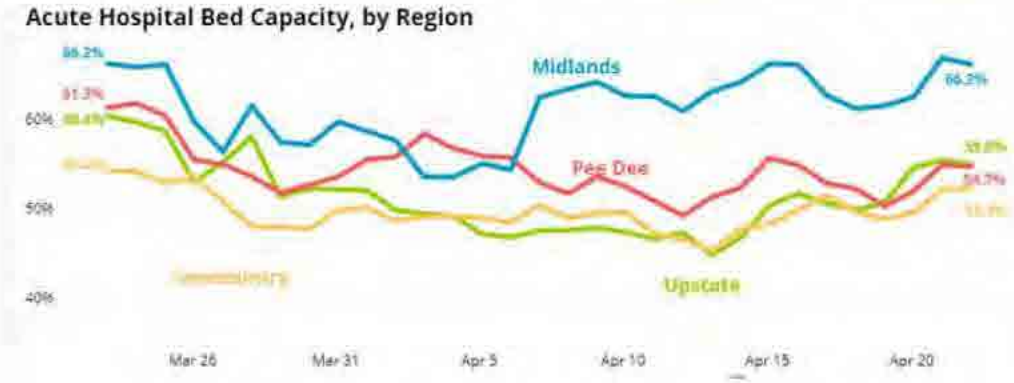
- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
  - **Screenings by Telephone:** On April 20, MUSC Health announced the availability of a new hotline aimed to address individuals who may not have meaningful access to online screening due to homelessness, lack of internet access, or access and functional needs that may cause trouble with online screening (disabilities, lack of technical proficiency, etc.). The hotline, 843-985-8888, offers COVID-19 screenings in English and Spanish seven days a week.
- **Specimen Collection Sites:** A map of specimen collection sites is available on the COVID-19 data dashboard. Residents who wish to be tested for COVID-19 should not go directly to specimen-collection sites; a referral/physician's order from telehealth or a clinician is required.

- **FDA Serological Test Validation and Education Efforts:** The FDA provides frequent updates related to diagnostic testing for COVID-19. This includes an FDA Statement on Serological Test Validation and Education Efforts, a diagnostic testing FAQ, and a letter to healthcare providers entitled "Important Information on the Use of Serological (Antibody) Tests for COVID-19."

  - There is still a great deal about COVID-19 immunity that we don't yet fully understand. For example, we don't yet know that just because someone has developed antibodies, that they are fully protected from reinfection, or how long any immunity lasts.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **5,029** hospital beds are available and **6,639** are utilized—a **56.9%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.



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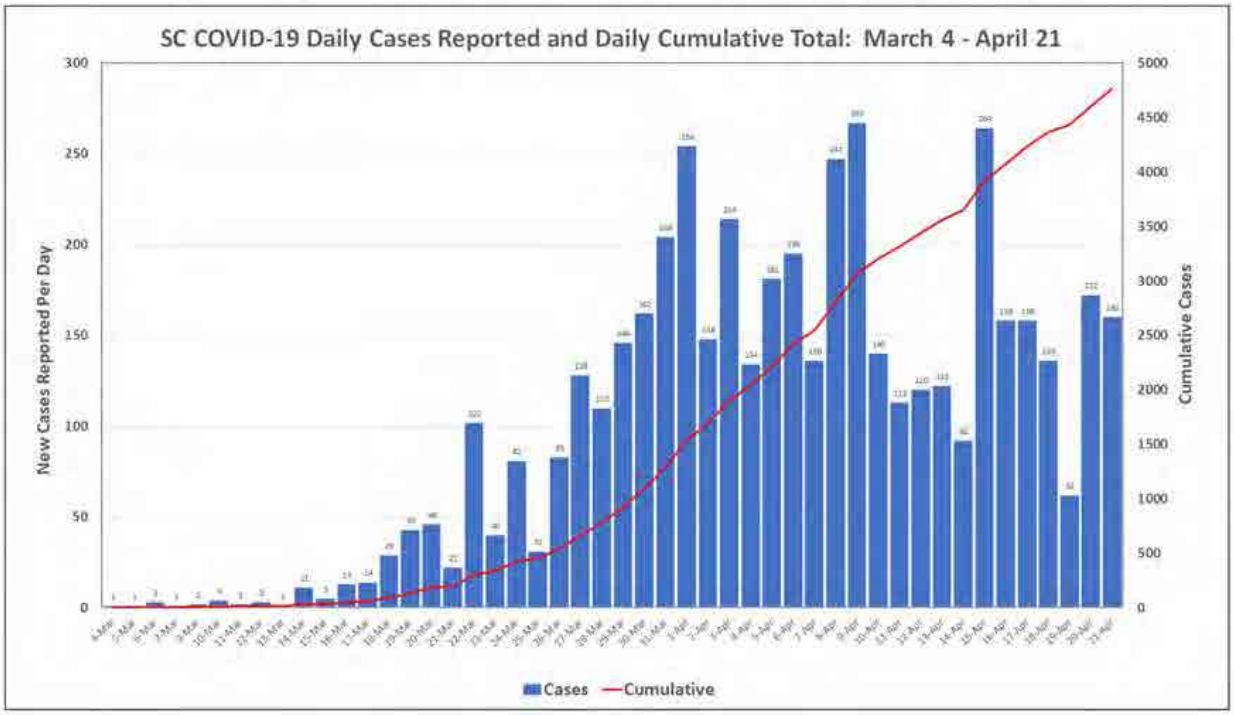
- **Demographic Data:** The DHEC demographic data page, updated on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries. Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection and death. In addition, DHEC monitors this demographic data to enhance outreach efforts to high-risk populations and to identify any disparities that deserve further investigation or focus.

- **Daily Cases Reported/Daily Cumulative Total:**



***Note**: The bars along the bottom represents new cases daily and are graphed as per the scale along the left vertical axis. The line represents cumulative cases and are graphed as per the scale on the separate right vertical axis.*

Long-term Care Update

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COVID-19 in Healthcare Facilities*	
Aggregate number of nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, community residential facilities where at least one (1) COVID-19 case was identified	45
Aggregate number of cases reported within these facilities	240
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- DHEC prioritizes the identification of COVID-19 infections in congregate settings like nursing homes, assisted living facilities and extended care facilities because the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 is common in these types of facilities, and the residents who live there are at high risk for developing complications or death from COVID-19 infection.
- To better inform the public about the scope of COVID-19 within these types of facilities, DHEC is providing a **twice weekly update** on the names of facilities in the state that have an associated confirmed case of COVID-19, as well as the number of positive cases for either residents or staff members.

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **168 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 5,070.**
- There were **eight additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **157**.
  - The deaths occurred in six elderly individuals from Aiken (1), Beaufort (1), Charleston (1), Dorchester (1), Greenville (1), and Kershaw (1) counties, and two middle-aged individuals from Greenville (1) and Lexington (1) counties.
  - One previously reported death of an individual from Florence County has been removed from the state's total number of deaths as it's being reviewed to confirm whether the individual's death was related to COVID-19.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	1	24	Greenwood	1	42
Aiken	1	86	Hampton	0	21
Allendale	1	8	Horry	2	198
Anderson	3	140	Jasper	2	17
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	2	211
Barnwell	0	10	Lancaster	1	80
Beaufort	3	244	Laurens	0	21
Berkeley	10	162	Lee	3	48
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	8	302
Charleston	5	416	Marion	2	24
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Chester	0	26	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	1	40	Newberry	1	22
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Edgefield	1	22	Spartanburg	3	238
Fairfield	1	28	Sumter	2	209
Florence	34	225	Union	0	25
Georgetown	1	37	Williamsburg	5	38
Greenville	8	557	York	2	172

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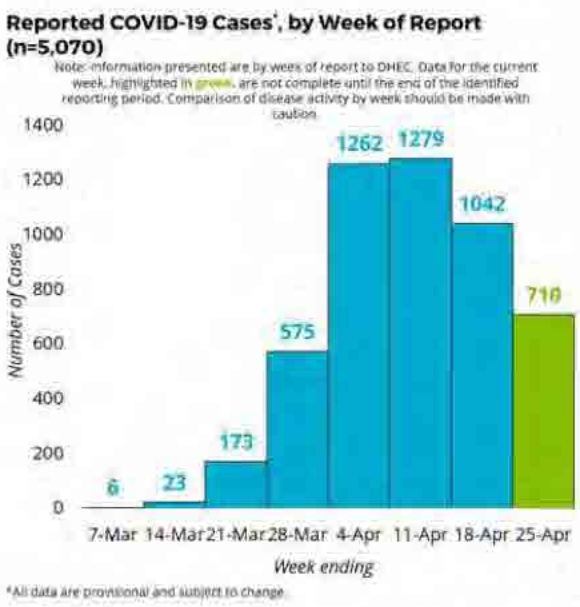

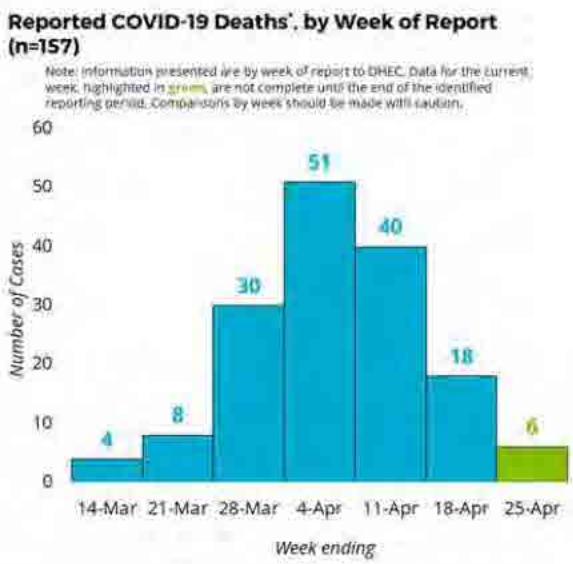

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
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Positive – private labs	3,415
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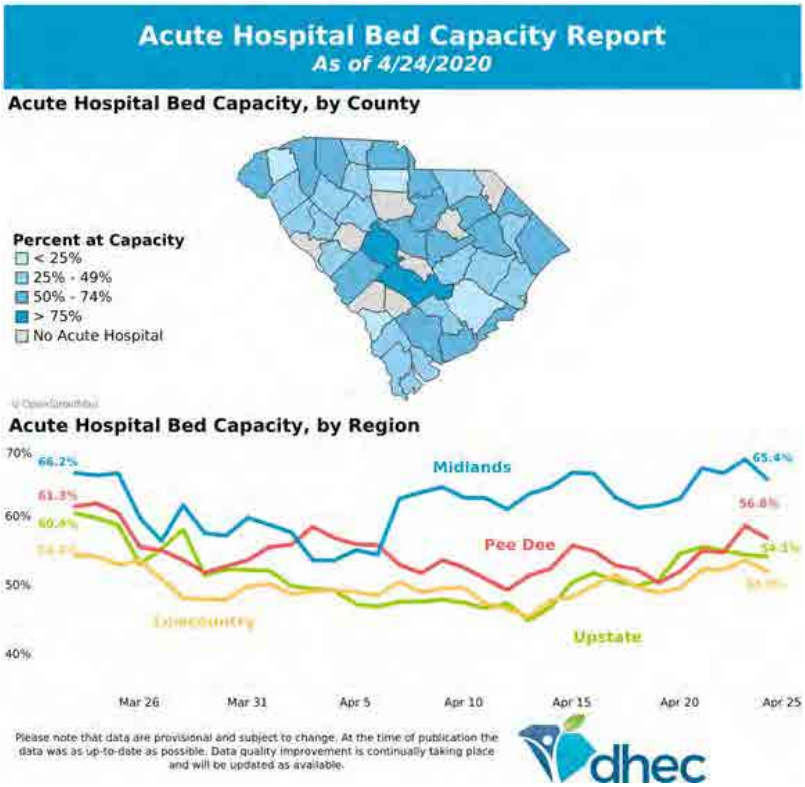

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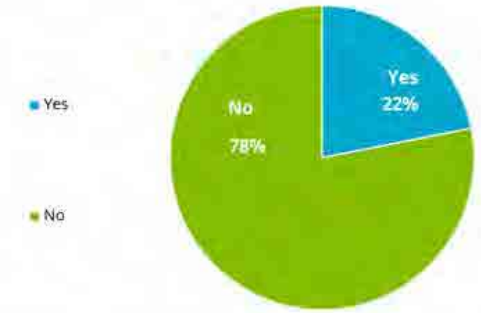

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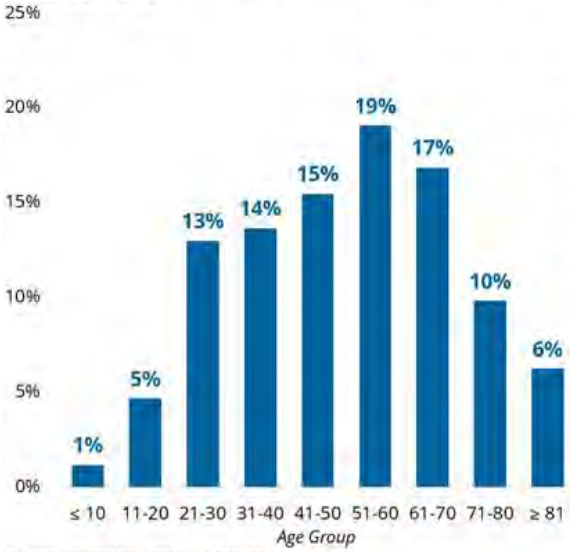

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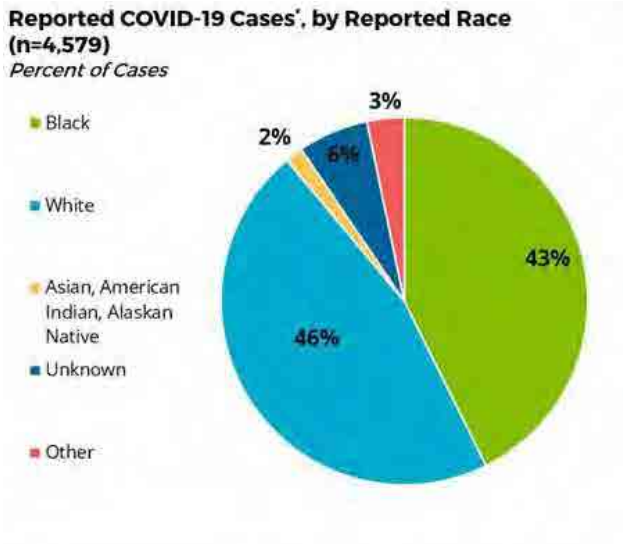

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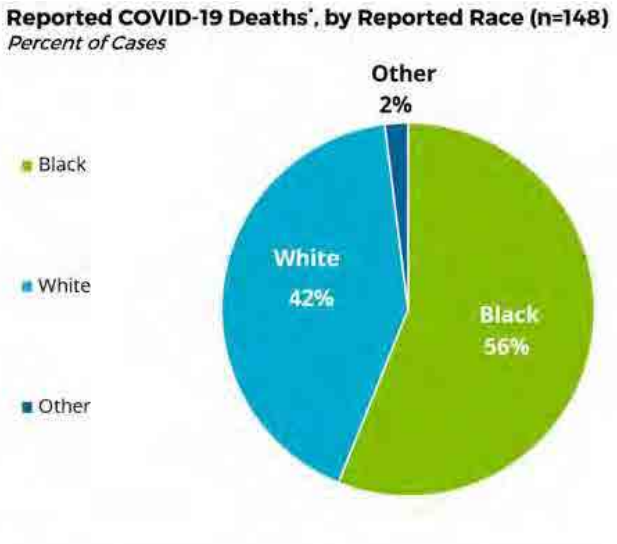

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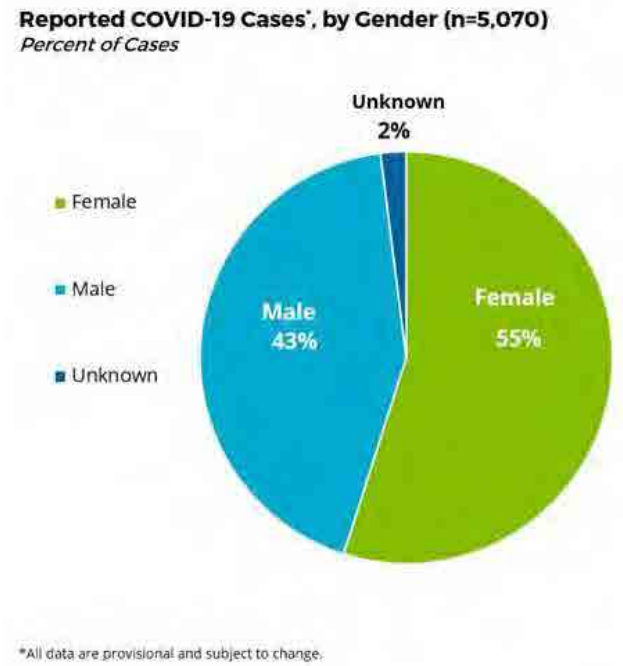

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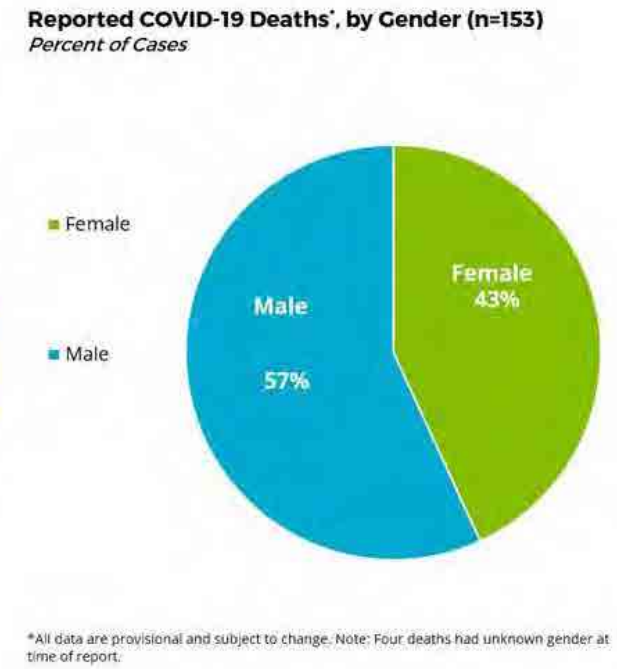

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At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts

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    - working with churches to help communicate prevention messaging,
    - taking our WIC services 100% over-the-phone,
    - expanding options in a variety of food categories to address WIC product shortages,
    - working with environmental justice advocates to raise awareness,
    - increasing availability of public health data to help provide information to assist in decision making, and
    - partnering with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to reach minority and rural populations across the state.

DHEC Hosts Telebriefings for Faith-Based Leaders and Environmental Justice Advocates

- Today, DHEC hosted two telebriefings with faith-based leaders and environmental justice advocates, which more than 300 participants registered to attend.
- DHEC recognizes that community- and faith-based organizations and environmental justice advocates play an important role in statewide outreach efforts, and these telebriefings were focused on ensuring all South Carolinians receive the information and resources available to help them protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

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Updated Reporting Criteria/Testing Guidance

- The DHEC 2020 List of Reportable Conditions now includes COVID-19. COVID-19 **cases *and* deaths** are now considered an **Urgently Reportable Condition** (i.e. reportable within 24 hours by phone).

South Carolina 2020 List of Reportable Conditions

REPORT UPON RECOGNITION OF A SUSPECTED CASE, DIAGNOSIS, OR POSITIVE LABORATORY EVIDENCE (SEE "HOW TO REPORT" ON BACK)

Suspected means clinical suspicion and/or initial laboratory detection, isolation, identification, or presence of supportive laboratory results

Potential agent of bioterrorism

! Immediately reportable by phone call to a live person of the regional public health office, 24/7

* Urgently reportable within 24 hours by phone

All other conditions except lead are reportable within 3 business days

! Any case that may be caused by chemical, biological, or radiological threat, novel infectious agent, or any cluster of cases, or outbreak of a disease or condition that might pose a substantial risk of human morbidity or mortality (1) (5)

* Animal (mammal) bites (6)

! Anthrax (Bacillus anthracis) (5)

Legionellosis

Leprosy (Mycobacterium leprae) (Hansen's Disease)

Leptospirosis

Listeriosis (5)

Lyme disease (Borrelia burgdorferi)

Lymphogranuloma venereum

IMPORTANT UPDATE:
As of April 22, 2020, COVID-19 cases and deaths are now urgently reportable within 24 hours by phone.

- Today, April 24, the updated list of reportable conditions was sent to long-term care facilities by the DHEC Healthcare Quality team.
- A new **DHEC Health Update was issued Wednesday** via the **Health Alert Network** to health care providers with the updated reporting criteria and requirements and guidance regarding testing for COVID-19.
- The HAN provided the following information regarding **testing for COVID-19**:
  - Serology testing (IgM, IgA, and IgG) for COVID-19 is now available on the market. **Serological tests are still investigational and are not recommended for active case identification.**
  - Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT) on a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab is still the preferred method for identifying and managing suspect cases of COVID-19.
  - Providers should expand testing to symptomatic individuals not in the priority risk groups when possible (as testing supplies and resources allow). Expanding testing to these patients, when possible, will help provide better information regarding the burden of the disease in South Carolina and inform public health decisions.
- The HAN provided the following information regarding the **updated reporting requirements for COVID-19**:
  - Clinicians are required to report all cases of COVID-19 for which rapid or laboratory testing (serology or NAAT) has been completed and found to be positive.
  - COVID-19 cases *and* deaths are now considered an Urgently Reportable Condition to be reported within 24 hours by phone. Specific data elements, such as hospitalization and relationship to long-term care facilities), are expected to be included in all reports.
  - Upon receipt of report, Public Health staff will work with the reporting provider to gather additional clinical (if appropriate) and epidemiologic information to classify the case of COVID-19 and assist with additional public health actions for disease control and mitigation.

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Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources
DHEC FAQ for Coroners
DAODAS COVID-19 Resources
Just Plain Killers

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC COVID-19 Information for First Responders
DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
FDA: Food Safety & COVID-19
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:
DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 40—April 25, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call **1-855-472-3432**. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **180 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 5,253.**
- There were **nine additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **166.**
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Anderson	0	138	Jasper	0	17
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	4	215
Barnwell	3	14	Lancaster	5	85
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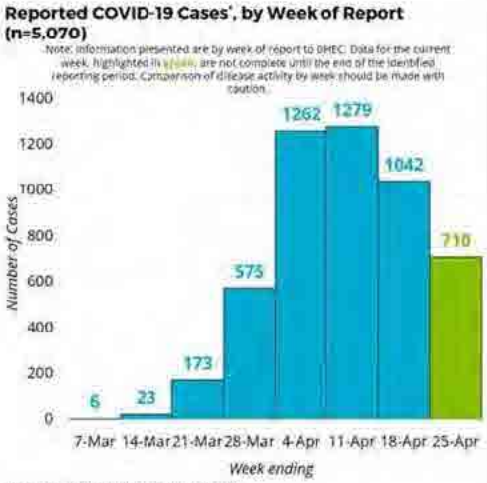

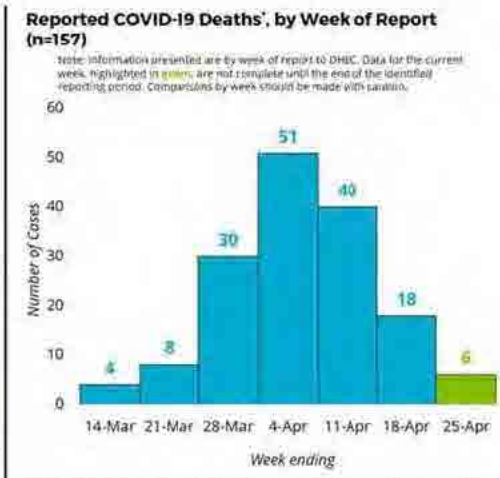

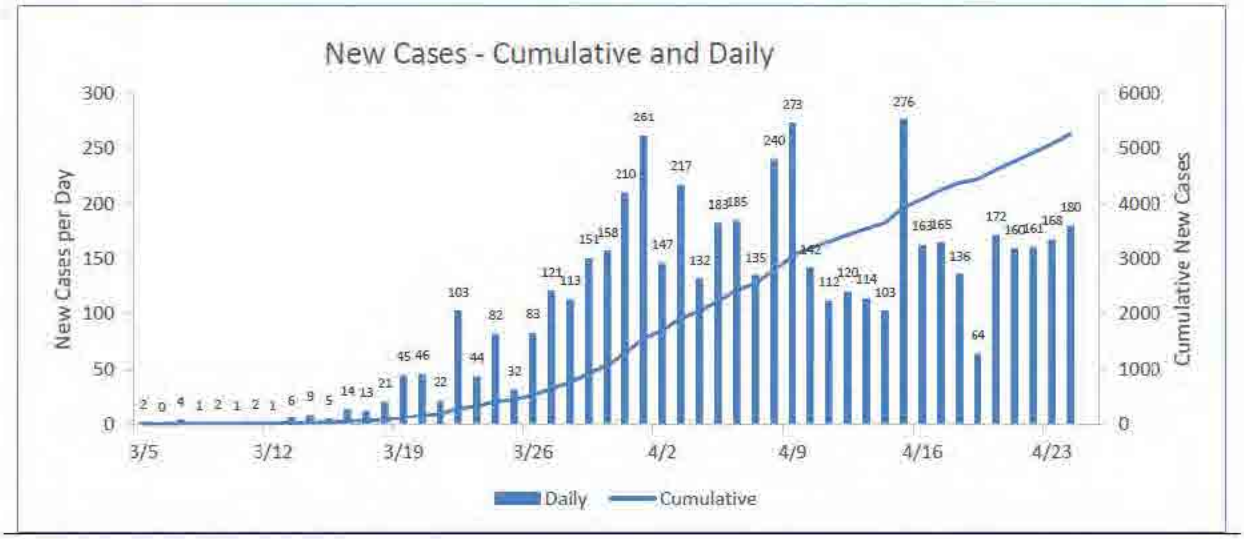

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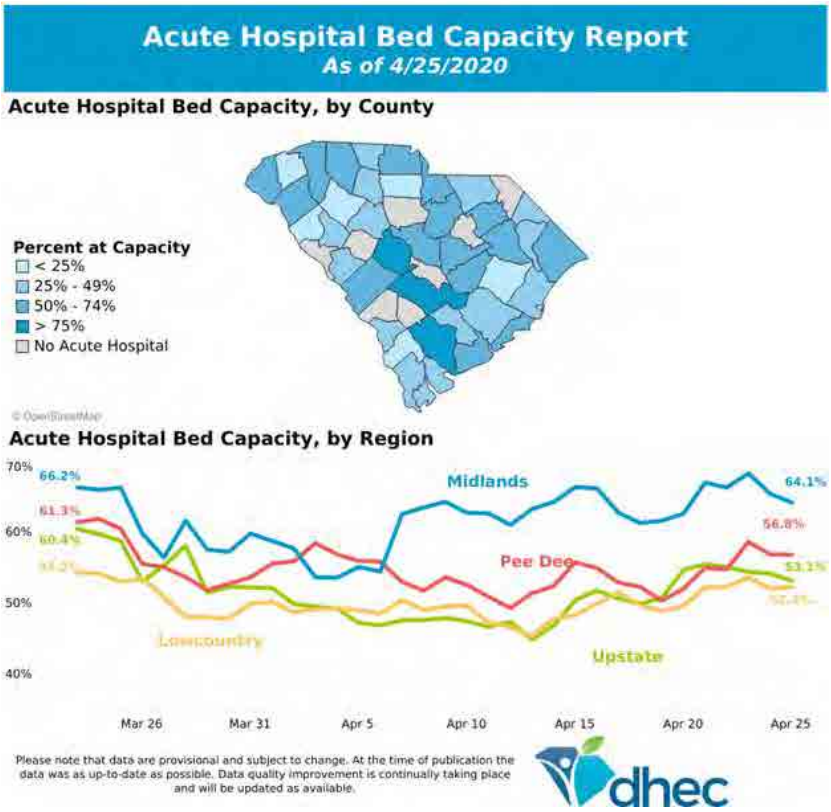

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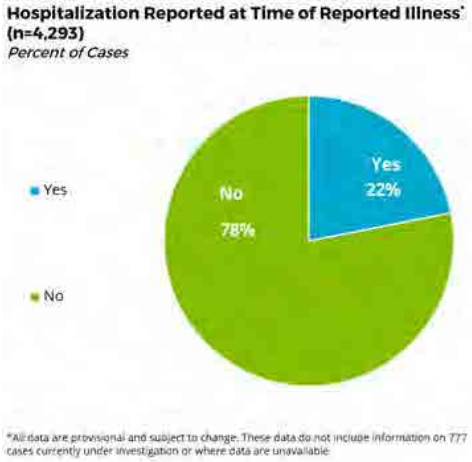

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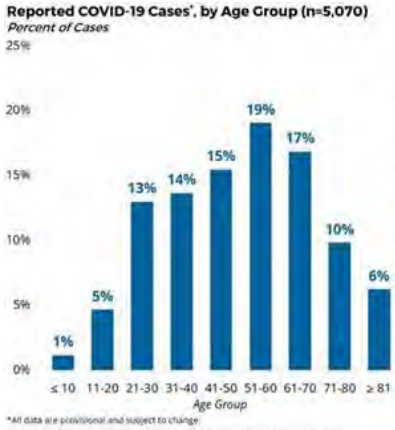

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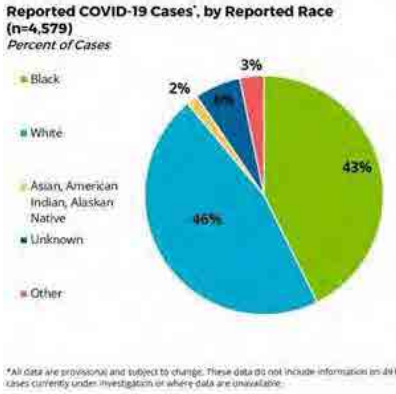

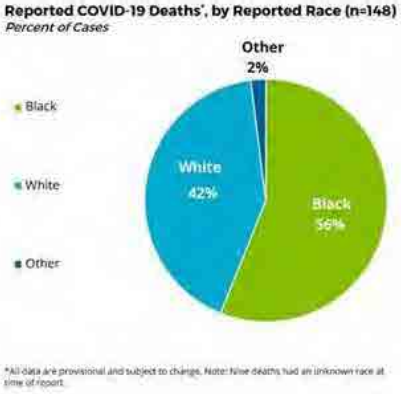

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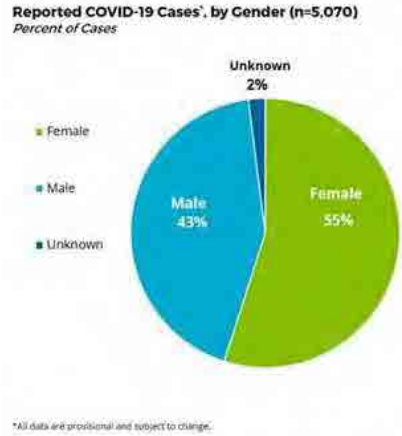

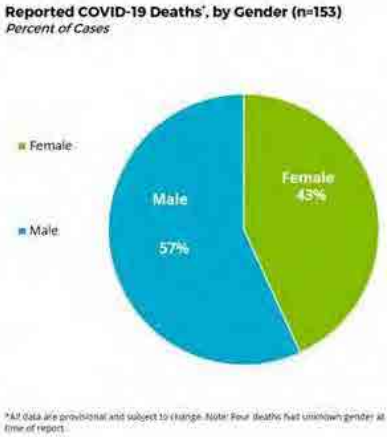

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At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts

- While COVID-19 is exacting a great toll on all communities across the country, data reveals that African Americans make up a disproportionate number of positive cases, including in South Carolina. African Americans make up about 27 percent of the state's population but comprise 43 percent of COVID-19 cases and 56 percent of related deaths, as indicated in **our demographic data**.
- At the core of this problem is that African Americans are disproportionately affected by conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, and obesity and are more likely to encounter circumstances that limit adequate access to care. People with such health conditions and limited access to care are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. DHEC recognizes the critical need to address these inequities and is collaborating with community partners by:
    - working with churches to help communicate prevention messaging,
    - taking our WIC services 100% over-the-phone,
    - expanding options in a variety of food categories to address WIC product shortages,
    - working with environmental justice advocates to raise awareness,
    - increasing availability of public health data to help provide information to assist in decision making, and
    - partnering with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to reach minority and rural populations across the state.

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DHEC Hosts Telebriefings for Faith-Based Leaders and Environmental Justice Advocates

- DHEC hosted two telebriefings with faith-based leaders and environmental justice advocates, which more than 300 participants registered to attend.
- DHEC recognizes that community- and faith-based organizations and environmental justice advocates play an important role in statewide outreach efforts, and these telebriefings were focused on ensuring all South Carolinians receive the information and resources available to help them protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

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Updated Reporting Criteria/Testing Guidance

- The DHEC 2020 List of Reportable Conditions now includes COVID-19. COVID-19 **cases *and* deaths** are now considered an **Urgently Reportable Condition** (i e. reportable within 24 hours by phone).

South Carolina 2020 List of Reportable Conditions

REPORT UPON RECOGNITION OF A SUSPECTED CASE, DIAGNOSIS, OR POSITIVE LABORATORY EVIDENCE (SEE "HOW TO REPORT" ON BACK)

Suspected means clinical suspicion and/or initial laboratory detection, isolation, identification, or presence of supportive laboratory results

Potential agent of bioterrorism

! Immediately reportable by phone call to the person of the regional public health office, 24/7

* Urgently reportable within 24 hours by phone

All other conditions except lead are reportable within 3 business days

IMPORTANT UPDATE: As of April 22, 2020, COVID-19 cases and deaths are now urgently reportable within 24 hours by phone.

! Any case that may be caused by chemical, biological, or radiological threat, novel infectious agent, or any cluster of cases, or outbreak of a disease or condition that might pose a substantial risk of human morbidity or mortality (1) (5)

* Animal (mammal) bites (6)

! Anthrax (Bacillus anthracis) (5)

Legionellosis

Leprosy (Mycobacterium leprae) (Hansen's Disease)

Leptospirosis

Listeriosis (5)

Lyme disease (Borrelia burgdorferi)

Lymphogranuloma venereum

- The updated list of reportable conditions was sent to long-term care facilities by the DHEC Healthcare Quality team on April 24.
- A new **DHEC Health Update was issued Wednesday** via the **Health Alert Network** to health care providers with the updated reporting criteria and requirements and guidance regarding testing for COVID-19.
- The HAN provided the following information regarding **testing for COVID-19**:
    - Serology testing (IgM, IgA, and IgG) for COVID-19 is now available on the market. **Serological tests are still investigational and are not recommended for active case identification.**
    - Nucleic Acid Amplification Testing (NAAT) on a nasopharyngeal (NP) swab is still the preferred method for identifying and managing suspect cases of COVID-19.
    - Providers should expand testing to symptomatic individuals not in the priority risk groups when possible (as testing supplies and resources allow). Expanding testing to these patients, when possible, will help provide better information regarding the burden of the disease in South Carolina and inform public health decisions.
- The HAN provided the following information regarding the **updated reporting requirements for COVID-19**:
    - Clinicians are required to report all cases of COVID-19 for which rapid or laboratory testing (serology or NAAT) has been completed and found to be positive.
    - COVID-19 cases *and* deaths are now considered an Urgently Reportable Condition to be reported within 24 hours by phone. Specific data elements, such as hospitalization and relationship to long-term care facilities), are expected to be included in all reports.
    - Upon receipt of report, Public Health staff will work with the reporting provider to gather additional clinical (if appropriate) and epidemiologic information to classify the case of COVID-19 and assist with additional public health actions for disease control and mitigation.

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **237 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 5,490.**
- There were **eight additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **174**. The deaths occurred in six elderly individuals from Clarendon (2), Darlington (1), Greenville (2), and Richland (1) counties, and two middle-aged individuals from Colleton (1) and Greenville (1) counties.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	3	27	Greenwood	1	44
Aiken	0	89	Hampton	0	21
Allendale	0	8	Horry	2	203
Anderson	7	145	Jasper	2	19
Bamberg	1	8	Kershaw	3	218
Barnwell	1	15	Lancaster	3	87
Beaufort	2	255	Laurens	7	29
Berkeley	1	173	Lee	0	51
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	12	329
Charleston	10	436	Marion	3	32
Cherokee	0	14	Marlboro	2	40
Chester	0	27	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	0	44	Newberry	1	23
Clarendon	8	181	Oconee	2	22

Colleton	0	26	Orangeburg	1	61
Darlington	1	104	Pickens	5	49
Dillon	6	41	Richland	50	837
Dorchester	1	90	Saluda	7	35
Edgefield	1	24	Spartanburg	7	249
Fairfield	4	33	Sumter	1	214
Florence	24	265	Union	0	25
Georgetown	0	39	Williamsburg	11	56
Greenville	43	609	York	4	181
TOTAL—237 new cases; 5,490 total cases					

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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**50,761**
Total positive tests	**5,490**
Positive – DHEC PHL	1,801
Positive – private labs	3,689
Total negative tests	**45,271**
Negative - DHEC PHL	12,228
Negative - private labs	33,043

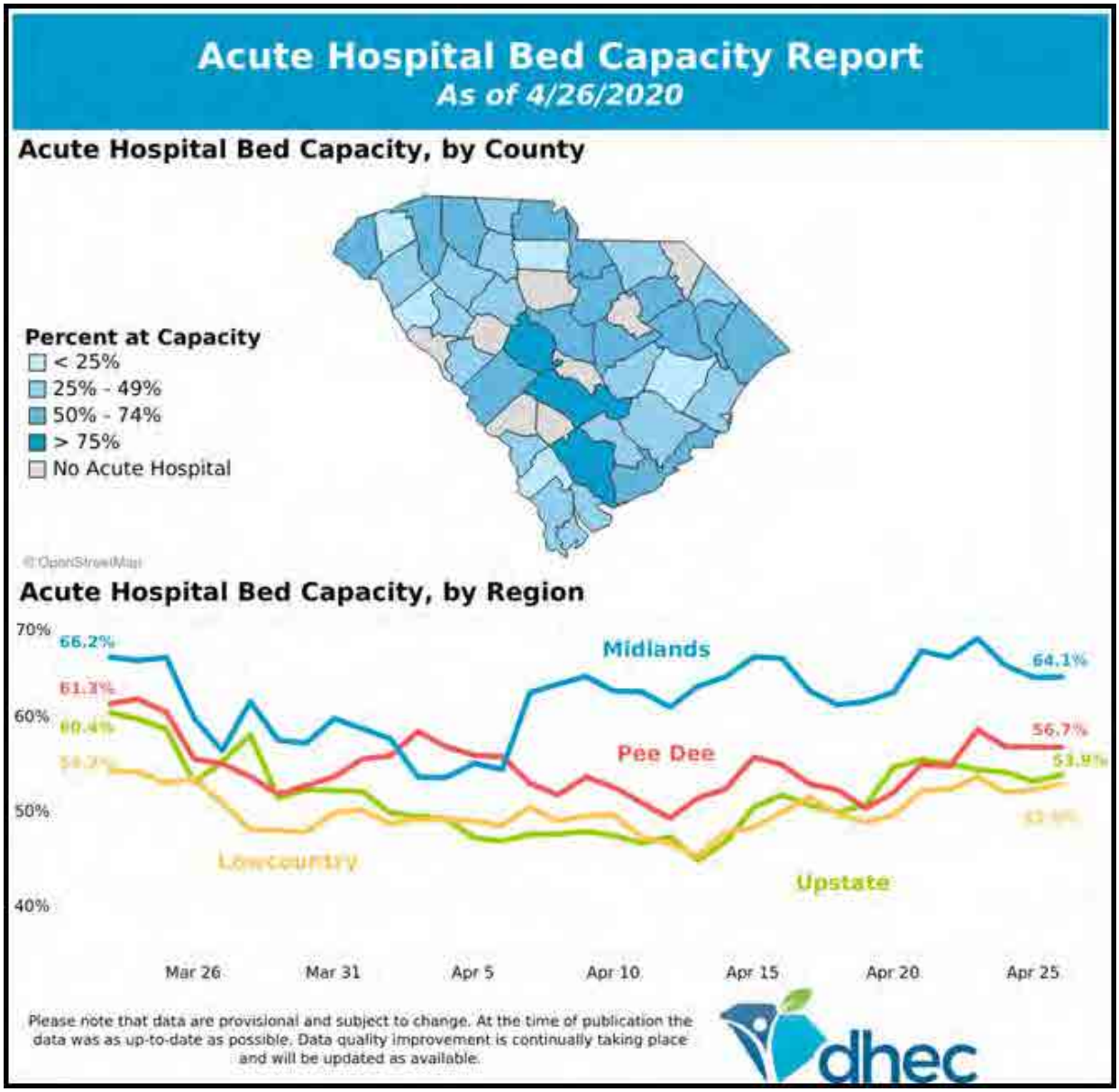
- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **14,029**. Of those tests **1,801** were positive and **12,228** were negative.

- **Testing in Rural Communities:** DHEC recently received fifteen COVID-19 rapid-testing machines from FEMA; these have been distributed to hospitals across the state with a special emphasis on those serving rural populations. Additionally, the agency is working with the South Carolina Primary Care Association and the Office of Rural Health to assess the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in the state and their testing capacity. DHEC is prepared to assist the FQHCs with any needed resources to increase testing capacity.

- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
  - **Screenings by Telephone:** On April 20, MUSC Health announced the availability of a new hotline aimed to address individuals who may not have meaningful access to online screening due to homelessness, lack of internet access, or access and functional needs that may cause trouble with online screening (disabilities, lack of technical proficiency, etc.). The hotline, 843-985-8888, offers COVID-19 screenings in English and Spanish seven days a week.
- **Specimen Collection Sites:** A map of specimen collection sites is available on the COVID-19 data dashboard. Residents who wish to be tested for COVID-19 should not go directly to specimen-collection sites; a referral/physician's order from telehealth or a clinician is required.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **4,940** hospital beds are available and **6,448** are utilized—a **56.6%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.



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- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard**, which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people. In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard's map shows the locations of the state's hospitals, as well as hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen collection sites that have been reported to DHEC.

- **Interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC also provides an interactive tool to generate printable maps and reports for both confirmed and estimated COVID-19 case counts **statewide, by county, or by zip code.**

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- **Demographic Data:** The DHEC **demographic data** page, updated on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries. Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **142 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 5,613.**
- There were **three additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **177**. The deaths occurred in three elderly individuals from Clarendon (1), Florence (1), and Greenville (1) counties.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	2	29	Greenwood	1	45
Aiken	3	92	Hampton	1	22
Allendale	0	8	Horry	7	209
Anderson	4	149	Jasper	0	19
Bamberg	0	8	Kershaw	5	223
Barnwell	0	15	Lancaster	1	88
Beaufort	1	254	Laurens	6	35
Berkeley	0	171	Lee	4	55
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	5	334
Charleston	0	435	Marion	1	33
Cherokee	1	15	Marlboro	1	41
Chester	0	27	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	2	46	Newberry	0	23
Clarendon	4	185	Oconee	2	24
Colleton	0	26	Orangeburg	0	60
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Dillon	3	44	Richland	5	840
Dorchester	2	92	Saluda	5	40
Edgefield	1	25	Spartanburg	6	255
Fairfield	7	33	Sumter	2	215
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Total positive tests	**5,613**
Positive – DHEC PHL	1,816
Positive – private labs	3,797
Total negative tests	**46,532**
Negative - DHEC PHL	12,334
Negative - private labs	34,188

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **14,160**. Of those tests **1,816** were positive and **12,344** were negative.

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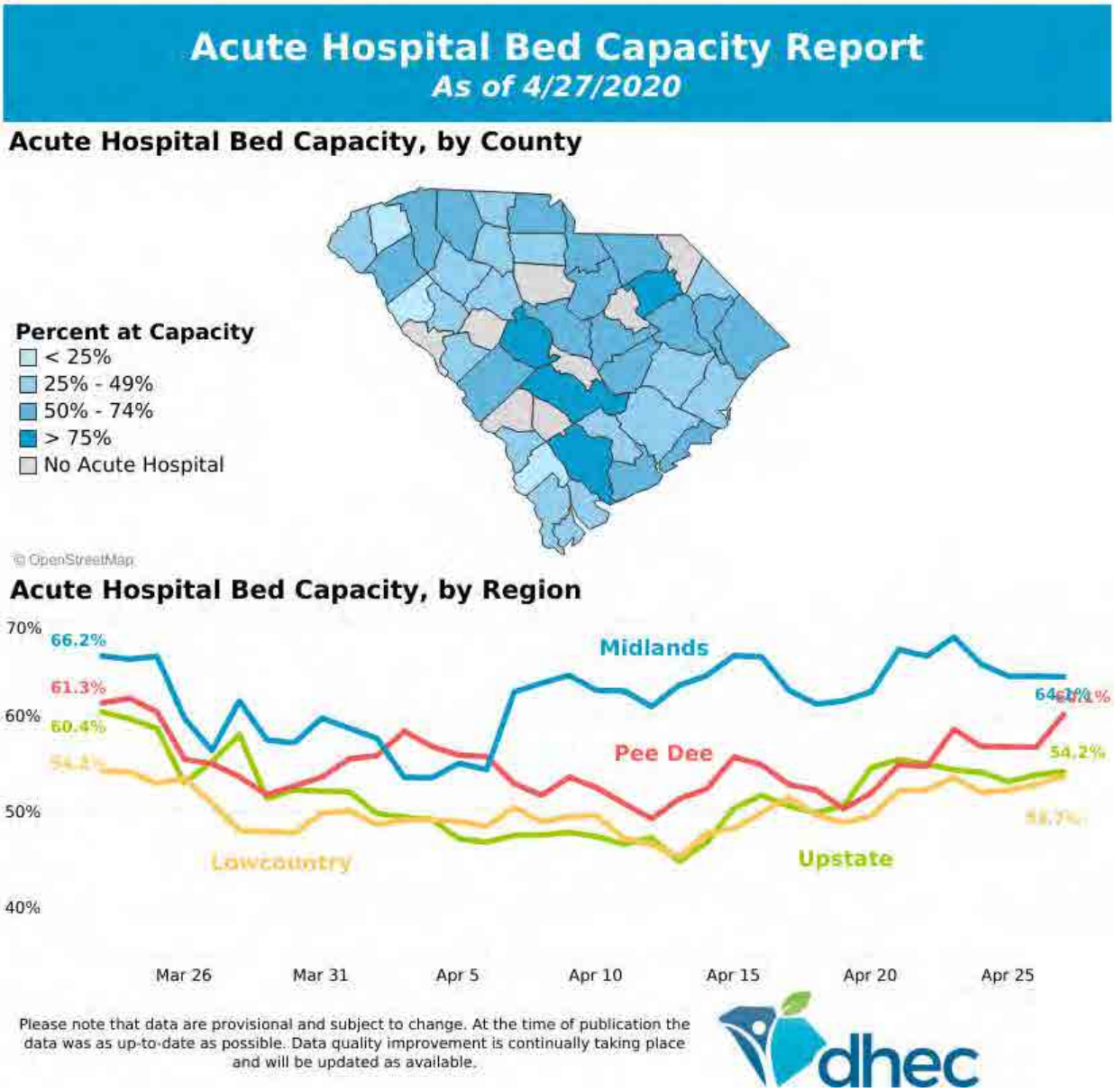

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DHEC Conducting Cross Analysis of Death Certificates and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- As part of the agency's ongoing efforts to ensure that every South Carolinian who has died from COVID-19 is counted, DHEC is conducting a cross analysis of deaths reported directly by providers with deaths reported on death certificates. This action aligns

with efforts currently underway by other states. DHEC continues to take steps to improve data quality and the reporting of COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths.

- We will update the public as soon as the analysis is completed, which is anticipated for early next week. DHEC will continue to release new information as it becomes available.

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HAN Issued: COVID-19 Antibody Testing for Immunity & Return-to-Work Decisions

- On April 25, a message was distributed to healthcare providers via the Health Alert Network related to **COVID-19 Antibody Testing for Immunity & Return-to-Work Decisions**. The Summary of this HAN is below:
  - Serologic tests should not be used to diagnose acute COVID-19 infection, nor should they be used to determine immune status to COVID-19. They may produce false negative or false positive results, the consequences of which include providing individuals incorrect guidance on preventive interventions like physical distancing or protective equipment.
  - If COVID-19 is suspected as a diagnosis, DHEC recommends PCR-based testing, if possible. Likewise, the FDA recommends that providers not use serological (antibody) tests as the sole basis to diagnose COVID-19; serology results may provide information about whether a person may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past.
- The HAN included the following recommendations:
  - Given the current lack of evidence that detection of COVID-19 antibody on any serologic test is indicative of durable immunity, it should not be used to determine immune status or return-to-work recommendations, nor should it be the sole test for evaluating an acutely ill patient for COVID-19.
  - Patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are recommended to have an nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) to confirm infection (see reporting criteria and recommendations on evaluating for testing **here**).
  - If collection of an NP swab is not possible for a symptomatic patient suspected to have COVID-19, they should be advised to complete the same isolation period a confirmed positive would regardless of serology results (guidelines to end isolation available **here**).
  - If the patient has no symptoms but has a positive immunoglobulin M (IgM) (or IgM/IgG total without a separate IgM level) on a serologic test, they should be asked to isolate for seven (7) days after the specimen was collected. Although the significance of the IgM result in the tests is not known at this time, this recommendation is provided out of an abundance of caution based on the possibility that the IgM may indicate an acute infection. Any patients with symptoms should complete the same isolation period as a NAAT confirmed positive case.
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DHEC Provides Increase Access to Healthy Food Options for WIC Families

- In response to demand for nutritious foods during the COVID-19 pandemic, DHEC is providing additional food items to South Carolina WIC participants. Beginning April 27, 2020, and until further notice, participants will have more purchasing options for milk, yogurt, fruits, and vegetables.
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- New cases and totals by county:

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Anderson	2	152	Jasper	0	19
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Barnwell	2	17	Lancaster	2	90
Beaufort	5	259	Laurens	2	38
Berkeley	1	174	Lee	3	58

Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	12	347
Charleston	4	438	Marion	0	32
Cherokee	0	15	Marlboro	1	42
Chester	0	27	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	1	47	Newberry	0	23
Clarendon	9	194	Oconee	0	24
Colleton	0	26	Orangeburg	4	63
Darlington	3	110	Pickens	0	54
Dillon	0	44	Richland	24	864
Dorchester	0	91	Saluda	2	41
Edgefield	1	26	Spartanburg	2	258
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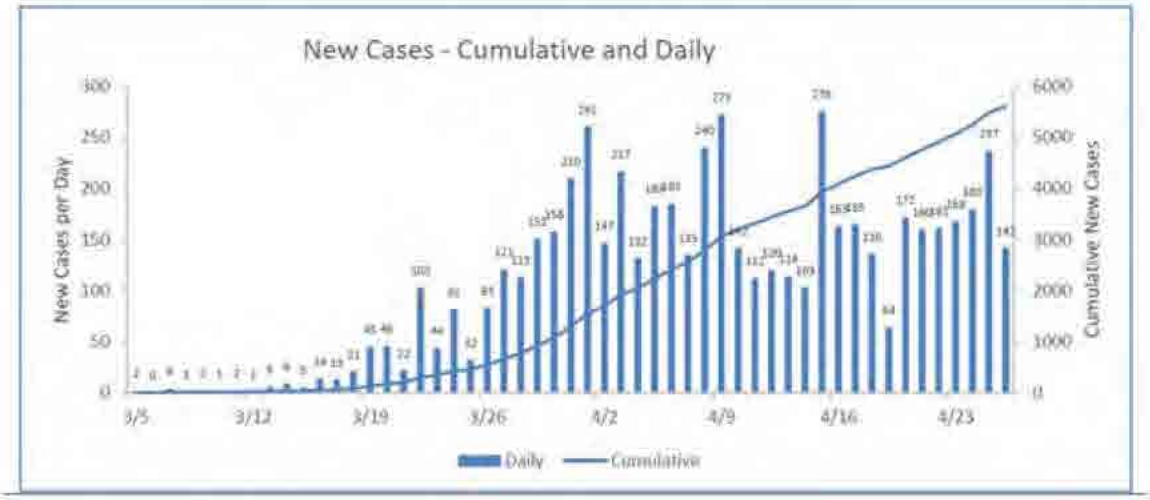

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**53,115**
Total positive tests	**5,735**
Positive – DHEC PHL	1,858
Positive – private labs	3,877
Total negative tests	**47,380**
Negative - DHEC PHL	12,479
Negative - private labs	34,901

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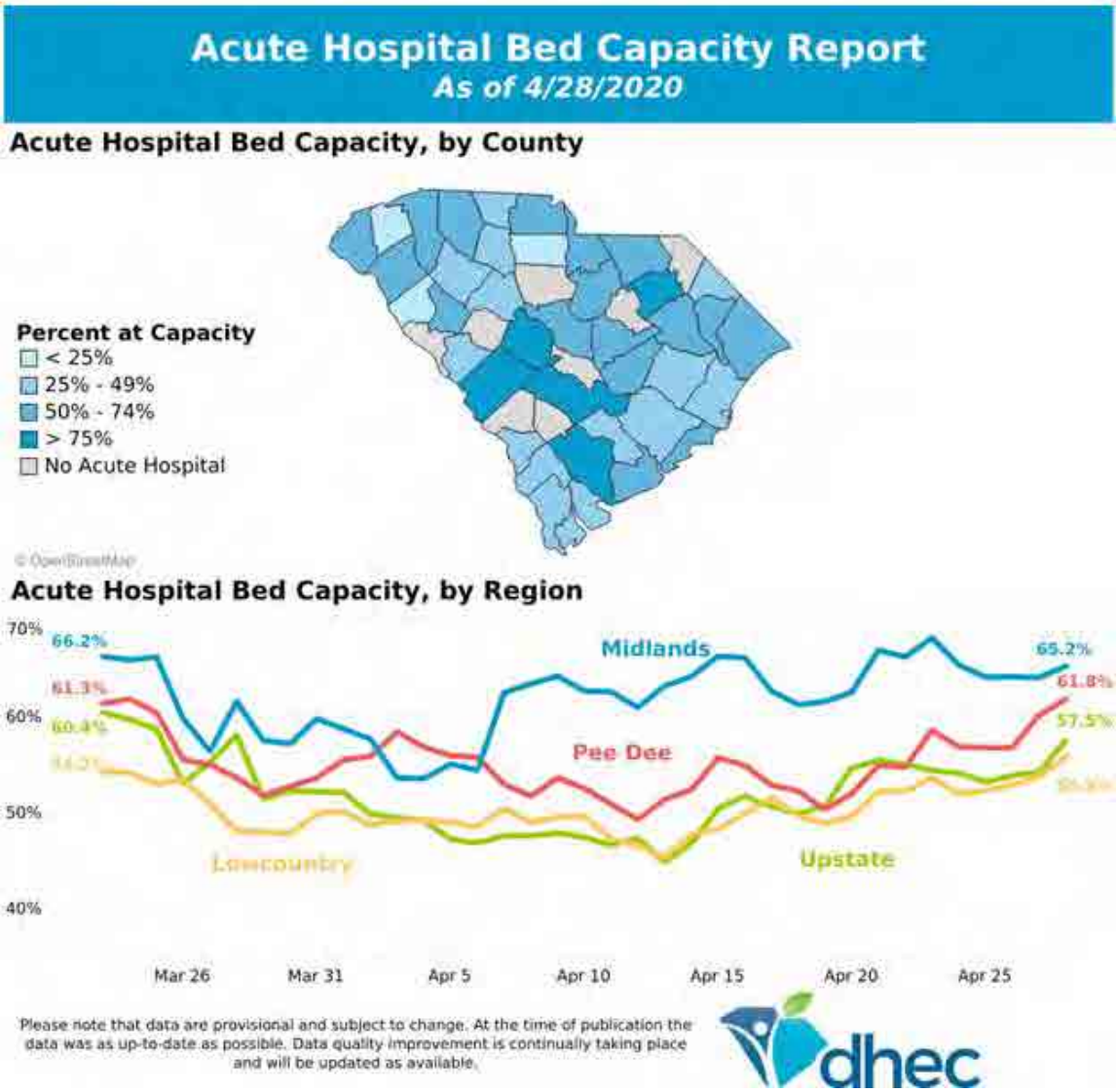

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- **Heat Map**: The **heat map** indicates reported cases of COVID-19 in the state. Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against this disease.

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Demographic Data Update

- The DHEC **demographic data** page contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries. Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are

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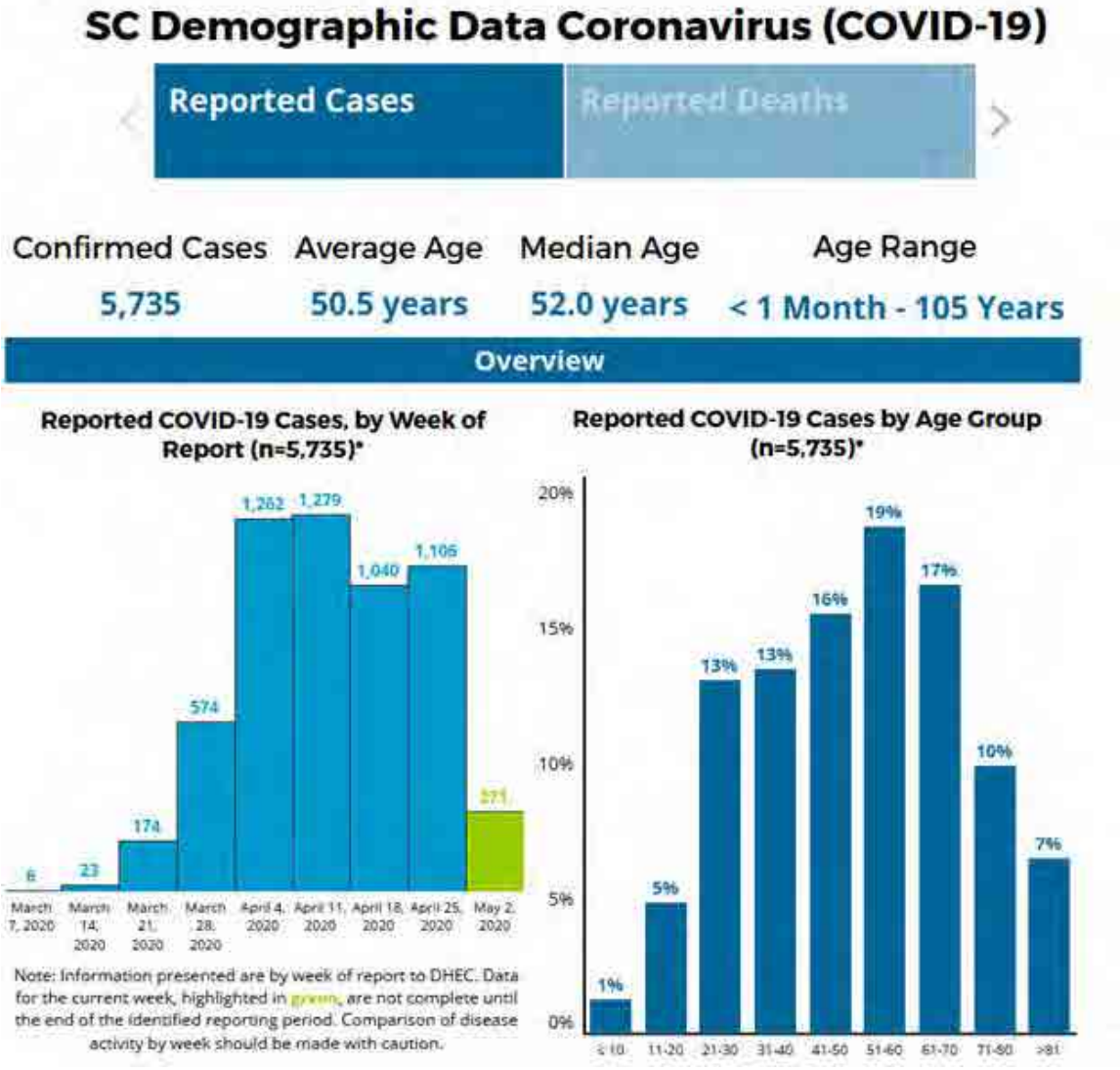

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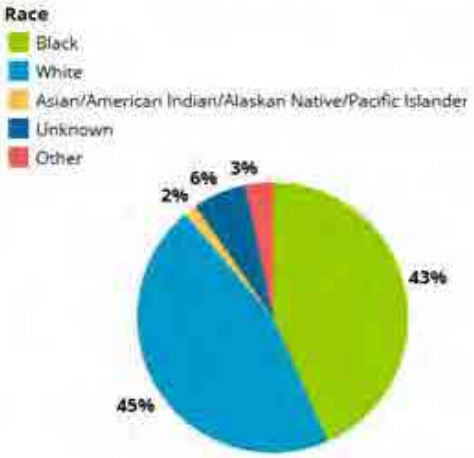

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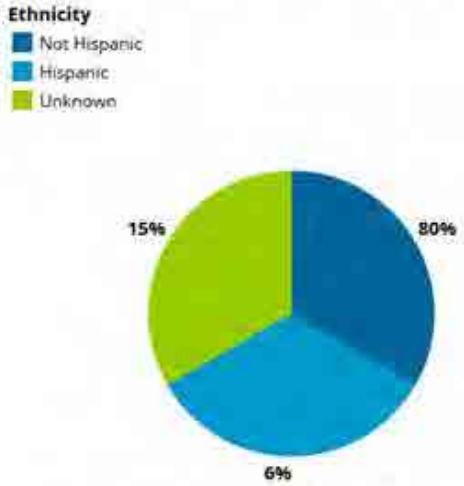

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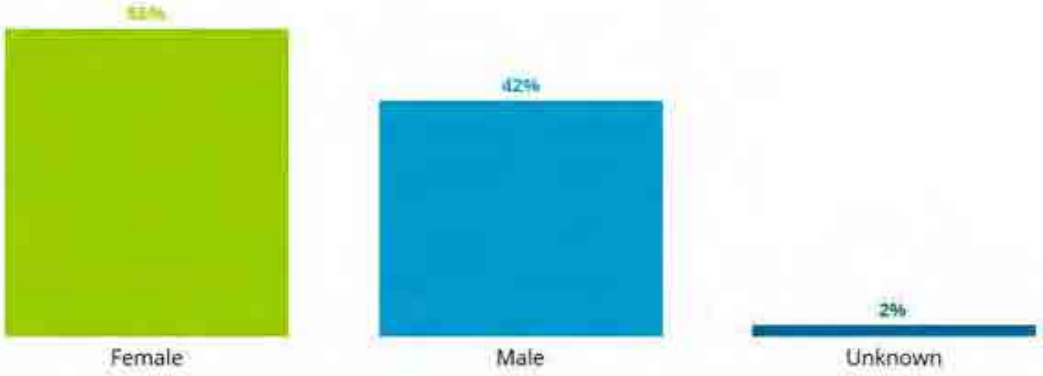


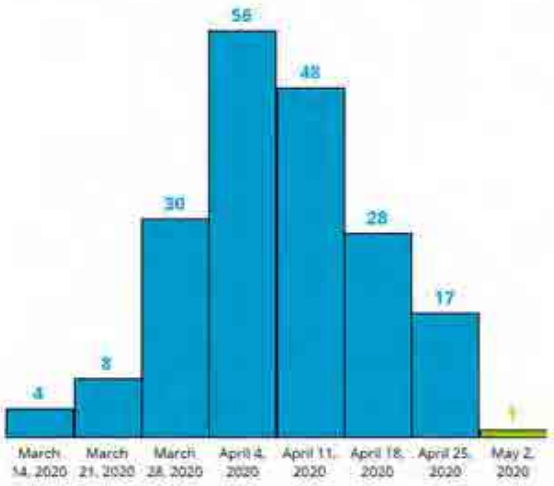
SC Demographic Data Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Reported Cases | **Reported Deaths**

Confirmed Deaths	Average Age	Median Age	Age Range
192	74.7 years	76.0 years	30 years - 101 years

Overview

Reported COVID-19 Deaths, by Week of Report (n=192)*



Note: Information presented are by week of report to DHEC. Data for the current week, highlighted in green, are not complete until the end of the identified reporting period. Comparison of disease activity by week should be made with caution.

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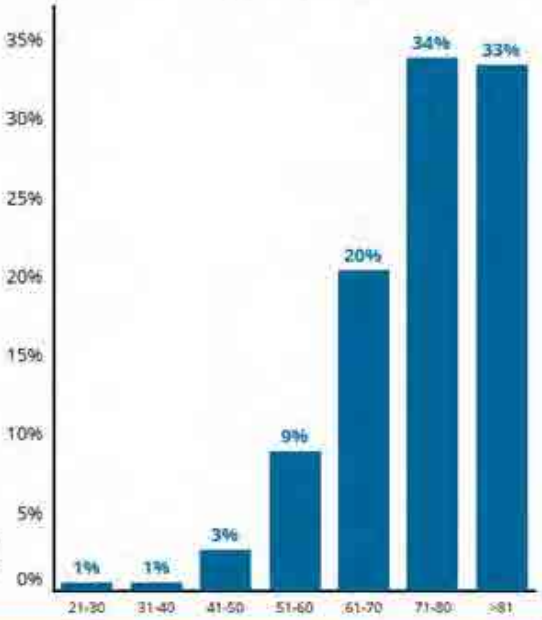

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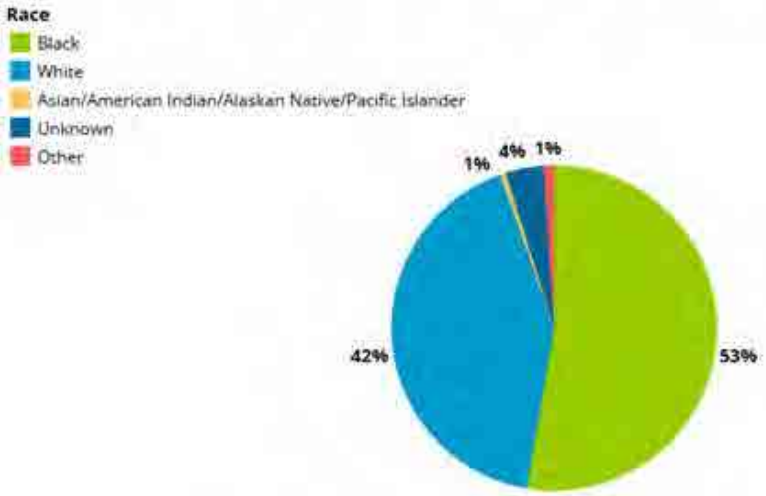

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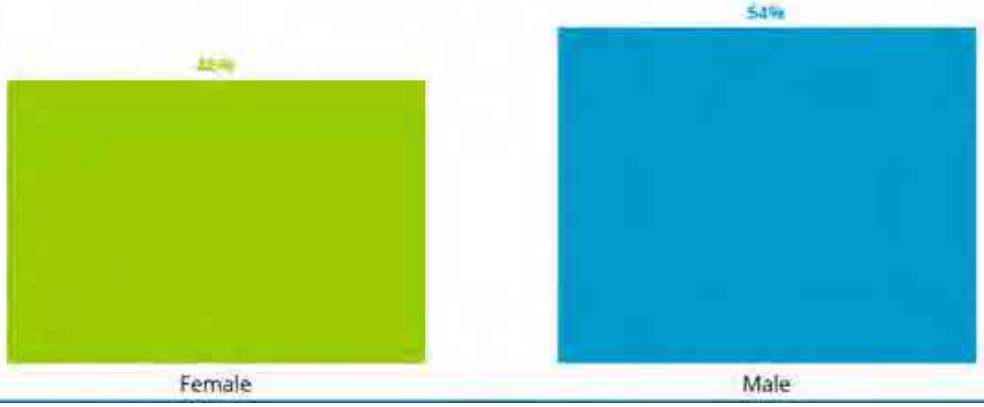

Healthcare Facilities

COVID-19 in Congregate Settings
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Aggregate number of cases reported within these facilities	669
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- **Recoveries:** Based on the available symptom onset data we have for 4,454 individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, DHEC estimates that as of April 27, 76 percent of individuals have recovered from the illness and 24 percent remain ill. This estimate is updated on our website every Tuesday and Friday.
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Hospitalization & Recovery

Hospitalization Reported at Time of Illness (n=4,765)^

As of April 27, of the total positive cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina, we have symptom onset data (meaning, the date when a person first showed signs of illness) for 4,454 of those individuals. Of those individuals, 175 have unfortunately died.

Our recovery rate data is based on symptom onset information, so the percentages below are based on the number of individuals we have symptom onset data for, not the total number of cases in the state.

As of April 27, 76 percent of those 4,279 individuals for which we have symptom onset data are estimated to have recovered from COVID-19, and 24 percent are estimated to remain ill.

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- **Healthcare Settings Data:** DHEC prioritizes the identification of COVID-19 infections in congregate settings like nursing homes, assisted living facilities and extended care facilities because the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 is common in these types of facilities, and the residents who live there are at high risk for developing complications or death from COVID-19 infection.
- To better inform the public about the scope of COVID-19 within these types of facilities, DHEC is providing a twice weekly update on the names of facilities in the state that have an associated confirmed case of COVID-19, as well as the number of positive cases for either residents or staff members.

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HAN Issued: COVID-19 Antibody Testing for Immunity & Return-to-Work Decisions

- On April 25, a message was distributed to healthcare providers via the Health Alert Network related to **COVID-19 Antibody Testing for Immunity & Return-to-Work Decisions**. The Summary of this HAN is below:
  - Serologic tests should not be used to diagnose acute COVID-19 infection, nor should they be used to determine immune status to COVID-19. They may produce false negative or false positive results, the consequences of which include providing individuals incorrect guidance on preventive interventions like physical distancing or protective equipment.

- If COVID-19 is suspected as a diagnosis, DHEC recommends PCR-based testing, if possible. Likewise, the FDA recommends that providers not use serological (antibody) tests as the sole basis to diagnose COVID-19; serology results may provide information about whether a person may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past.

- The HAN included the following recommendations:
  - Given the current lack of evidence that detection of COVID-19 antibody on any serologic test is indicative of durable immunity, it should not be used to determine immune status or return-to-work recommendations, nor should it be the sole test for evaluating an acutely ill patient for COVID-19.
  - Patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are recommended to have an nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) to confirm infection (see reporting criteria and recommendations on evaluating for testing **here**).
  - If collection of an NP swab is not possible for a symptomatic patient suspected to have COVID-19, they should be advised to complete the same isolation period a confirmed positive would regardless of serology results (guidelines to end isolation available **here**).
  - If the patient has no symptoms but has a positive immunoglobulin M (IgM) (or IgM/IgG total without a separate IgM level) on a serologic test, they should be asked to isolate for seven (7) days after the specimen was collected. Although the significance of the IgM result in the tests is not known at this time, this recommendation is provided out of an abundance of caution based on the possibility that the IgM may indicate an acute infection. Any patients with symptoms should complete the same isolation period as a NAAT confirmed positive case.
  - Any patients with positive lab results (serology or NAAT) suggestive of COVID-19 should be reported to the regional health department at the contact information below. As a reminder, both cases and deaths from COVID-19 are considered **Urgently Reportable** by phone within 24 hours.

DHEC Releases Updated Summary and Projections

- DHEC today provided an updated summary regarding cases confirmed to date as well as projections through May 16. On March 6 the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in South Carolina. The projections currently indicate that South Carolina may see almost 1,208
- to 9,064 confirmed cases on May 16.

Observed and Projected SC COVID-19 Cases by Week: March 10 to May 16

Week of	Cases	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Case Rate / 100,000	Data Observed or Projected
Mar 1 – Mar 7	6	6	0.1	Observed
Mar 8 – Mar 14	23	29	1	Observed
Mar 15 – Mar 21	174	203	4	Observed
Mar 22 – Mar 28	575	778	15	Observed
Mar 29 – Apr 4	1,262	2,010	40	Observed
Apr 5 – Apr 11	1,279	3,319	65	Observed
Apr 12 – Apr 18	1,041	4,360	85	Observed
Apr 19 – Apr 25	1,111	5,471	107	Observed
Apr 26 – May 2	1,179	6,650	130	Projected
May 3 – May 9	1,205	7,855	154	Projected
May 10 – May 16	1,208	9,064	178	Projected

Comparing South Carolina's Projected COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 to Rates Already Observed as of April 26 by Selected Severely Impacted States

State	As of Date	Cumulative Cases	Population	Rate per 100,000
New York	April 26	288,076	19,410,469	1,481.8
New Jersey	April 26	109,038	8,936,574	1,220.1
Massachusetts	April 26	54,938	6,976,597	787.5
Illinois	April 26	43,903	12,659,682	346.8
Pennsylvania	April 26	42,709	12,820,878	333.1
Michigan	April 26	37,751	10,045,029	375.8
Connecticut	April 26	25,269	3,563,077	709.2
Louisiana	April 26	26,773	4,645,184	576.4
South Carolina	**May 16**	**9,064**	**5,100,000**	**177.7**

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DHEC Provides Increase Access to Healthy Food Options for WIC Families

- In response to demand for nutritious foods during the COVID-19 pandemic, DHEC is providing additional food items to South Carolina WIC participants. Beginning April 27, 2020, and until further notice, participants will have more purchasing options for milk, yogurt, fruits, and vegetables.
- DHEC encourages South Carolina families who are experiencing loss of income related to COVID-19 to apply to our WIC program. Since March, more than 4,000 new participants have enrolled in South Carolina's WIC program. To apply for WIC, call **1-855-472-3432** to make an appointment. For more information, **click here.**

Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources
DHEC FAQ for Coroners
DAODAS COVID-19 Resources
Just Plain Killers

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC COVID-19 Information for First Responders
DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS

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DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
FDA: Food Safety & COVID-19
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
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FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
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Children:
DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 44—April 29, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call **1-855-472-3432**. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
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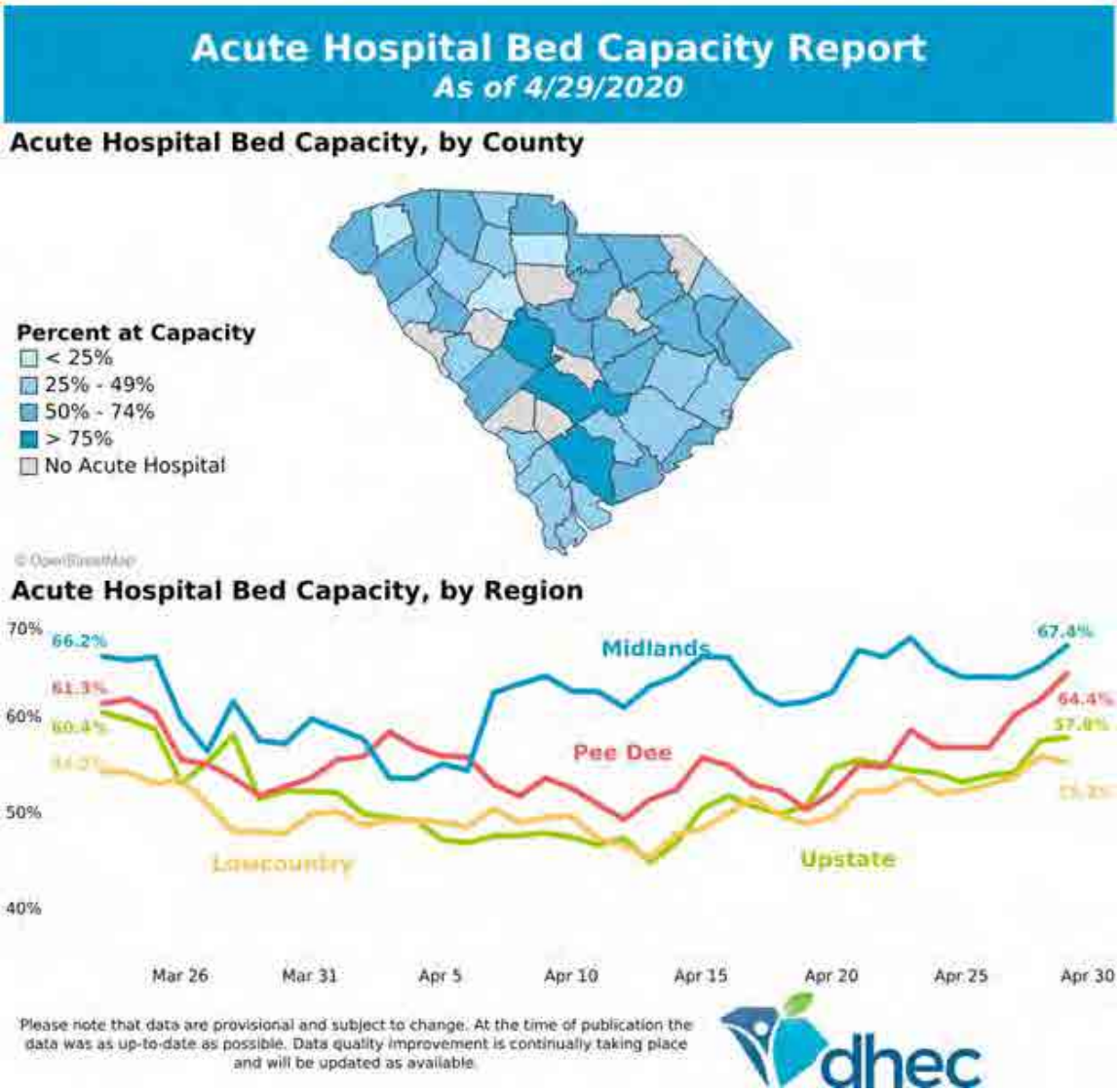

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- **Heat Map**: The **heat map** indicates reported cases of COVID-19 in the state. Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against this disease.

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Demographic Data Update

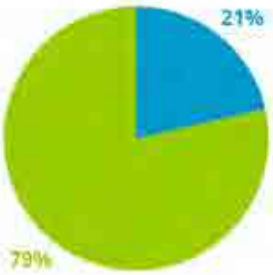
- The DHEC **demographic data** page contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries. Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection and death. In addition, DHEC monitors this demographic data to enhance outreach efforts to high-risk populations and to identify any disparities.
- **Recoveries:** Based on the available symptom onset data we have for 4,454 individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, DHEC estimates that as of April 27, 76 percent of individuals have recovered from the illness and 24 percent remain ill. This estimate is updated on our website every Tuesday and Friday.
    - Those who reported *hospitalized* were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 32 days since their illness onset.
    - Those who reported *not hospitalized* were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 14 days since their illness onset.
    - Those where *hospitalization status was unknown* were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 32 days since their illness onset.

Hospitalization & Recovery

Hospitalization Reported at Time of Illness (n=4,765)^

Hospitalized?

- Yes
- No



As of April 27, of the total positive cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina, we have symptom onset data (meaning, the date when a person first showed signs of illness) for 4,454 of those individuals. Of those individuals, 175 have unfortunately died. Our recovery rate data is based on symptom onset information, so the percentages below are based on the number of individuals we have symptom onset data for, not the total number of cases in the state.

As of April 27, 76 percent of those 4,279 individuals for which we have symptom onset data are estimated to have recovered from COVID-19, and 24 percent are estimated to remain ill. Note: These data are provisional. The estimated percent of those who may have recovered from COVID-19 is based upon the following parameters:

- Those who reported **being hospitalized** were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 32 days since their illness onset.
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- Those where **hospitalization status was unknown** were deemed as "recovered" based upon having no reported adverse outcome reported as of > 32 days since their illness onset.

Recovery Rate

75.6%

Healthcare Facilities

COVID-19 in Congregate Settings
Data collected April 3 to 10:00 AM on April 27

Aggregate number of nursing homes, rehabilitation facilities, and community residential facilities where at least one (1) COVID-19 case was identified	70
Aggregate number of cases reported within these facilities	669
Aggregate number of reported COVID-19 associated deaths within these facilities	46

Aggregate number of COVID-19 positive healthcare workers

616 healthcare workers

Footnotes

*Note data are provisional and subject to change.
**These data do not include information on 585 cases currently under investigation or where data are unavailable.
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- **Healthcare Settings Data:** DHEC prioritizes the identification of COVID-19 infections in congregate settings like nursing homes, assisted living facilities and extended care facilities because the spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 is common in these types of facilities, and the residents who live there are at high risk for developing complications or death from COVID-19 infection.
- To better inform the public about the scope of COVID-19 within these types of facilities, DHEC is providing a twice weekly update on the names of facilities in the state that have an associated confirmed case of COVID-19, as well as the number of positive cases for either residents or staff members.

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HAN Issued: COVID-19 Antibody Testing for Immunity & Return-to-Work Decisions

- On April 25, a message was distributed to healthcare providers via the Health Alert Network related to **COVID-19 Antibody Testing for Immunity & Return-to-Work Decisions**. The Summary of this HAN is below:
  - Serologic tests should not be used to diagnose acute COVID-19 infection, nor should they be used to determine immune status to COVID-19. They may produce false negative or false positive results, the consequences of which include providing individuals incorrect guidance on preventive interventions like physical distancing or protective equipment.

- If COVID-19 is suspected as a diagnosis, DHEC recommends PCR-based testing, if possible. Likewise, the FDA recommends that providers not use serological (antibody) tests as the sole basis to diagnose COVID-19; serology results may provide information about whether a person may have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past.

- The HAN included the following recommendations:
  - Given the current lack of evidence that detection of COVID-19 antibody on any serologic test is indicative of durable immunity, it should not be used to determine immune status or return-to-work recommendations, nor should it be the sole test for evaluating an acutely ill patient for COVID-19.
  - Patients with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 are recommended to have an nasopharyngeal (NP) swab for nucleic acid amplification testing (NAAT) to confirm infection (see reporting criteria and recommendations on evaluating for testing **here**).
  - If collection of an NP swab is not possible for a symptomatic patient suspected to have COVID-19, they should be advised to complete the same isolation period a confirmed positive would regardless of serology results (guidelines to end isolation available **here**).
  - If the patient has no symptoms but has a positive immunoglobulin M (IgM) (or IgM/IgG total without a separate IgM level) on a serologic test, they should be asked to isolate for seven (7) days after the specimen was collected. Although the significance of the IgM result in the tests is not known at this time, this recommendation is provided out of an abundance of caution based on the possibility that the IgM may indicate an acute infection. Any patients with symptoms should complete the same isolation period as a NAAT confirmed positive case.
  - Any patients with positive lab results (serology or NAAT) suggestive of COVID-19 should be reported to the regional health department at the contact information below. As a reminder, both cases and deaths from COVID-19 are considered **Urgently Reportable** by phone within 24 hours.

DHEC Provides Increase Access to Healthy Food Options for WIC Families

- In response to demand for nutritious foods during the COVID-19 pandemic, DHEC is providing additional food items to South Carolina WIC participants. Beginning April 27, 2020, and until further notice, participants will have more purchasing options for milk, yogurt, fruits, and vegetables.
- DHEC encourages South Carolina families who are experiencing loss of income related to COVID-19 to apply to our WIC program. Since March, more than 4,000 new participants have enrolled in South Carolina's WIC program. To apply for WIC, call **1-855-472-3432** to make an appointment. For more information, **click here.**

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **220 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 6,095.**
- There were **twelve additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **244**. Nine of the deaths occurred in elderly individuals from Anderson (1), Chesterfield (1), Clarendon (1), Florence (1), Greenville (2), Lexington (2), and Richland (1) counties. Three occurred in middle-aged individuals from Anderson (1), Greenville (1), and Richland (1) counties.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	1	31	Greenwood	3	49
Aiken	2	99	Hampton	0	23
Allendale	0	10	Horry	4	215
Anderson	3	160	Jasper	0	19
Bamberg	1	10	Kershaw	3	237
Barnwell	3	20	Lancaster	3	96
Beaufort	1	263	Laurens	0	39
Berkeley	6	180	Lee	5	63
Calhoun	1	7	Lexington	7	361
Charleston	3	444	Marion	1	34
Cherokee	2	17	Marlboro	2	45
Chester	3	30	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	3	51	Newberry	2	26

Clarendon	9	210	Oconee	0	24
Colleton	1	27	Orangeburg	4	72
Darlington	13	126	Pickens	1	54
Dillon	5	52	Richland	16	899
Dorchester	3	97	Saluda	6	47
Edgefield	0	29	Spartanburg	25	287
Fairfield	2	36	Sumter	5	228
Florence	16	304	Union	1	26
Georgetown	3	43	Williamsburg	2	67
Greenville	36	722	York	13	210
TOTAL—220 new cases; 6,095 total cases					

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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**56,512**
Total positive tests	**6,095**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,009
Positive – private labs	4,086
Total negative tests	**50,417**
Negative - DHEC PHL	13,242
Negative - private labs	37,175

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **15,251**. Of those tests **2,009** were positive and **13,242** were negative.
- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
    - **Screenings by Telephone:** On April 20, MUSC Health announced the availability of a new hotline aimed to address individuals who may not have meaningful access to online screening due to homelessness, lack of internet access, or access and functional needs that may cause trouble with online screening (disabilities, lack of technical proficiency, etc.). The hotline, 843-985-8888, offers COVID-19 screenings in English and Spanish seven days a week.
- **Specimen Collection Sites:** A map of specimen collection sites is available on the COVID-19 data dashboard. Residents who wish to be tested for COVID-19 should not go directly to specimen-collection sites; a referral/physician's order from telehealth or a clinician is required.

At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts

- To ensure all South Carolinians receive the most current information about protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities from COVID-19, DHEC continues to provide important updates and resources through TV and radio public service announcements; community telebriefings; local partnerships with faith-based groups; billboards and advertisements; social media; and coordination with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, Department of Aging, Office of Rural Health, and others.

- This week, DHEC helped provide 19,500 COVID-19 information cards to the S.C. Office of Aging that it will use to distribute to clients across the state. We continue to focus outreach efforts to those who are at higher risk for developing severe complications from the virus.

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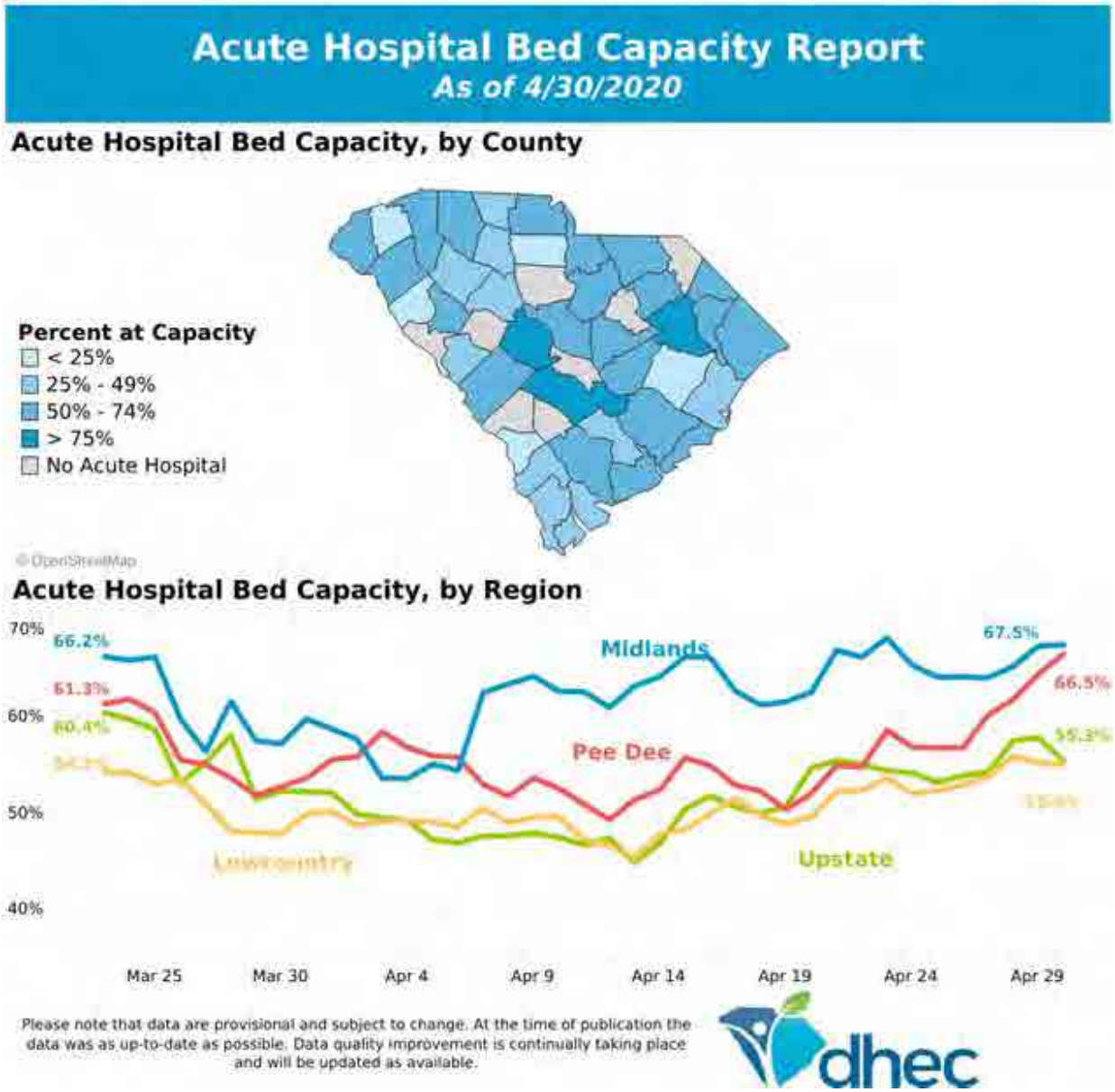
Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **4,512** hospital beds are available and **6,894** are in use—a 60.4% **statewide hospital bed utilization rate.**
- **307** beds are occupied by patients who have either tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19.



DHEC Data Tools

- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard**, which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people. In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard's map shows the locations of the state's hospitals, as well as hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen collection sites that have been reported to DHEC.

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DHEC Cross Analysis of Death Certificates and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

- Yesterday, DHEC provided the results of a cross analysis of the deaths reported directly to the agency by medical professionals and the deaths reported to the agency on death certificates; this cross analysis was performed as part of DHEC's ongoing efforts to confirm that COVID-19 deaths are accurately reported.
- DHEC identified **29 deaths** associated with COVID-19 that had not been previously reported. The deaths of these individuals occurred over the timespan of March 25 through April 21. As such, this does not significantly affect the state's public health actions, projections or the recommendations of DHEC.
- Prior to the first case of COVID-19 in South Carolina, DHEC proactively provided federal and state guidance to death certifiers across the state on the appropriate way to complete a death certificate in an instance when COVID-19 is the cause or contributed to an individual's death. In addition, DHEC continues to take steps to improve data quality and the reporting of COVID-19 confirmed cases and deaths, including Health Alerts sent to facilities and providers, contact with private labs to remind them of their legal reporting requirements to DHEC's disease control staff, and updating the list of reportable conditions to specifically include COVID-19 cases and COVID-19-related deaths on April 22.
- As of April 22, per the updated List of Reportable Conditions, physicians and other healthcare providers must now report all COVID-19-related deaths to DHEC within 24 hours.
    - All deaths reported to DHEC for death certificate registration by funeral directors must be done by law within five days of the date of death.
    - The report of an individual's cause of death may be delayed if they had numerous medical issues or it takes longer to collect the personal demographic information from the family.

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 9—March 25, 2020

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Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **82** additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to **424 cases** in **36 counties.**
  - **NOTE:** *Some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence as provided to DHEC. As DHEC receives additional information, DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence.

County	New Cases	Total Cases
Data as of: 3-24-2020		
Abbeville	2	3
Aiken	0	2
Allendale	0	0
Anderson	3	19
Bamberg	0	0
Barnwell	0	0
Beaufort	4	26

Berkeley	1	5
Calhoun	0	1
Charleston	16	52
Cherokee	0	0
Chester	0	1
Chesterfield	2	3
Clarendon	0	5
Colleton	0	1
Darlington	0	8
Dillion	0	1
Dorchester	1	4
Edgefield	0	1
Fairfield	1	3
Florence	0	5
Georgetown	0	2
Greenville	11	50
Greenwood	0	2
Hampton	0	0
Horry	1	20
Jasper	0	2
Kershaw	5	63
Lancaster*	-1	6
Laurens	0	0
Lee	0	2
Lexington*	-1	18
Marion	1	1
Marlboro	0	1
McCormick	0	0
Newberry	0	1
Oconee	0	2
Orangeburg	1	9
Pickens	5	6
Richland	14	59
Saluda	0	1
Spartanburg	5	9
Sumter	2	10
Union	1	1
Williamsburg	1	1
York	7	18
TOTAL	**82**	**424**

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests**: **2,303** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- If a resident is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. Results cannot be obtained from the DHEC Care Line.
- Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.
  - If not registered with the PHL, that facility/practice should send an email to openelis_admin@dhec.sc.gov to get a Customer ID and access to Result Point. These are both required prior to sending specimens. This information has been provided to providers in each of our recent HANs.

First Responder Priority Testing

- After significant planning and discussions over the last few days, DHEC finalized arrangements for first responders to receive priority testing status. Details were shared with counties today.

Projected New Cases of COVID-19 Cases by week During the Period of March 5 – May 2

- Our Epi Team has modeled potential projected new cases using the raw data. Below is a snapshot of this information but additional information can be found at: https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/monitoring-testing-covid-19

Projected New Cases of COVID-19 Cases by Week During the Period March 5 – May 2

Week of	Projected Cases	
	Cases week by week	Cumulative Cases
3/5-3/21	203	203
3/22-3/28	584	787
3/29-4/4	786	1,573
4/5-4/11	1,084	2,657
4/12 - 4/18	1,456	4,113
4/19-4/25	1,806	5,919
4/26-5/2	2,134	8,053

Notes Regarding these Projections:

1. These have taken into account delays in lab reporting (noted for example during the days 3/21-3/23) which resulted in some daily "counts" that were not quite correct.
2. Incidence of the disease might be somewhat flattened in coming weeks as warmer weather arrives (as was the case with SARS in 2003 and as is the case with influenza every year.)
3. Incidence may also decrease as a result of the extraordinary efforts currently being made to encourage and enforce "social distancing" which should decrease viral transmission!
4. On the other hand incidence of diagnosed / reported may "increase" as testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus increases.
5. A number of increasingly sophisticated *projection models* are becoming available around the country and in the coming days and weeks use of several of these may permit more refined projections... though even these more sophisticated projections will be subject to a number of caveats such as those listed in points 2,3 & 4 above.

SC Data

- Every Wednesday, DHEC will update South Carolina statistical data. A sample of this data is below but additional information can be found at: https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/monitoring-testing-covid-19

Additional age-related information of reported COVID-19 cases*

Average age:	52 years of age
Median age:	54 years of age
Age range:	2 months - 93 years

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NEW/UPDATED Guidance

- **Certificate of Need—**A FAQ related to Section 4 of Executive Order No. 2020-11 suspending certain aspects of CON review is **available on the DHEC website.**
- **Correctional facilities—**Guidance for correctional facilities is **now available on the DHEC website**. This interim guidance document provides information related to reporting of COVID-19 illness, infection control, and a number of links to other resources for correctional facilities responding to COVID-19.

Other Resources & Guidance

- **DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living**
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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 10—March 26, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **32** additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to **456 cases** in **39 counties.**
- There were **2** additional deaths related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the state's total number of deaths to **9**. One patient was an elderly person from Kershaw County who had underlying health conditions. The second patient was an elderly person from Sumter County who also had underlying conditions.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly.

County	New Cases	Total Cases

Abbeville	1	4
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Allendale	0	0
Anderson	2	21
Bamberg	0	0
Barnwell	0	0
Beaufort	3	29
Berkeley	3	8
Calhoun	0	1
Charleston	8	60
Cherokee	0	0
Chester	0	1
Chesterfield	0	3
Clarendon	0	5
Colleton	0	1
Darlington	0	8
Dillon	0	1
Dorchester	0	4
Edgefield	0	1
Fairfield	1	4
Florence	0	5
Georgetown	1	3
Greenville	1	51
Greenwood	0	2
Hampton	0	0
Horry	1	21
Jasper	1	3
Kershaw	1	64
Lancaster	1	7
Laurens	0	0
Lee	0	2
Lexington	2	20
Marion	0	1
Marlboro	0	1
McCormick	0	0
Newberry	0	1
Oconee	0	2
Orangeburg	2	11
Pickens	0	6
Richland	1	60
Saluda	0	1
Spartanburg	0	9
Sumter	0	10

Union	0	1
Williamsburg	0	1
York	1	19
TOTAL	32	456

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests**: **2,307** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- There is currently a nationwide shortage of the reagents, or chemicals, needed for laboratories to perform COVID-19 testing. This shortage can cause delays in test results in the public health lab as well as in private laboratories.
- **Getting Test Results:**
  - If a resident is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. Results cannot be obtained from the DHEC Care Line. Providers utilizing the public health lab should notify patients of their test results; DHEC does not contact these patients directly.
  - Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.
- **First Responder Priority Testing:** After significant planning and discussions over the last few days, DHEC finalized arrangements for first responders to receive priority testing status. DHEC continues to work with and add first responder testing sites. An updated list of these sites has been shared with counties.

Environmental Compliance Assistance & Regulatory Relief

- DHEC Environmental Affairs has begun to implement a new "Regulatory Compliance Assistance" process to assist the business community impacted by COVID-19. Requests to environmental affairs for regulatory relief consideration due to impacts of COVID-19 should be directed to environmentalcompliance@dhec.sc.gov. Attached you will find the details of a new "Regulatory Compliance Assistance" process which includes an email account to receive requests for regulatory relief consideration due to COVID-19. A message to the Department regarding specific requests for regulatory relief must include the following minimum information:

  (1) Facility/entity identifying and descriptive information (*e.g.,* location, permit number, etc.) or identification of representative association and extent of request [*i.e*, for one (1) entity or one (1) or several sectors]

  (2) Contact information for authorized representative

  (3) Situation or issue for which submittal is made

  (4) Has situation or issue occurred or is anticipated it will occur

  (5) Anticipated needed duration for relief

  (6) Regulatory analysis including rule and/or permit provision citation for which relief is

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- Regulated entities must maintain records that adequately document activities related to a non-compliance event or issue, including documentation of the entity's best efforts to comply. For example, entities should inform the Department of staffing or compliance plans that depart from regulatory requirements and update the Department should those plans change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- DHEC has already identified some items in the Air and Water program where relief can be offered now. For example, for the Air Program, the due date for Emissions Inventories will be extended from March 31, 2020, to April 30, 2020; an additional 30 days will be allowed to submit On-Site Implementation Logs (OSIL) which are due on or before April 30, 2020, and extensions have been provided for asbestos personnel licenses that expire before April 29, 2020. For the Wastewater Program, the due date for permit required testing and reports that fall within the next 30 day can be extended to April 30, 2020, and the deadline to submit DMRs to ePermitting is extended from April 2020, to May, 31, 2020, and permittees may submit by paper or by using the ePermitting option.

Logistics Update

- **Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**
- **Ventilator Survey:** DHEC in coordination with the S.C. Hospital Association and healthcare coalitions has been working to survey hospitals regarding ventilators. These **results have been published on the DHEC website** today (March 26).
- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS):** SNS has been received and sorted for delivery to counties. Plans to push to county at the end of the week. Counties are being emailed an inventory list for this new shipment.

Other Resources & Guidance

- **Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ**
- **Guidance for Correctional Facilities**
- **DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living**
- **SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources**
- **DHEC Guidance for Businesses**
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- **DHEC Guidance for Restaurants/Retail Food Service Establishments**
- **CDC Interim Guidance for EMS; State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases**

- **CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement**
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- **List of Telehealth Providers**
- **FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control**
- **SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)**

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 11—March 27, 2020

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- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or **ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov**

Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **http://scdhec.gov/covid19** is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

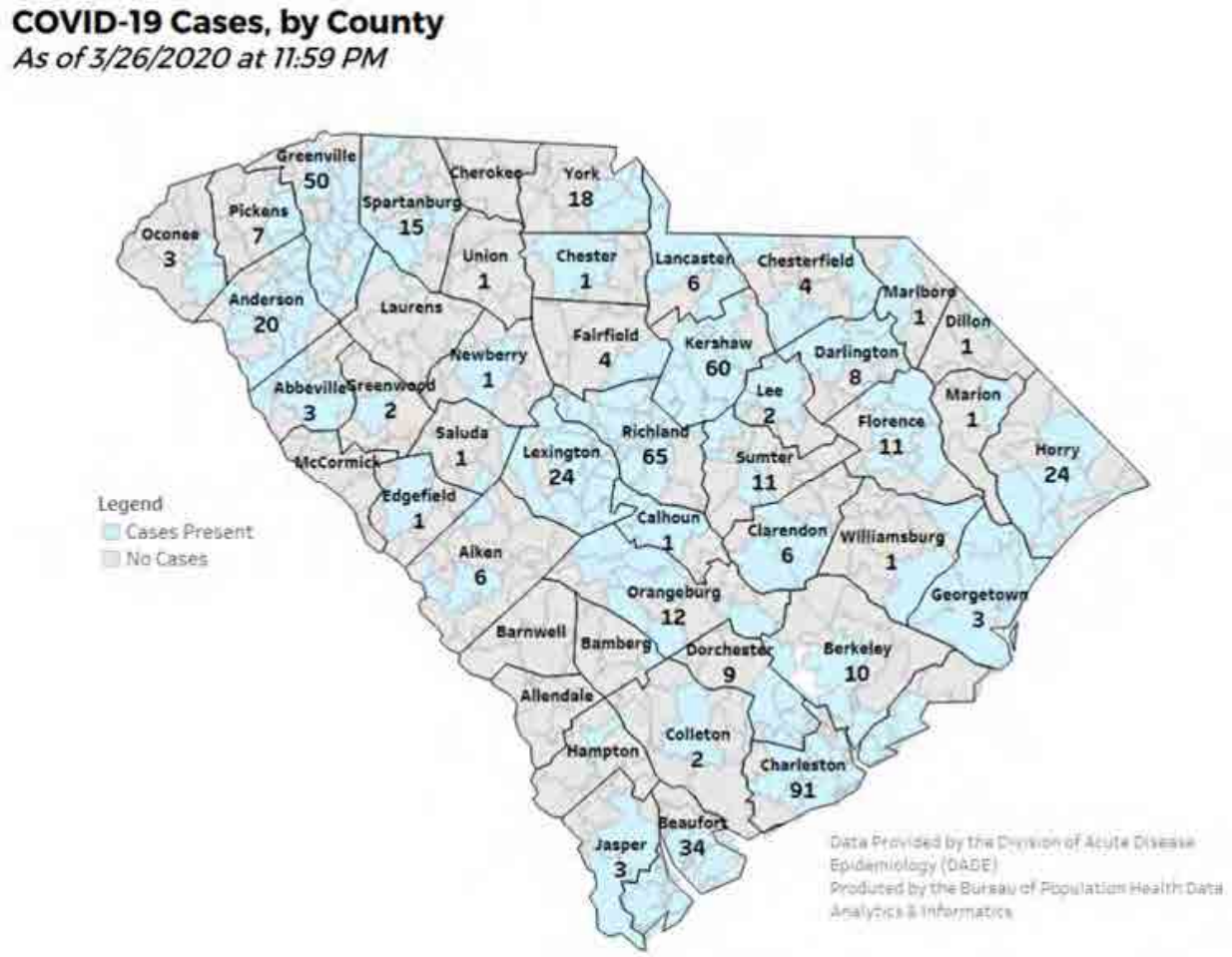
COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **86** additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to **539 cases** in **39 counties.**
- There were **4** additional deaths related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the state's total number of deaths to **13**. The patients, who were all elderly and had underlying health conditions, were from Richland, Kershaw, Greenville, and Florence counties.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville*	0	3	Greenwood	0	2
Aiken	2	6	Hampton	0	0
Allendale	0	0	Horry	3	24
Anderson*	0	20	Jasper	0	3
Bamberg	0	0	Kershaw	6	70
Barnwell	0	0	Lancaster	1	8
Beaufort	6	35	Laurens	0	0
Berkeley	2	10	Lee	0	2
Calhoun	0	1	Lexington	5	25
Charleston	32	92	Marion	0	1
Cherokee	0	0	Marlboro	0	1
Chester	0	1	McCormick	0	0
Chesterfield	1	4	Newberry	0	1
Clarendon	1	6	Oconee	1	3
Colleton	1	2	Orangeburg	1	12
Darlington	0	8	Pickens	1	7
Dillon	0	1	Richland	5	65
Dorchester	5	9	Saluda	0	1
Edgefield	0	1	Spartanburg	7	16
Fairfield	0	4	Sumter	0	10
Florence	6	11	Union	0	1

Georgetown	**0**	**3**	**Williamsburg**	**0**	**1**
Greenville	**0**	**51**	**York***	**0**	**18**
TOTAL— 86 new cases, 539 total cases					
**Abbeville, Anderson, and York have each had a case removed from the total count due to new/additional information obtained about the patient's residency.*					

- DHEC is now also publishing information about **COVID-19 cases by zip code**.



COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests**: **2,408** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- **Getting Test Results:**
  - If a resident is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. Results cannot be obtained from the DHEC Care Line. Providers utilizing the public health lab should notify patients of their test results; DHEC does not contact these patients directly.
  - Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.
- **First Responder Priority Testing:** DHEC continues to work with and add first responder priority testing sites throughout the states. An updated list of these sites is being shared with the counties.

Logistics Update

- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS):** SNS deliveries to counties began today after sorting and inventories were completed earlier this week.
- **Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with

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- **Ventilator Survey:** DHEC in coordination with the SCHA and healthcare coalitions has been working to survey hospitals regarding ventilators. The results of this survey are available on the DHEC website: **Ventilator Survey Results (March 26, 2020)** .

DHEC Operations Update

- **Recruitment**: DHEC is working rapidly to fill positions related to COVID-19 operations. Constituents interested in joining our task force of professionals combating the COVID-19 pandemic can view DHEC COVID19 Rapid Hire positions by visiting **careers.sc.gov.** Positions specific to COVID-19 can be easily located by searching the keyword "COVID19" or utilizing this link: **https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/sc?keywords=COVID19.** Benefits of these positions benefit include opportunities for potential overtime payment, participation in the state's retirement system and insurance benefits, and insight on possible full-time employment opportunities at a premier agency.
- **WIC**: The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program is providing COVID-19 related information **on the DHEC website.** Information is available about expanded food options intended to address food shortages, how to get guidance about formula shortages, breastfeeding and COVID-19, and other issues related to WIC benefits and COVID-19. Information is also available about receiving benefits remotely for those impacted by COVID-19. Until May 31, SC WIC participants impacted by WIC clinic closures, stay at home orders, and those under quarantine due to COVID19 can now receive benefits without having to be physically present.

DHEC Guidance for Businesses and Employers

- Today, March 27, DHEC **updated its interim guidance for businesses and employers**. This guidance provides prevention strategies to protect employees from COVID-19 transmission and response recommendations for employees with COVID-19 or at risk of infection.

Environmental Compliance Assistance & Regulatory Relief

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- EPA Policy on Enforcement during the COVID-19 outbreak is **available on the EPA website.**

Other Resources & Guidance

- **Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ**
- **COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities**
- **DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living**
- **SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources**

- **DHEC Guidance for Businesses**
- **DHEC Guidance for Water Management**
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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 12—March 28, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **121 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 660 cases** in **40 counties**. The quantity of new cases is higher than usual because these 121 new cases include cases from a backlog at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory caused by a nationwide shortage of testing chemicals. The lab now has the required chemicals and is processing tests as normal (the lab had previously been returning results the same day received). The lab is currently operating extended hours and is testing samples seven days a week.
- There were **two additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **15.** Both patients were elderly individuals who had underlying health conditions. One patient was a resident of Richland County and one of Horry County.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the

projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	3	Greenwood	1	3
Aiken	1	7	Hampton	0	0
Allendale	0	0	Horry	4	28
Anderson	4	24	Jasper	0	3
Bamberg	0	0	Kershaw	7	77
Barnwell	0	0	Lancaster	1	9
Beaufort	4	39	Laurens	2	2
Berkeley	3	13	Lee	3	5
Calhoun	0	1	Lexington	5	30
Charleston	16	108	Marion	0	1
Cherokee	0	0	Marlboro	0	1
Chester	1	2	McCormick	0	0
Chesterfield	0	4	Newberry	1	2
Clarendon	1	7	Oconee	0	3
Colleton	2	4	Orangeburg	2	14
Darlington	0	8	Pickens	3	10
Dillon	0	1	Richland	16	81
Dorchester	1	10	Saluda	0	1
Edgefield	0	1	Spartanburg	5	21
Fairfield	0	4	Sumter	14	24
Florence	1	12	Union	0	1
Georgetown	3	6	Williamsburg	1	2
Greenville	6	57	York	13	31
TOTAL— 121 new cases, 660 total cases					

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COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests**: **3, 015** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- **Getting Test Results:**

  - If a patient is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. **Patients cannot obtain results or status updates from DHEC or from the DHEC Care Line; they must contact their provider.** Providers utilizing the public health lab should notify patients of their test results; DHEC does not contact these patients directly.

  - Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.

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Major Disaster Declaration for South Carolina COVID-19 Pandemic (DR-4492)

- Last night, in response to Governor Henry McMaster's request, President Donald Trump declared that a major disaster exists in the state of South Carolina; as a result federal funding has been made available for the state of South Carolina to supplement the state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic beginning on Jan. 20, 2020, and continuing.
- Federal funding is available to state, tribal, and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected by COVID-19 a federal cost share of 75 percent. Gracia B. Szczech, the Regional Administrator for FEMA Region IV, has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) for federal recovery operations in South Carolina.
- Questions regarding this emergency declaration or the **Public Assistance program** should be directed to the **South Carolina Emergency Management Division.**

HAN: Severe Illness Associated with Using Non-Pharmaceutical Chloroquine Phosphate to Prevent and Treat Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- Today, DHEC **issued a HAN** to healthcare providers related to use of non-pharmaceutical chloroquine phosphate. Chloroquine phosphate, when used without a prescription and supervision of a healthcare provider, can cause serious health consequences, including death. Clinicians should discourage the public from misusing non-pharmaceutical chloroquine phosphate (a chemical used in home aquariums). Clinicians should advise patients and the public that chloroquine, and the related compound hydroxychloroquine, should be used only under the supervision of a healthcare provider as prescribed medications.

Logistics Update

- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS):** The second shipment from the SNS has been sent to the counties. The allocation has been **published on the DHEC website.** Video by Sgt. Tim Andrews, South Carolina National Guard, is **available.**
- **Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**
- **Ventilator Survey:** DHEC in coordination with the SCHA and healthcare coalitions has been working to survey hospitals regarding ventilators. On March 27, corrected results of this survey were published on the DHEC website: **Ventilator Survey Results (March 27, 2020)**. DHEC continues to work with its partners to monitor/survey ventilator utilization.

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Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

- DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
- State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
- SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
- CDC COVID-19 Resources
- FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
- SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
- CDC Guidance - Homelessness
- SC Department of Insurance Resources

Healthcare:

- DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
- DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
- DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

- DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
- CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
- CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
- DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:

- DHEC Guidance for Businesses
- CDC Guidance - Businesses
- DHEC Guidance for Restaurants/Retail Food Service
- SLED Guidance on Executive Order 2020-10
- DHEC Guidance for Water Management
- EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
- EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
- EPA COVID-19 Resources
- Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
- FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
- SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:

- DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
- SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
- SC Department of Education Food Sites

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 13—March 29, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **113 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 774 cases** in **40 counties**. The quantity of new cases is higher than usual because these 113 new cases include cases from a backlog at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory caused by a nationwide shortage of testing chemicals. The lab now has the required chemicals and is processing tests as normal (the lab had previously been returning results the same day received). The lab is currently operating extended hours and is testing samples seven days a week.
- There was **one additional death** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **16.** The patient was an elderly individual from Horry county and had underlying health conditions.
- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	3	Greenwood	0	3
Aiken	3	9	Hampton	0	0
Allendale	0	0	Horry	3	31
Anderson	5	29	Jasper	0	3
Bamberg	0	0	Kershaw	5	83
Barnwell	0	0	Lancaster	4	13
Beaufort	11	50	Laurens	1	3
Berkeley	0	14	Lee	0	5
Calhoun	1	2	Lexington	5	35
Charleston	8	117	Marion	0	1
Cherokee	0	0	Marlboro	1	2
Chester	0	2	McCormick	0	0
Chesterfield	0	4	Newberry	0	2
Clarendon	9	16	Oconee	1	4
Colleton	0	4	Orangeburg	2	16
Darlington	2	10	Pickens	1	11
Dillon	0	1	Richland	17	95

Dorchester	0	10	Saluda	0	1
Edgefield	1	2	Spartanburg	4	25
Fairfield	0	4	Sumter	6	30
Florence	1	14	Union	0	1
Georgetown	4	10	Williamsburg	0	2
Greenville	14	71	York	5	36
TOTAL— 113 new cases, 774 total cases					

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests: 3, 987** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- **Getting Test Results:**
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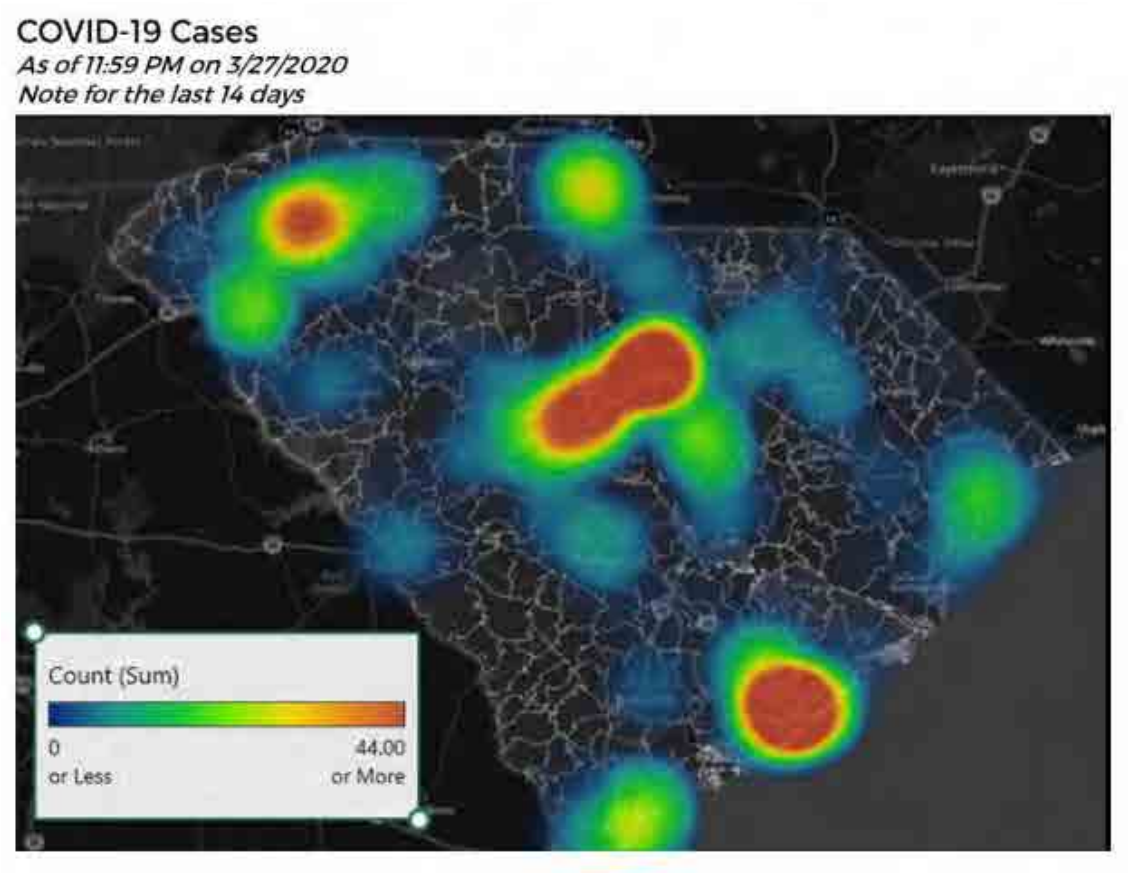
Heat Map of Reported COVID-19 Cases for the Last 14 Days (March 27, 2020)

- The map shows reported cases for the previous 14 days, as that is the timeframe for when an individual would be contagious. **However, there are within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.



Managing Anxiety and Stress

- The CDC has developed a website to assist citizens in coping with stress from the coronavirus disease of 2019 (COVID-19). South Caroline Department of Mental Health has created a COVID-19 resource page during these uncertain times to help cope with stress.

Logistics Update

- **Strategic National Stockpile (SNS):** A third shipment from the SNS is expected this week for distribution.
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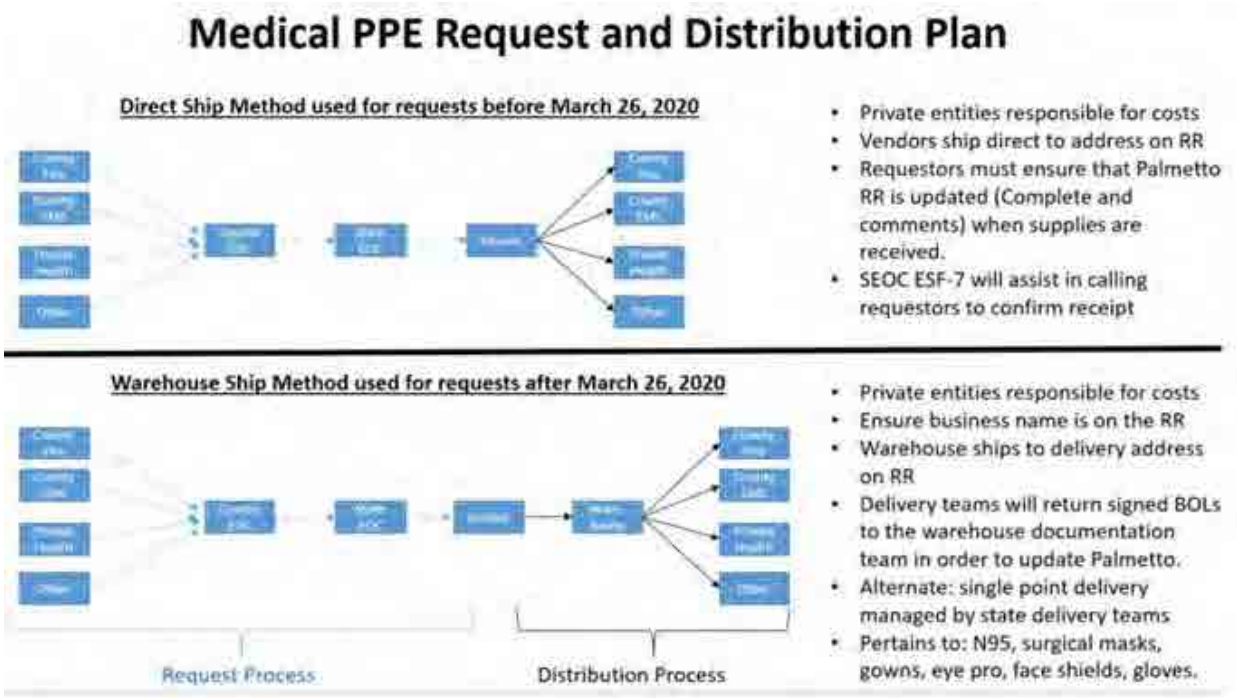

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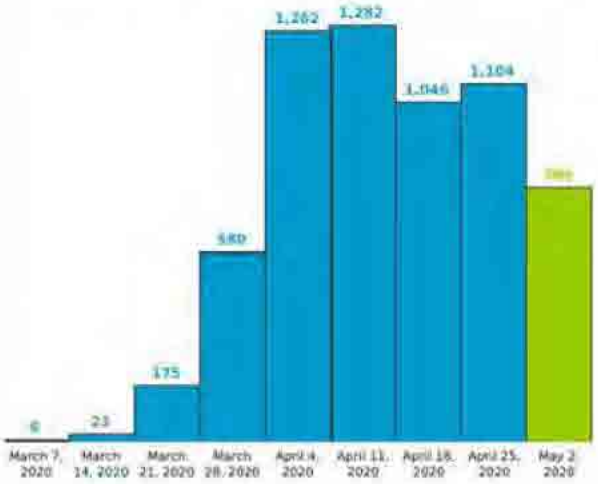

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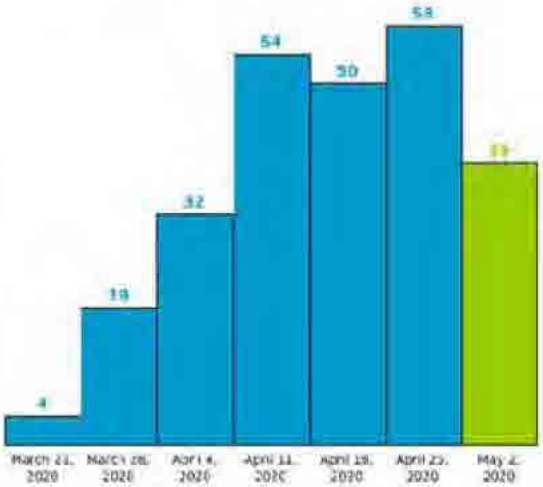

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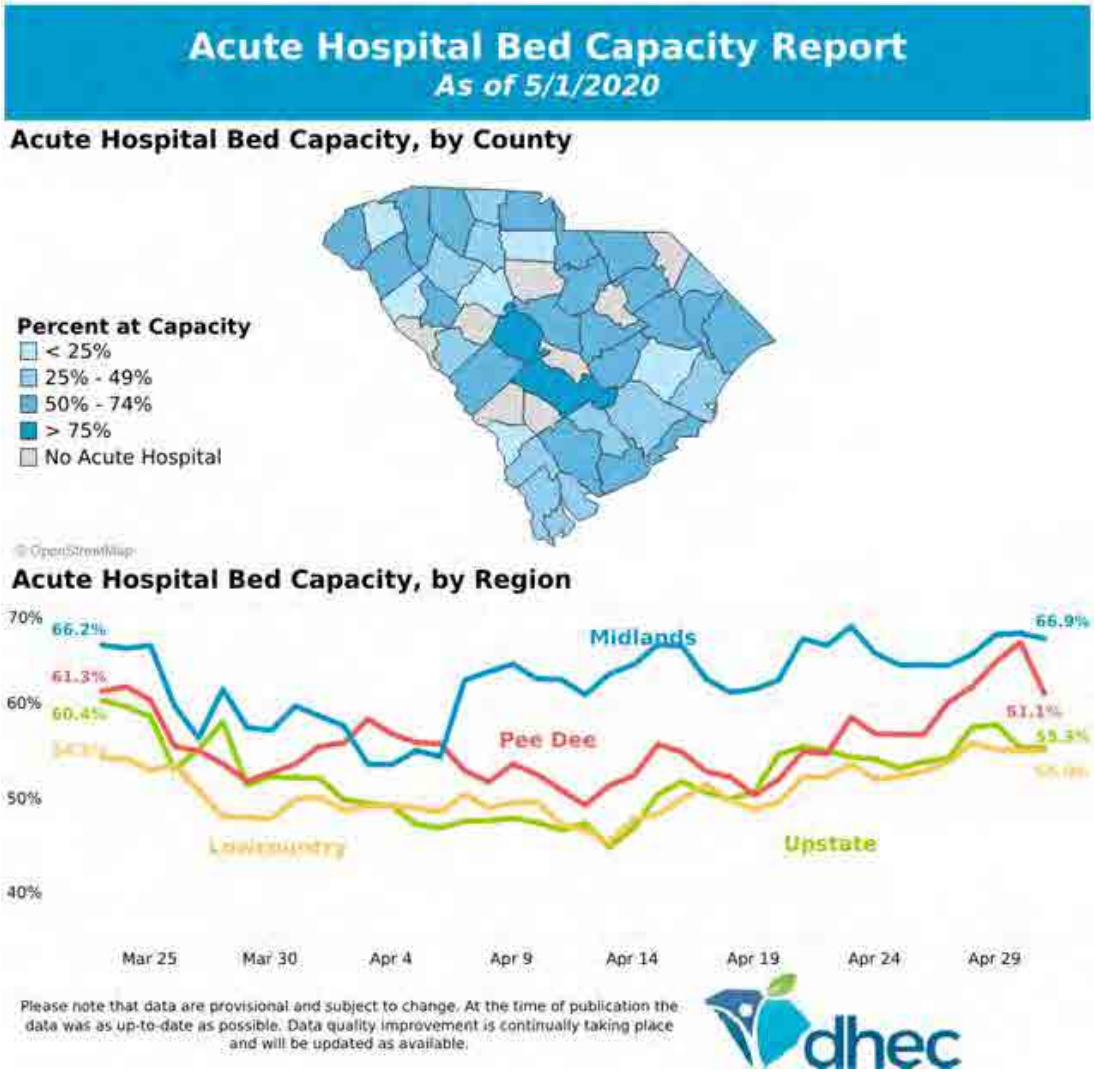

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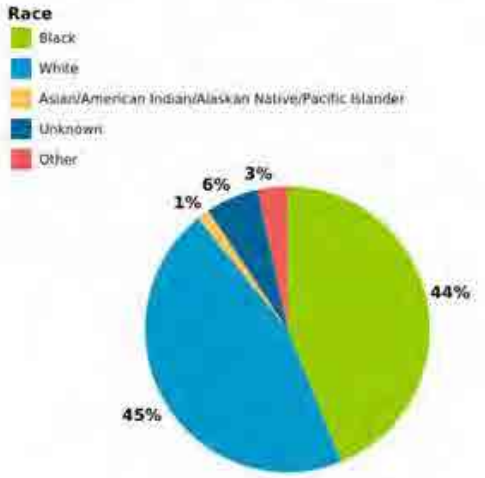

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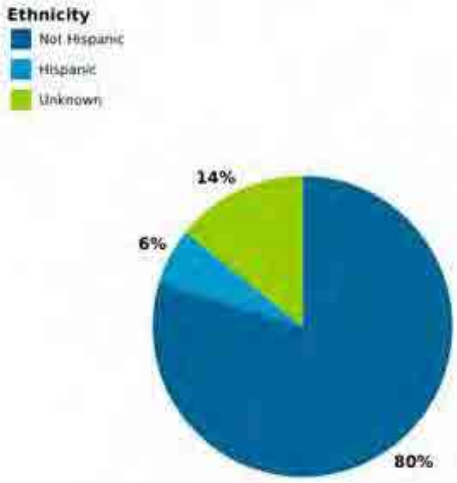

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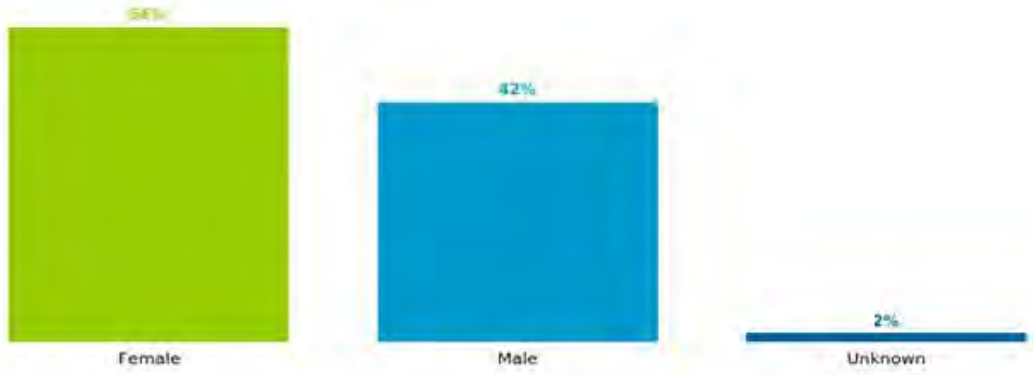

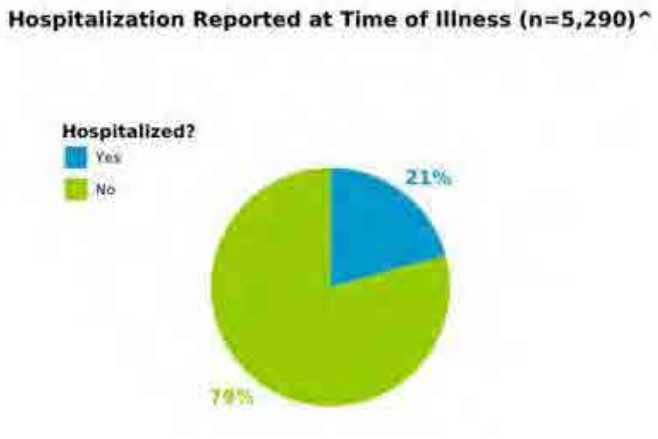

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COVID-19 in Congregate Settings
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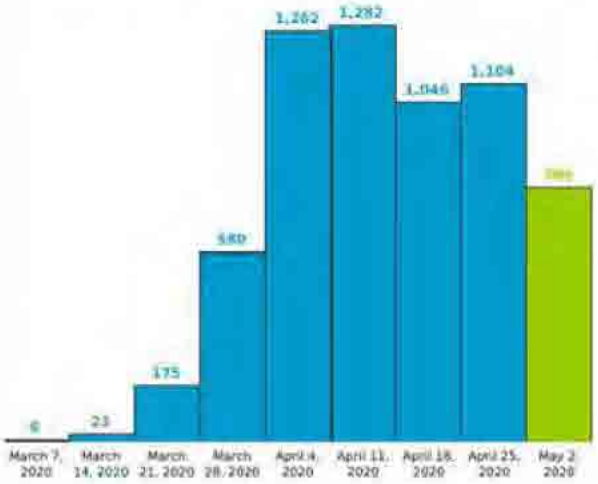

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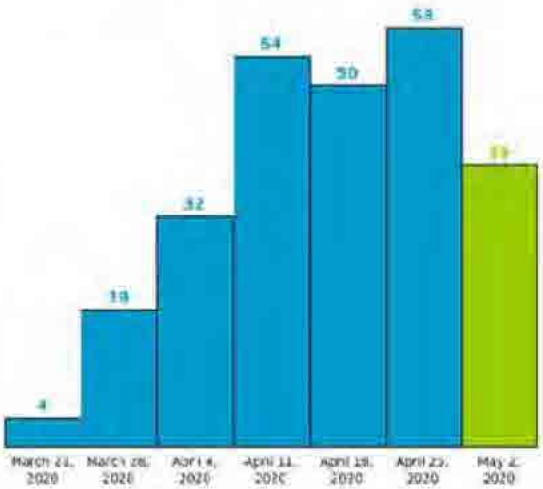

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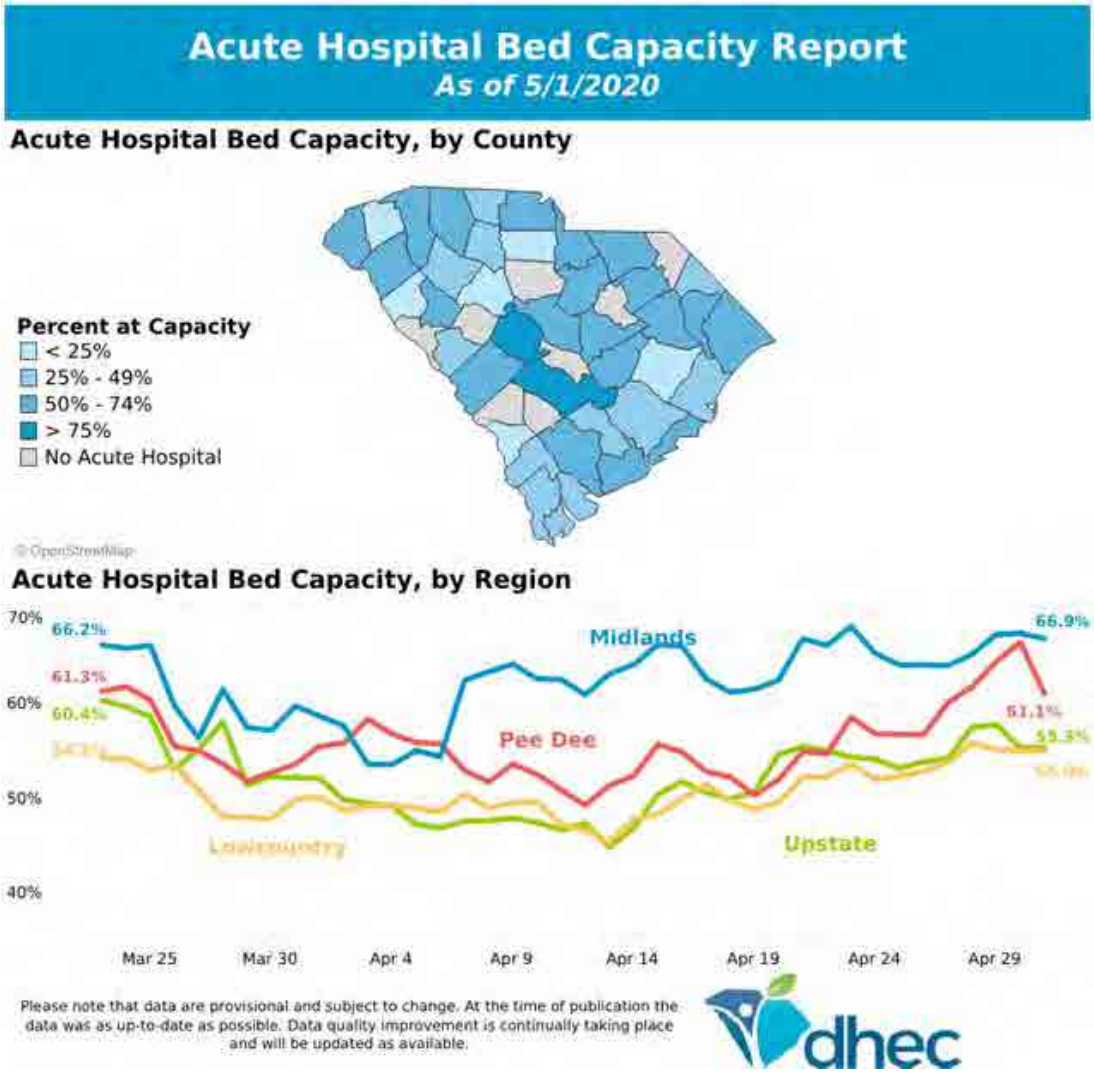

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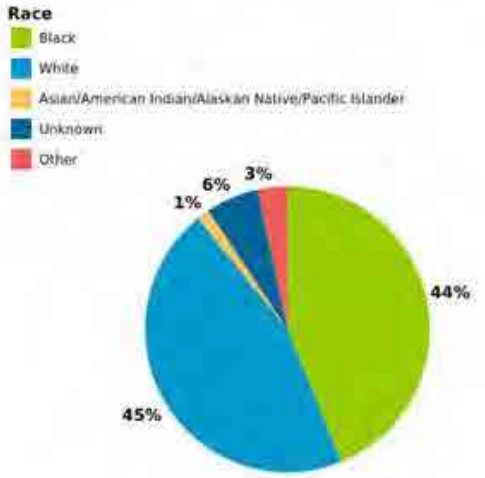

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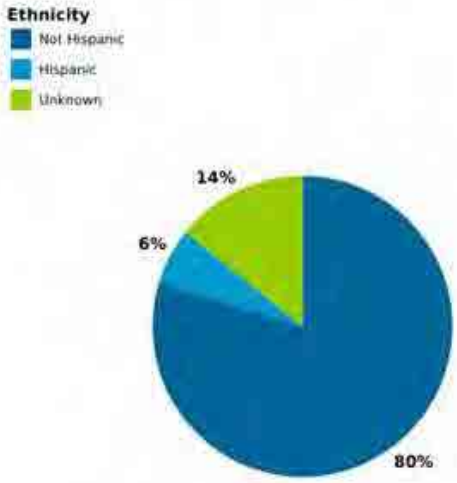

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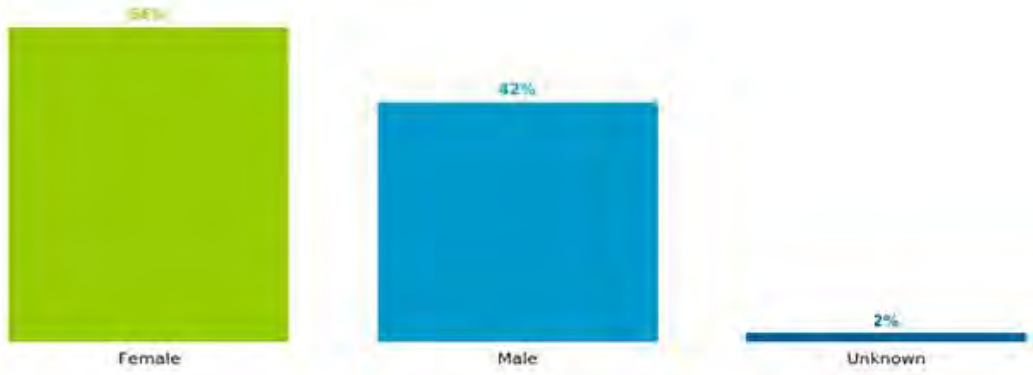

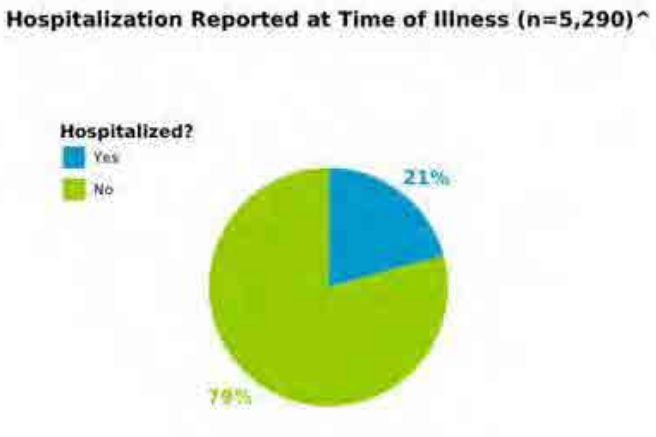

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **226 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 6,489.**
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- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	31	Greenwood	4	53
Aiken	4	105	Hampton	0	26
Allendale	0	11	Horry	0	223
Anderson	5	169	Jasper	0	21
Bamberg	2	12	Kershaw	6	243
Barnwell	1	24	Lancaster	1	100
Beaufort	1	269	Laurens	0	40
Berkeley	0	185	Lee	2	68
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	43	414
Charleston	3	456	Marion	1	37
Cherokee	0	17	Marlboro	3	49
Chester	2	32	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	1	59	Newberry	1	28
Clarendon	4	218	Oconee	0	25
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	4	81
Darlington	5	135	Pickens	0	58
Dillon	13	67	Richland	33	946
Dorchester	1	100	Saluda	11	64
Edgefield	2	31	Spartanburg	8	302
Fairfield	5	42	Sumter	18	248
Florence	4	329	Union	0	26
Georgetown	1	44	Williamsburg	12	88
Greenville	20	749	York	5	219

TOTAL—226 new cases; 6,489 total cases

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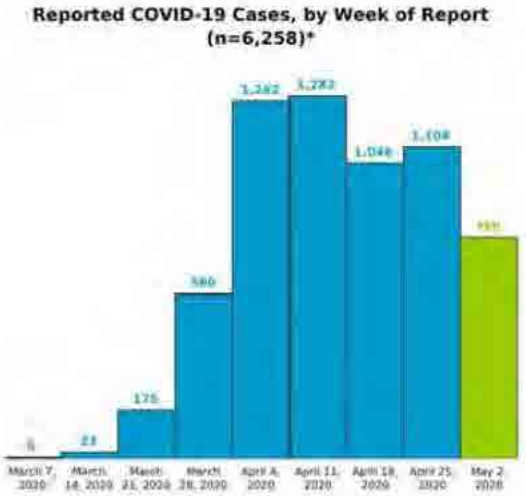
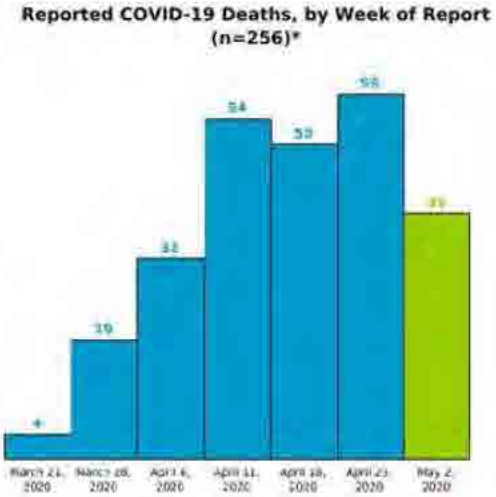
- Cases/death by week of report:





Note: Information presented are by week of report to DHEC. Data for the current week, highlighted in green, are not complete until the end of the identified reporting period. Comparison of disease activity by week should be made with caution.

DHEC Announces Influencer Campaign to Increase Awareness of Actions South Carolinians Can Take To Help Fight the Spread of COVID-19

- DHEC launched a public service announcement campaign that enlists the assistance of local and state influencers to encourage residents to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19. The campaign also seeks to bring increased awareness among groups such as older residents and African Americans, who are at higher risk of severe illness due the disease.
- Current PSA videos feature Representative James Clyburn, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, and Dr. Linda Bell, DHEC State Epidemiologist. For more information, click here.

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**61,616**
Total positive tests	**6,489**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,191
Positive – private labs	4,298
Total negative tests	**55,127**
Negative - DHEC PHL	14,129
Negative - private labs	40,998

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **16,320**. Of those tests **2,191** were positive and **14,129** were negative. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
  - **Screenings by Telephone:** On April 20, MUSC Health announced the availability of a new hotline aimed to address individuals who may not have meaningful access to online screening due to homelessness, lack of internet access, or access and functional needs that may cause trouble with online screening (disabilities, lack of technical proficiency, etc.). The hotline, 843-985-8888, offers COVID-19 screenings in English and Spanish seven days a week.
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- As of this morning, **4,824** hospital beds are available and **6,573** are in use—a **57.7%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.
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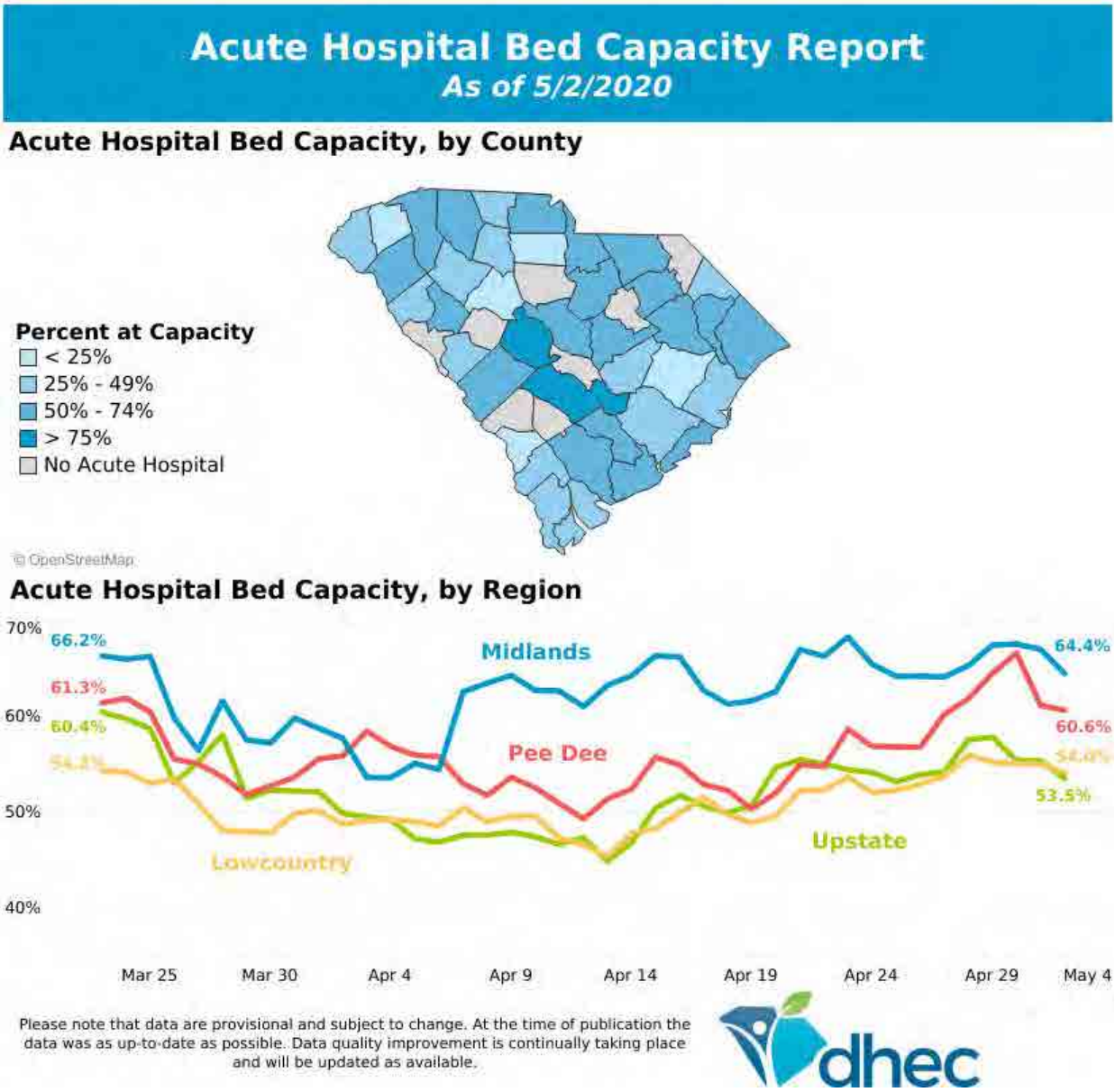

DHEC Data Tools

- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard**, which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people. In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard's map shows the locations of the state's hospitals, as well as hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen collection sites that have been reported to DHEC.

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Latest Weekly Demographic Data Summary

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- **Other Demographic Data Updates:**

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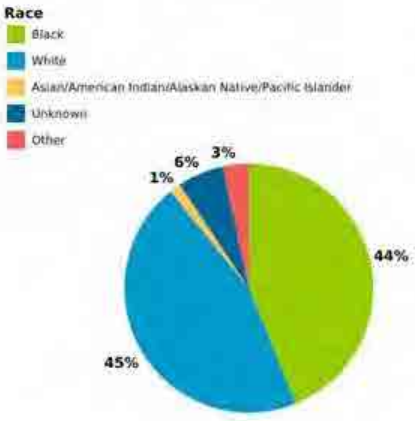

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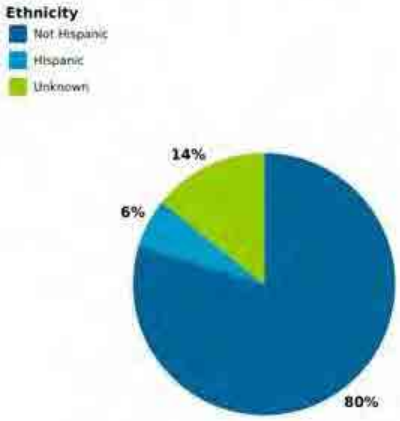

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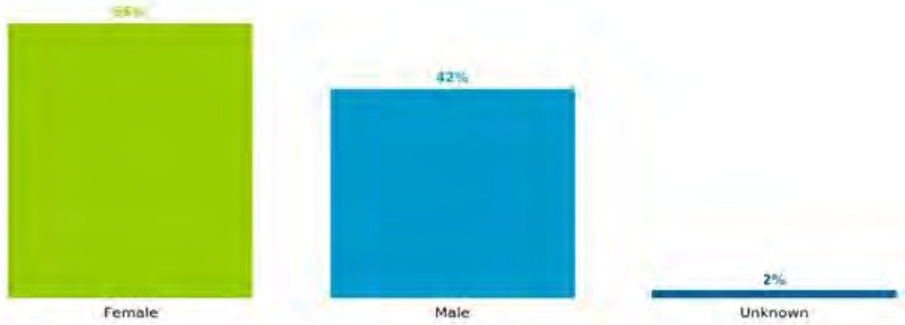

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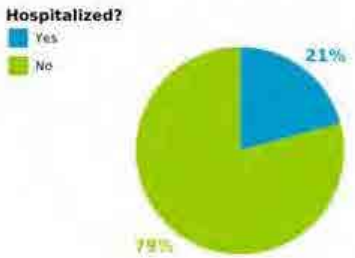

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- New cases and totals by county:

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Bamberg	0	12	Kershaw	2	245
Barnwell	1	25	Lancaster	1	101
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Berkeley	1	186	Lee	0	68
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	9	420
Charleston	2	457	Marion	0	37

Cherokee	0	17	Marlboro	1	50
Chester	2	34	McCormick	0	6
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Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	6	87
Darlington	5	140	Pickens	0	58
Dillon	5	72	Richland	18	964
Dorchester	1	101	Saluda	3	67
Edgefield	1	32	Spartanburg	6	308
Fairfield	26	68	Sumter	3	251
Florence	7	336	Union	0	26
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Greenville	9	757	York	2	221
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Total positive tests	**6,626**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,280
Positive – private labs	4,346
Total negative tests	**57,562**
Negative - DHEC PHL	14,580
Negative - private labs	42,982

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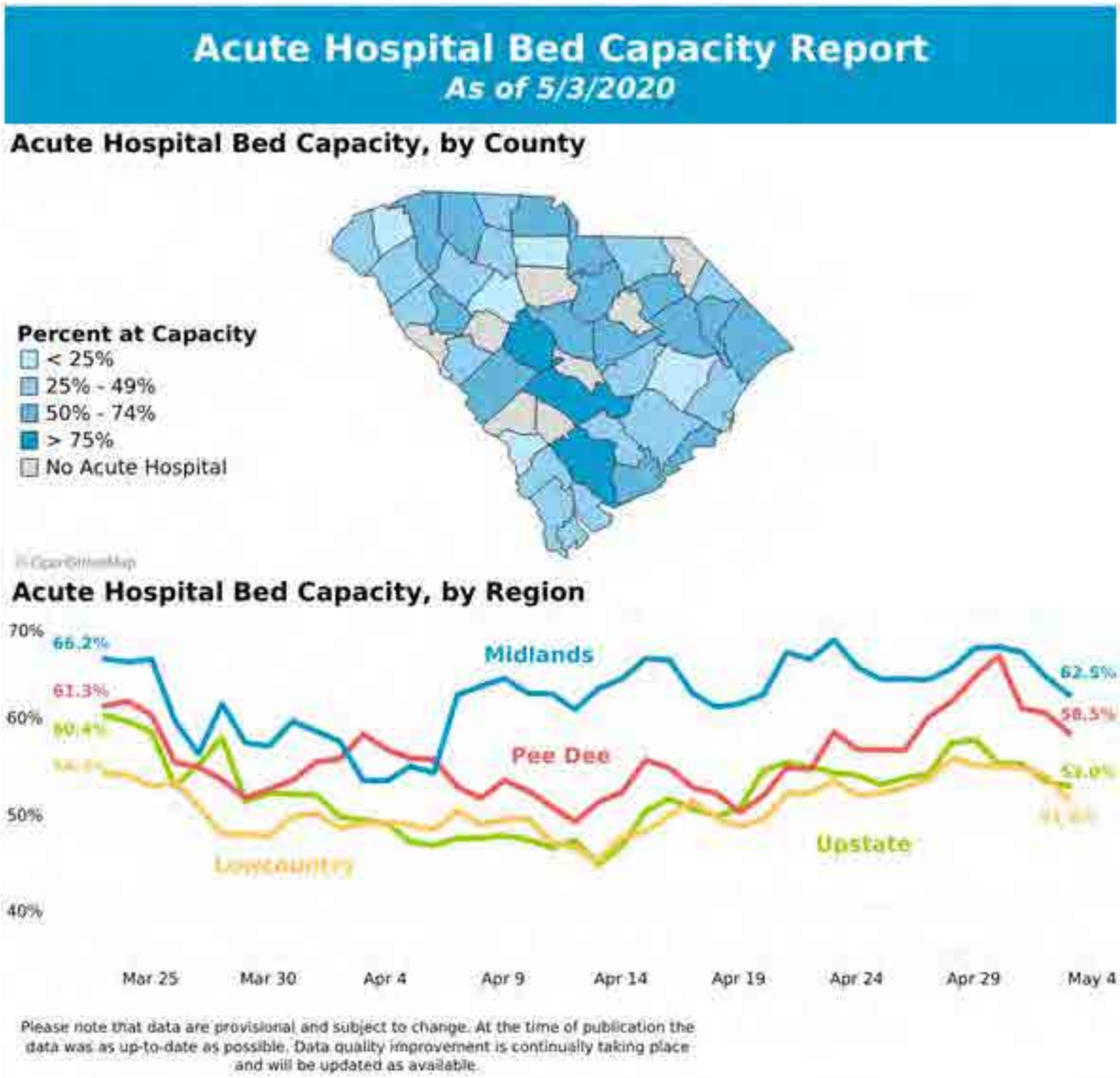

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- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **135 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus This brings the **statewide total to 6,757.**
- There were **8 additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **283** Six of those deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Clarendon (1), Greenville (2), Horry (1), and Richland (2) counties, and two of the deaths occurred in middle-aged individuals from Clarendon (1) and Marlboro (1) counties
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	33	Greenwood	0	55
Aiken	0	108	Hampton	0	26
Allendale	2	14	Horry	4	230
Anderson	0	171	Jasper	0	21
Bamberg	1	13	Kershaw	1	245
Barnwell	0	25	Lancaster	0	99
Beaufort	0	269	Laurens	1	41
Berkeley	3	190	Lee	0	68
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	12	432
Charleston	8	464	Marion	3	40
Cherokee	1	18	Marlboro	2	52
Chester	0	34	McCormick	1	7
Chesterfield	1	60	Newberry	0	30
Clarendon	3	232	Oconee	1	27
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	5	92
Darlington	4	144	Pickens	1	59
Dillon	2	74	Richland	13	977
Dorchester	0	100	Saluda	1	68
Edgefield	0	32	Spartanburg	7	315
Fairfield	0	68	Sumter	13	264
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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**67,771**
Total positive tests	**6,757**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,332
Positive – private labs	4,425
Total negative tests	**61,014**
Negative - DHEC PHL	14,960
Negative - private labs	46,054

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **17,292** Of those tests **2,332** were positive and **14,960** were negative DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours
- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance
- **Specimen Collection Sites:** A map of specimen collection sites is available on the COVID-19 data dashboard Residents who wish to be tested for COVID-19 should not go directly to specimen-collection sites a referral/physician s order from telehealth or a clinician is required

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Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **4,790** hospital beds are available and **6,673** are in use—a **58.5%** **statewide hospital bed utilization rate.**
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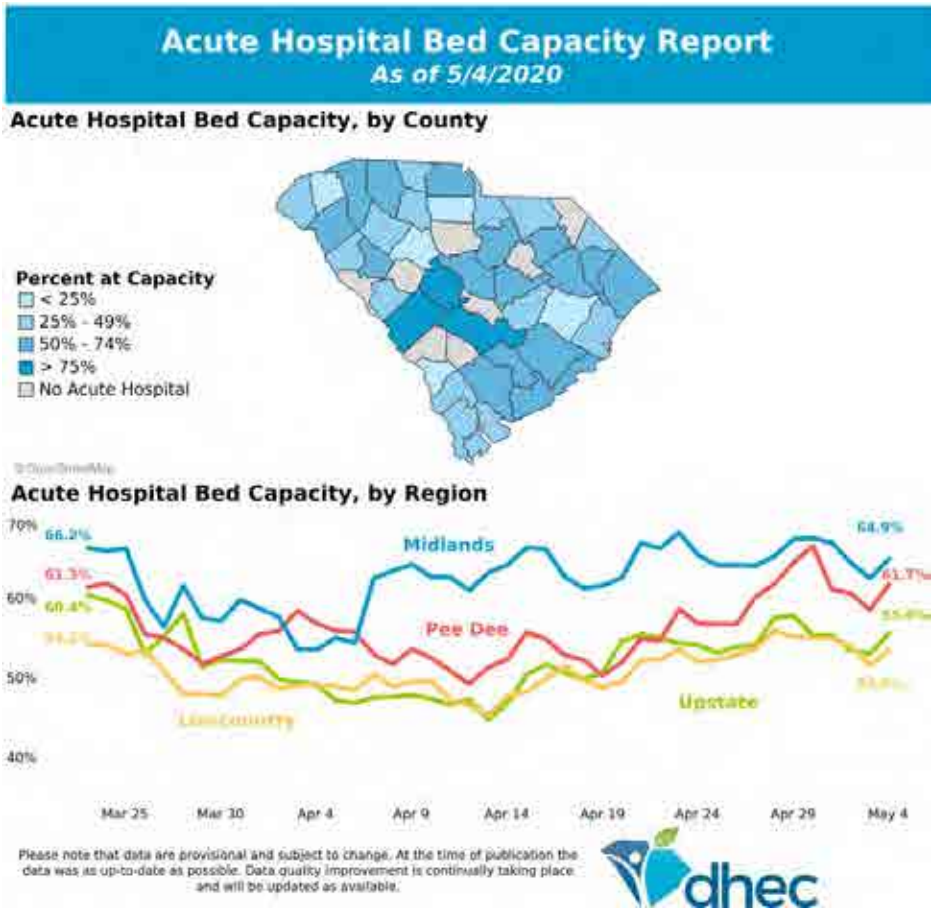

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Percent Positive Trends Among Reported COVID-19 Cases

- As South Carolina increases testing, there will be more laboratory-confirmed cases DHEC today released new graphs showing trends in reported confirmed cases of COVID-19 during the last 28- and 14-days, respectively The percent of total tests assists the agency in comparing the number of tests conducted and increases in overall testing The calculation is a result of the number of positive tests reported in a day (for May 3, 135) divided by the total number of tests performed on that same day by both DHEC s laboratory and private laboratories (for May 3, 3,090), then multiplied by 100 to get the percent positive (4 4%, for May 3)
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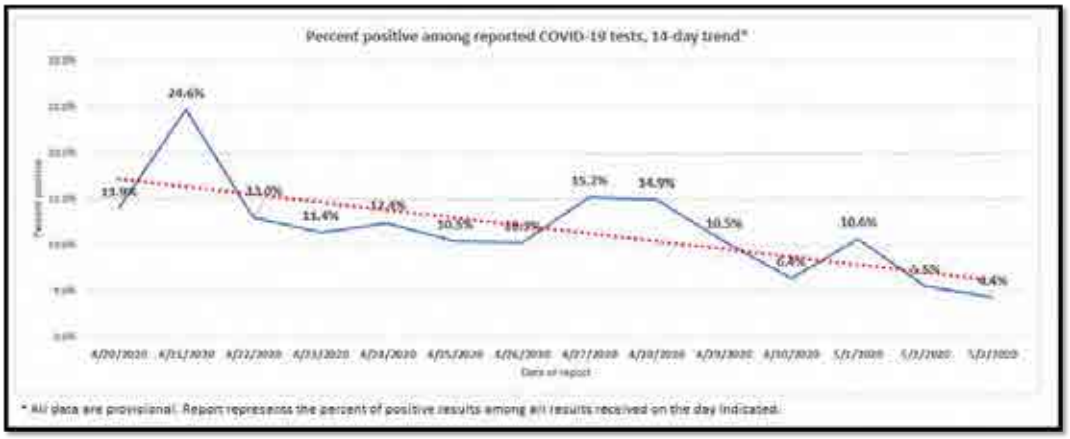

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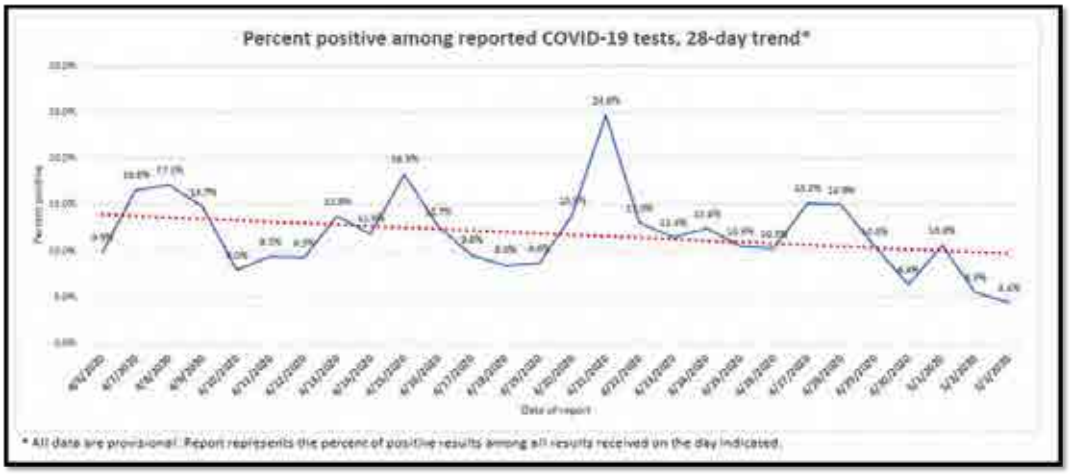

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Summary of Case Reports through March 1 and Projections through May 23

- The table below presents numbers of COVID-19 cases observed in the Sunday through Saturday weeks since March 1 as well as projections of COVID-19 cases through to the week of May 10 – May 16 For each week, numbers are presented regarding the number of new cases, the cumulative number of cases, the cumulative case rate per 100,000 persons, and whether the numbers were observed (i e confirmed cases reported to DHEC) or have been projected

Week of	Cases	Cumulative Cases	Cumulative Case Rate / 100,000	Data Observed or Projected
Mar 1 – Mar 7	6	6	0.1	Observed
Mar 8 – Mar 14	23	29	1	Observed
Mar 15 – Mar 21	175	204	4	Observed
Mar 22 – Mar 28	580	784	15	Observed
Mar 29 – Apr 4	1,262	2,046	40	Observed
Apr 5 – Apr 11	1,282	3,328	65	Observed
Apr 12 – Apr 18	1,043	4,371	86	Observed
Apr 19 – Apr 25	1,103	5,474	107	Observed
Apr 26 – May 2	1,152	6,626	130	Observed
May 3 – May 9	1,050	7,675	150	Projected
May 10 – May 16	1,000	8,684	170	Projected
May 17 – May 23	970	9,652	189	Projected

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- The table below provides some perspectives of the projected case rate of 136 per 100,000 in SC, on May 9, by comparing it to case rates already observed as of April 18 by those states that have suffered the greatest burden of COVID-19

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State	As of Date	Cumulative Cases	Population	Rate per 100,000
New York	May 2	313,008	19,440,469	1,610.1
New Jersey	May 2	123,717	8,936,574	1,384.4
Massachusetts	May 2	66,263	6,976,597	949.8
Illinois	May 2	58,505	12,659,682	462.1
Pennsylvania	May 2	51,071	12,820,878	398.3
Michigan	May 2	43,191	10,045,029	430.0
Connecticut	May 2	29,287	3,563,077	822.0
Louisiana	May 2	29,140	4,645,184	627.3
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  - *Licensing***:** When the DHEC Healthcare Quality team is notified of a COVID-19 outbreak within a facility, the facility is contacted via telephone and email to confirm relevant facts and request additional documentation to be reviewed by DHEC s health facilities licensing staff (infection control policies, staffing, PPE status, etc) for follow-up, to include an onsite visit if needed DHEC Healthcare Quality also shares guidance from the CDC and/or CMS with facilities
- **Resources:** The DHEC website is updated regularly with **materials related to long-term care facilities** preparing and responding to COVID-19 These include:
  - **Updated CMS Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities**
  - **Coordinating and Aligning COVID-19 Nursing Home Infection Control Practices**
  - **CDC Long-Term Care Facilities: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19s**
  - **April 1, 2020 Nursing Home Guidance Webinar for COVID-19**
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  - **DHEC Guidance for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities on Visitation Restrictions**
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- There were **13 additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **296** Twelve of those deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Beaufort (1), Berkeley (3), Charleston (1), Richland (5), Williamsburg (1), and York (1) counties, and one death occurred in a middle-aged individual in Florence County
- New cases and totals by county:

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Barnwell	2	27	Lancaster	1	96
Beaufort	1	270	Laurens	1	42
Berkeley	0	188	Lee	1	69
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	11	440
Charleston	2	463	Marion	1	41
Cherokee	0	18	Marlboro	1	54
Chester	0	35	McCormick	0	7
Chesterfield	1	61	Newberry	0	31
Clarendon	5	237	Oconee	2	29
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	3	94
Darlington	5	149	Pickens	2	61
Dillon	0	74	Richland	12	990
Dorchester	0	101	Saluda	2	70
Edgefield	0	32	Spartanburg	3	317
Fairfield	3	71	Sumter	7	270
Florence	6	353	Union	0	26
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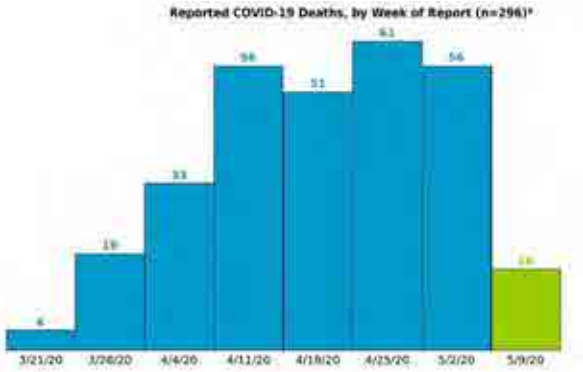

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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

- **Darlington County Mobile Testing Clinic Update:** Through a partnership between DHEC and Care South Carolina, **464 residents were tested today for COVID-19 at a free mobile clinic in Darlington County** Screening and specimen collection is part of DHEC s ongoing efforts to increase testing in underserved and rural communities across the state Find photos of the free mobile clinic on DHEC's Twitter and Facebook accounts

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Total positive tests	6,841

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Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **3,241** hospital beds are available and **6,415** are in use—a **64.44%** **statewide hospital bed utilization rate.** Today s higher percentage of statewide hospital bed utilization is due to the inclusion of data reporting from 11 non-acute care facilities who are treating COVID-19 patients Previously, only 67 acute hospitals reported this information
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Percent Positive Trends Among Reported COVID-19 Cases

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$$\frac{\text{\# of positive tests reported in a day}}{\text{total \# tests performed that day (by DHEC + by private labs)}} \times 100 = \text{\% positive}$$

Example: DHEC reports 93 cases. The DHEC PHL tested 359 samples on that day, and private laboratories tested 636. 93 cases will be divided by 995 total tests for a result of 0.09346734. Multiplied by 100, the percentage is 9.35%.

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- **NEW**: Today, May 5, DHEC announced that the agency has partnered with SCDOT and City of Columbia in an effort to better protect those who drive the Central Midlands Regional Transit Authority (The COMET) buses, and the riders who rely on them for transportation These efforts will be part of a pilot project aimed at increasing education around driver and passenger health and safety
    - To support transit employees, DHEC and SCDOT have provided The COMET with safety kits for drivers, 100 gallons of hand sanitizer, and signs which are placed on each bus outlining safety precautions that every rider should adhere to while on the bus
    - DHEC and The COMET encourages all riders to limit travel to essential locations, continue to practice social distancing while riding the bus, use the provided hand sanitizer, and wear a face mask, if possible This includes a maximum of 20 passengers per bus, and one person per row The COMET has also implemented rear door boarding
- Recently, DHEC collaborated/coordinated with:
    - utilities across the state to include an insert in their bills that features prevention messaging for those 65 and older or who have conditions like diabetes, heart disease or lung disease,
    - S C LLR to email a list of DHEC s information and resources to more than 400,000 licensees, and
    - the S C Office of Aging that to distribute 19,500 DHEC COVID-19 information cards to clients statewide

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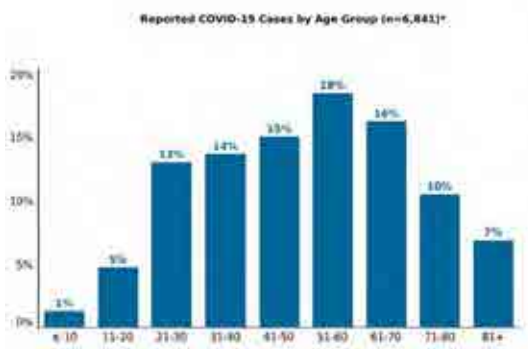
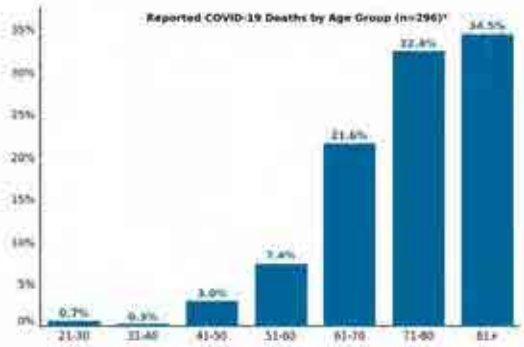
Demographic Data Update

- The DHEC Demographic Data **page was updated today.** Some of the information is previewed below
- **Recovery Rates:** As of May 4, 80 7% of the 4,729 individuals for which we have symptom onset data are estimated to have recovered from COVID-19; 18 3% are estimated to remain ill
- **Hospitalization at time of Reported Illness:** For those cases for which data is available, 20% of patients were hospitalized at the time of reported illness
- **Age:**

	Confirmed Cases	Average Age	Median Age	Age Range
Reported Cases	6,841	50.7 years	52.0 years	< 1 Month - 105 Years
Reported Deaths	296	75.0 years	76.0 years	27 Years - 101 Years





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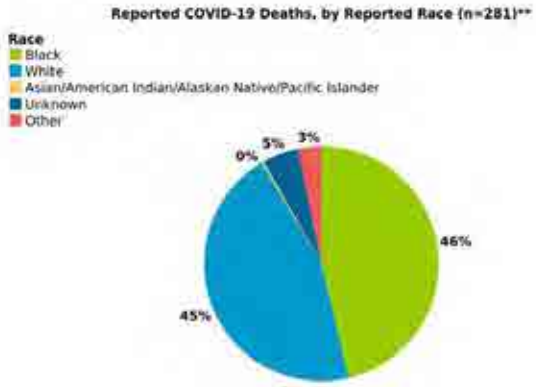

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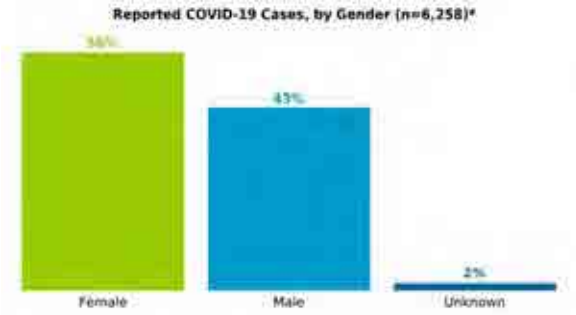

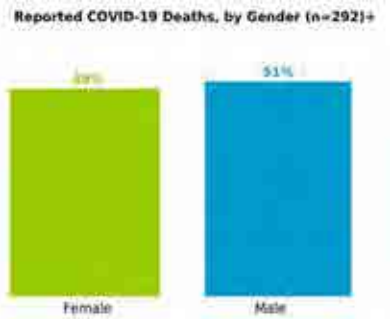

Long-term Care Facilities Update

- **COVID-19 Cases within LTCF:** The list of cases of COVID-19 that have been confirmed by DHEC s epi staff **has been updated on the DHEC website**

COVID-19 in Congregate Settings *Data collected April 3 to 10:00 AM on May 4, 2020*	
Aggregate number of nursing homes, and community residential facilities where at least one (1) COVID-19 case was identified	77
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- **DHEC Assistance to Facilities:** DHEC is working with facilities across the state to help them implement infection control practices that protect their residents and those who care for them during this pandemic
  - *Infection Control*: When nursing homes and assisted living facilities **report cases of COVID-19 to DHEC's regional epidemiology staff**, the regional staff share DHEC and CDC infection control guidelines Facilities are then referred to the DHEC Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology(DADE) Healthcare Associated Infection (HA) team for additional infection control recommendations (placement of residents based on COVID-19 status, risk assessment for potential exposures, testing recommendations, etc) The HAI team holds meetings/calls with the facility staff as needed and can also assist in completing an infection control response tool (ICAR) that can assess infection control practices and guide improvements
    - Nursing homes and assisted living facilities are encouraged to reach out through their established HAI contact
    - If a contact has not been established, facilities may email **c-19_ltcf_help@dhec.sc.gov** for assistance regarding active cases involving their staff/residents or **teleicar@dhec.sc.gov** to request a "tele-ICAR" from DHEC s HAI team
  - *Licensing*: When the DHEC Healthcare Quality team is notified of a COVID-19 outbreak within a facility, the facility is contacted via telephone and email to confirm relevant facts and request additional documentation to be reviewed by DHEC s health facilities licensing staff (infection control policies, staffing, PPE status, etc) for follow-up, to include an onsite visit if needed DHEC Healthcare Quality also shares guidance from the CDC and/or CMS with facilities
- **Resources:** The DHEC website is updated regularly with **materials related to long-term care facilities** preparing and responding to COVID-19 These include:
  - **Updated CMS Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities**
  - **Coordinating and Aligning COVID-19 Nursing Home Infection Control Practices**
  - **CDC Long-Term Care Facilities: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19s**
  - **April 1, 2020 Nursing Home Guidance Webinar for COVID-19**
  - **Updated FAQs for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities**
  - **DHEC Guidance for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities on Visitation Restrictions**
  - **April 22 HAN: Updated Reporting Criteria for COVID-19**
- **Complaints**: For constituents with concerns related to a healthcare facility, attempting to resolve a complaint directly with the facility administrator is often the quickest means of getting results However, complaints may also be registered **online for all DHEC-regulated health facilities via the DHEC website.**

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COVID-19 Response Account Update

- The May Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account DHEC Expenditure Report is **available from the Executive Budget Office.**

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account
SCDHEC Expenditures
as of 5/1/20

Category	Previously Reported	April 2020	Encumbered*	Total
Personnel	$0.00	$78,332.80	$0.00	$78,332.80
Contractual	$5,847.40	$44,437.72	$1,251,242.85	$1,301,527.97
Supplies	$838,294.70	$2,888,889.45	$3,675,951.77	$7,403,136.92
Fixed Charges	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Travel	$0.00	$13,464.44	$839.56	$14,304.00
Capital Equipment	$0.00	$0.00	$39,960.00	$39,960.00
Case Services	$0.00	$0.00	$460,943.24	$460,943.24
Utilities	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Allocations	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
Fixed Assets	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00
TOTAL	$844,142.10	$5,025,125.41	$5,428,937.42	$9,298,204.93

Total Budget: $45,000,000.00

Balance: $35,701,795.07

**Operating expenses encumbered in SCEIS. Expenditure posting can be delayed due to invoice process ng. These figures do not include purchases made on the Pcard which follow a delayed payment cycle.*

Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19 Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below

General:

accelerateSC
Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
DHEC List of Testing & Screening Sites
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources
DHEC FAQ for Coroners
DAODAS COVID-19 Resources
Just Plain Killers

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC COVID-19 Information for First Responders
DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement

DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC Guidance for Businesses and Employers
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
FDA: Food Safety & COVID-19
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:
DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19)

Legislative Update # 51—May 6, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

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- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or **ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov**

Constituent inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call **1-855-472-3432**. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **scdhec.gov/covid19** is updated often to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **Covid-19 webpage.**

Covid-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** **97 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 6,936.**
- There were **nine additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **305**. All of those deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Allendale (1), Charleston (1), Florence (2), Lexington (1), Richland (2), Williamsburg (1), and York (1) counties.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	total Cases	County	New Cases	total Cases
abbeville	0	33	greenwood	4	61
aiken	0	108	Hampton	0	27
allendale	0	18	Horry	2	238
anderson	4	173	Jasper	0	21
Bamberg	1	14	Kershaw	2	245
Barnwell	1	28	Lancaster	3	99
Beaufort	1	269	Laurens	0	42
Berkeley	1	189	Lee	1	70
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	8	442
Charleston	1	464	Marion	0	41
Cherokee	1	19	Marlboro	0	54
Chester	0	34	McCormick	0	7
Chesterfield	4	65	Newberry	0	31
Clarendon	11	248	oconee	0	31
Colleton	0	32	orangeburg	1	95
Darlington	3	151	pickens	0	61
Dillon	0	74	richland	14	1014
Dorchester	2	103	saluda	2	73

Edgefield	3	35	s partanburg	2	318
Fairfield	4	74	s umter	1	271
Florence	5	358	Union	0	26
g eorgetown	2	48	Williamsburg	6	100
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**As DHEC receives new information, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the county of residence as provided to DHEC.*

s outh Carolina to t est a ll r esidents and s taff at Nursing Homes for Covi D-19

- Today, DHEC announced that it will **test residents and staff members at every nursing home in the state** for COVID-19. This extensive testing plan is part of DHEC's ongoing efforts to increase COVID-19 testing in South Carolina, especially for those at higher risk for developing severe complications from the virus, like nursing home residents and the staff members who care for them.
- Beginning **next week**, DHEC — with testing support from LabCorp and extensive coordination and cooperation from the two primary associations that represent nursing homes, South Carolina Health Care Association and LeadingAge South Carolina — will begin a phased testing approach to include approximately 40,000 residents and staff members at the 194 nursing homes in the state.
  - The first phase will begin **May 11** with approximately 15,000 residents and staff at 74 facilities. While these facilities were identified based on risk, the majority of them volunteered to be tested in phase one.
  - The statewide testing of the 194 facilities is anticipated to be **complete by the end of May**.
  - The facilities have been notified of this testing plan, and DHEC staff are working with facilities to answer any questions or concerns ahead of the testing roll out. DHEC has worked, and continues to work, closely with these health care facilities to provide guidance and implement recommendations for protecting residents as well as the workers who care for them.
- **All residents and staff will be tested, whether or not they have symptoms**. Universal testing in these facilities will improve identification of residents with asymptomatic infection reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- In addition to providing universal testing, several measures have been implemented statewide to protect residents and staff at nursing homes. DHEC's disease investigation staff work closely with facilities to prevent additional cases by investigating when a COVID-19 case is reported involving a staff member or resident. This includes that all nursing homes are required to report COVID-19 infections to DHEC. A typical response includes:
  - Frontline epidemiologists contact the facility to collect preliminary information about residents and staff.
  - Frontline staff connect the facilities with DHEC Infection Preventionists who provide facility-specific consultations.
  - Guidance is provided about how to assess possible exposures, restriction of activities, isolation and quarantine measures, appropriate use of PPE and disease monitoring in staff and residents to rapidly detect additional cases.
- **COVID-19 Cases Confirmed at LTCFs:** The list of cases of COVID-19 that have been confirmed by DHEC's epi staff was updated yesterday.

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- **Nursing Home/CRCF Resources:** The DHEC website is updated regularly with materials related to long-term care facilities preparing and responding to COVID-19. These include:
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Covi D-19 t esting/p ublic Health Laboratory (pHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**77,482**
Total positive tests	**6,936**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,468
Positive – private labs	4,468
Total negative tests	**70,546**
Negative - DHEC PHL	15,667
Negative - private labs	54,879

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **18,135** Of those tests **2,468** were positive and **15,667** were negative. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance.
- NEW—**Find Testing & Screening Sites:** An interactive tool has been added to the DHEC website intended to provide information about known locations of COVID-19 test sampling sites; inclusion on the list does not constitute endorsement by DHEC. There may be additional sites that offer test sampling that are not included. The status of listed sites are subject to change (may no longer perform COVID-19 testing services). Please email covid19testing@dhec.sc.gov if you'd like to submit a new site or to request a change to a current site.

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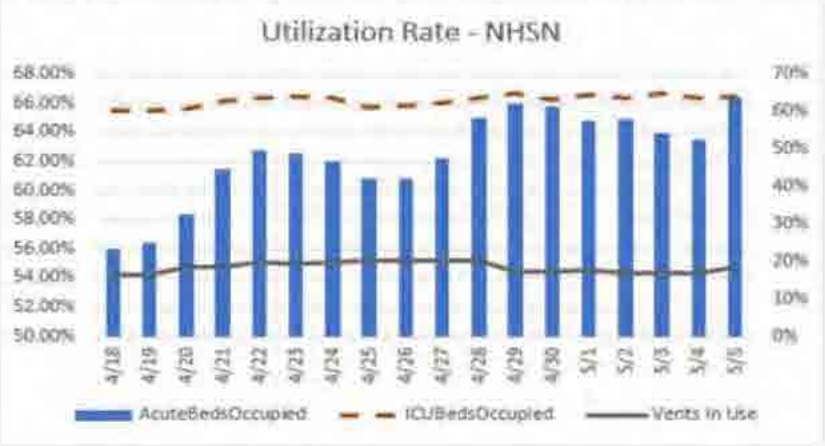
Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **3,461** hospital beds are available and **6,601** are in use—a **65.60%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate. Today's higher percentage of statewide hospital bed utilization is due to the inclusion of data reporting from 11 non-acute care facilities who are treating COVID-19 patients. Previously, only 67 acute hospitals reported this information.
- **485** beds are occupied by patients who have either tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19.



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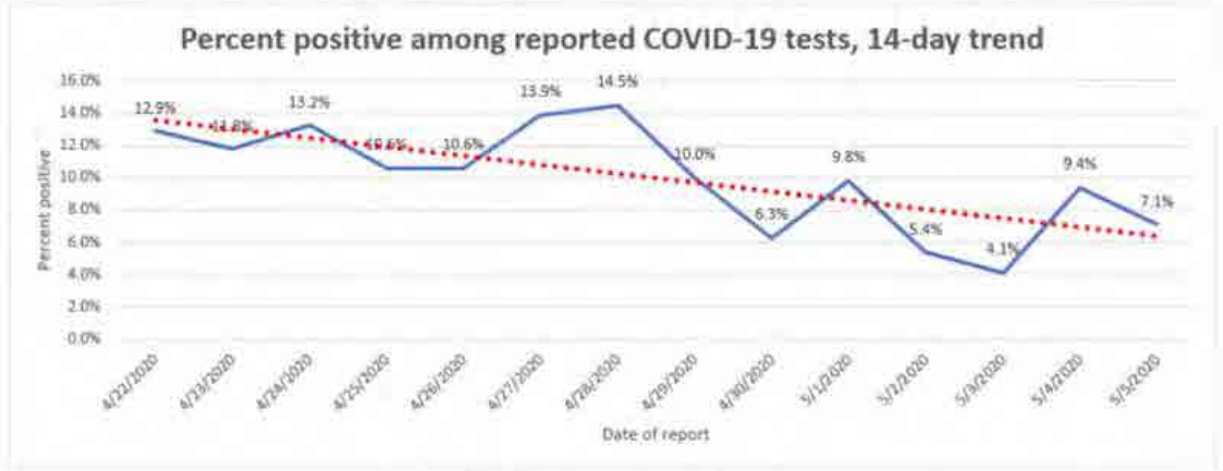
Percent Positive Trends Among Reported COVID-19 Cases

- As COVID-19 testing increases in South Carolina, there will likely be more laboratory-confirmed cases. DHEC has released new graphs (*below*) showing trends in the percent of cases of COVID-19 relative to the number of tests performed during the last 28 days and within the last 14 days.
    - When the percent positive is high, it means targeted testing is occurring of symptomatic individuals. If large volumes of tests are being performed and the percent positive is low, it indicates widespread testing is occurring throughout the state.



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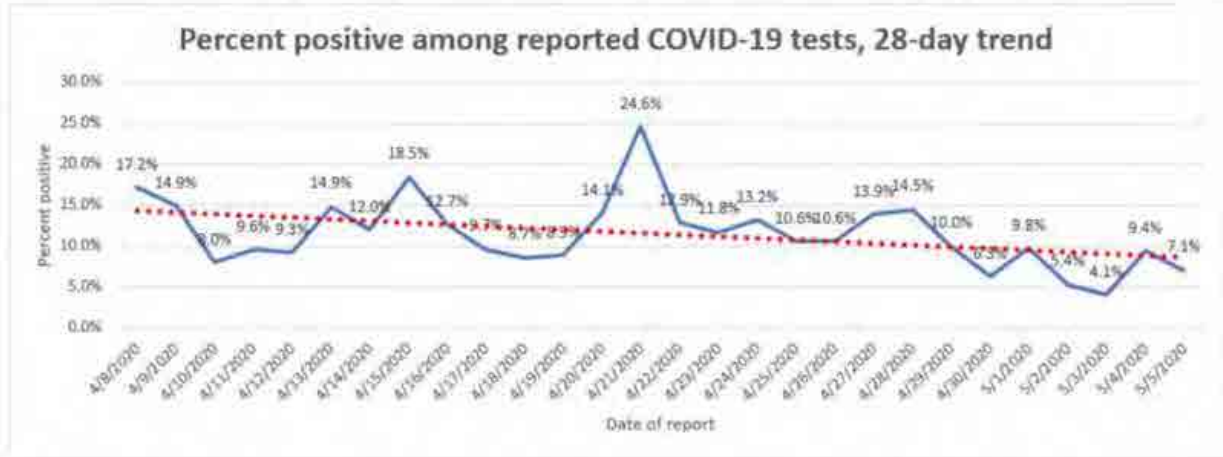

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- The calculation is a result of the number of positive tests reported in a day divided by the total number of tests performed that same day by both DHEC's laboratory and private laboratories, then multiplied by 100 to get the percent positive.

$$\frac{\text{\# of positive tests reported in a day}}{\text{total \# tests performed that day (by DHEC + by private labs)}} \times 100 = \text{\% positive}$$

Example: DHEC reports 93 cases. The DHEC PHL tested 359 samples on that day, and private laboratories tested 636. 93 cases will be divided by 995 total tests for a result of 0.09346734. Multiplied by 100, the percentage is 9.35%.

$$\frac{93 \text{ cases}}{995 \text{ tests}} \times 100 = 9.34673\% \text{ positive}$$

DHEC Data t ools

- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard**, which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people. In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard's map shows the locations of the state's hospitals, as well as hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen collection sites that have been reported to DHEC.

- **interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC also provides an interactive tool to generate printable maps and reports for both confirmed and estimated COVID-19 case counts **statewide, by county, or by zip code.**

- **Heat Map**: The **heat map** indicates reported cases of COVID-19 in the state. Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against this

disease.

- **Demographic Data:** The DHEC **demographic data** page contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries. Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection and death. In addition, DHEC monitors this demographic data to enhance outreach efforts to high-risk populations and to identify any disparities.

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Healthcare:

DHEC g uidance/Fa Q for Healthcare professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (Co N) r egulation Fa Q
DHEC Fa Q for Nursing Homes/a ssisted Living
DHEC Health a lert Network (Ha N) Messages

EMs /Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC Covi D-19 i nformation for First r esponders
DHEC s tate EMs protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC i nterim g uidance for EMs

CDC guidance for Law Enforcement

DHEC Covid-19 guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC guidance for Businesses
CDC guidance - Businesses

DHEC Environmental regulatory assistance (Water, air, Waste Management, restaurants, etc.)

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 52—May 7, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** **214 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus This brings the **statewide total to 7,142.**
- There were **eleven additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **316**. Seven of the 11 deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Darlington (1), Kershaw (2), Lexington (1), Richland (2), and Williamsburg (1) counties. Four of the deaths occurred in middle-aged individuals from Allendale (1), Fairfield (1), Richland (1) and Williamsburg (1) counties.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	1	34	Greenwood	0	61
Aiken	1	109	Hampton	0	27
Allendale	1	19	Horry	4	242
Anderson	9	182	Jasper	0	21
Bamberg	0	14	Kershaw	5	250
Barnwell	1	29	Lancaster	3	101
Beaufort	0	269	Laurens	2	44
Berkeley	1	189	Lee	9	80
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	18	458
Charleston	4	467	Marion	2	43
Cherokee	2	21	Marlboro	2	56
Chester	1	35	McCormick	0	7
Chesterfield	4	69	Newberry	0	31
Clarendon	6	253	Oconee	1	32
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	0	95
Darlington	5	157	Pickens	1	62
Dillon	3	78	Richland	29	1043
Dorchester	1	104	Saluda	9	82
Edgefield	1	36	Spartanburg	7	325
Fairfield	2	75	Sumter	6	277
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Greenville	36	835	York	3	225
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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**73,442**
Total positive tests	**6,936**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,551
Positive – private labs	4,591
Total negative tests	**66,300**
Negative - DHEC PHL	16,434
Negative - private labs	49,866

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **18,985** Of those tests **2,551** were positive and **16,434** were negative DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours

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Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **3,345** hospital beds are available and **6,674** are in use—a **66.61%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.
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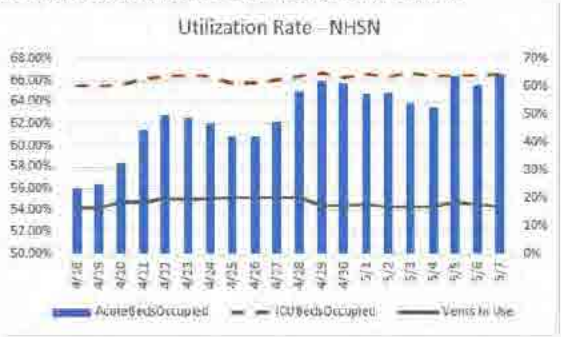

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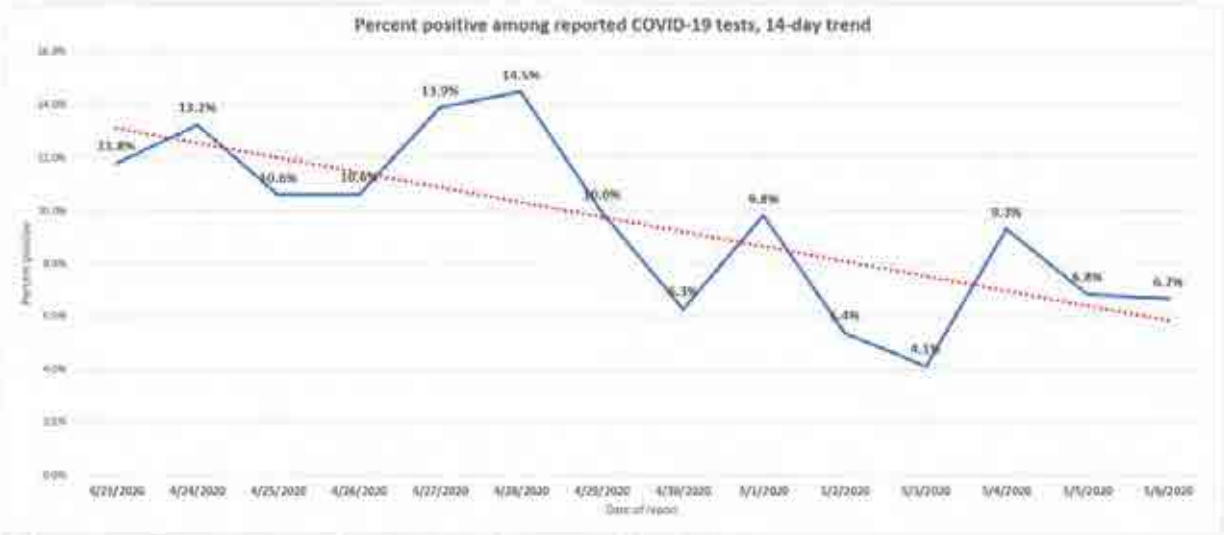

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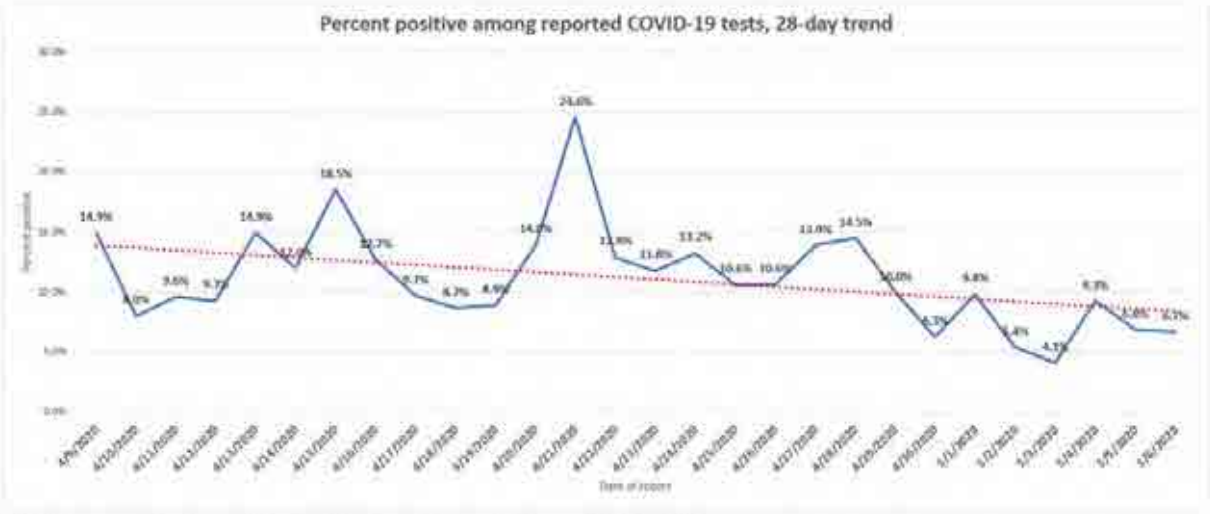

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$$\frac{\text{\# of positive tests reported in a day}}{\text{total \# tests performed that day (by DHEC + by private labs)}} \times 100 = \text{\% positive}$$

Example: DHEC reports 93 cases. The DHEC PHL tested 139 samples on that day, and private laboratories tested 636. 93 cases will be divided by 995 total tests for a result of 0.0934673. Multiplied by 100, the percentage is 9.35%.

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Helpful Links Resources and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

accelerateSC

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures

DHEC List of Testing & Screening Sites
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources

DHEC FAQ for Coroners

DAODAS COVID-19 Resources

Just Plain Killers

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC COVID-19 Information for First Responders
DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement

DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses

DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)

FDA: Food Safety & COVID-19
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:
DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 53—May 8, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC s Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC s response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC s role in the Coronavirus response contact

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or **ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov**

Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call **1-855-472-3432**. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **scdhec.gov/covid19** is updated often to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage**

COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** **238 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 7,367.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **320**. The four deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Clarendon (1) Florence (1) and Greenville (2) counties.
- New cases and totals by county

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	34	Greenwood	2	62
Aiken	3	112	Hampton	0	27
Allendale	3	23	Horry	9	251
Anderson	3	181	Jasper	0	21
Bamberg	0	14	Kershaw	0	250
Barnwell	3	32	Lancaster	3	103
Beaufort	4	273	Laurens	2	46
Berkeley	1	191	Lee	12	92
Calhoun	0	7	Lexington	12	465
Charleston	16	481	Marion	1	44
Cherokee	0	21	Marlboro	1	57
Chester	4	39	McCormick	0	7
Chesterfield	3	72	Newberry	0	32
Clarendon	5	258	Oconee	4	36
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	4	99
Darlington	14	171	Pickens	1	63
Dillon	6	84	Richland	19	1057
Dorchester	1	105	Saluda	1	84
Edgefield	0	36	Spartanburg	9	333
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Florence	30	399	Union	2	29
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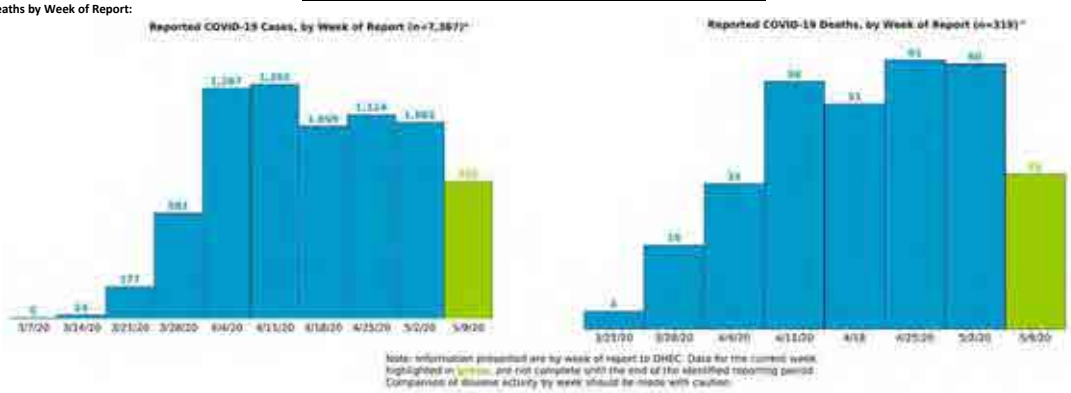
- **Cases/Deaths by Week of Report:**



Contact Tracing - A Key Strategy in the Fight Against COVID-19

- As South Carolina increases testing for COVID-19 there will be more laboratory-confirmed cases. **This means our state will need to increase the extent of our contact tracing** and we are prepared to do so. Contact tracing as a key strategy in the fight against COVID-19. Contact tracing is a standard disease control measure that has long been used by public health professionals as a key strategy for stopping the spread of diseases like COVID-19.
  - During normal operations we have approximately 20 contact tracers who perform this methodology to help limit the spread of diseases like tuberculosis and hepatitis. Our infectious disease experts investigate hundreds of disease outbreaks.
  - As part of our COVID-19 response efforts we have **increased our number of contact tracers from 20 to 230 as of May 1, 2020**. We perform contact tracing for every positive case of COVID-19 in our state. As we enhance our testing efforts South Carolina has set goal of increasing our **total number of contact tracers to 1,000 by June**.
- Contact tracers are trained personnel who
  - Contact a person under investigation and conduct an interview to explain the need for isolation.
  - Collect information including close contacts who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and notify them of their potential exposure and monitor them for symptoms.
  - Perform regular follow-up and monitoring activities and help ensure the safe quarantine of the close contacts.
  - Link those under investigation and their close contacts to supportive services including medical and social resources.
- **Interested in Joining our DHEC Contact Tracing Team?** If you are interested in joining our contact tracing team please fill out **this form** to receive additional information. For questions related to contact tracing please email **laamh@dhec.sc.gov**.

Paramedics Embedded in COVID-19 Response

- Community Paramedics participated in **two pilots** in Richland and Clarendon Counties; these short-term pilots will be used to develop future responses. DHEC provided testing supplies coolers ice packs training for the medics and logistics to get specimens to our lab. Once the medics arrive they assess the patient to verify they don t need transport. They offer testing and then leave support information including DHEC triage and CARE line numbers with results given in 12 - 24 hours. This can reduce or eliminate ambulance costs emergency room visits maintain ambulances for emergency situations and serve under-resourced rural areas where there is limited testing currently.
- Today at **Christopher Towers** an elderly high-rise apartment community located in Columbia SC five (5) Richland County paramedics collected specimens from residents of the senior apartment living facility. These samples will be analyzed with results being provided to the residents.
- Mass training of 14 agencies from Greenville to Marion to Charleston through **webinar on specimen collection** occurred today. **Additional trainings** for EMS and Fire agencies will continue over the next two weeks.

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COVID-19 in Congregate Settings
Data collected April 3 to 10:00 AM on May 7, 2020

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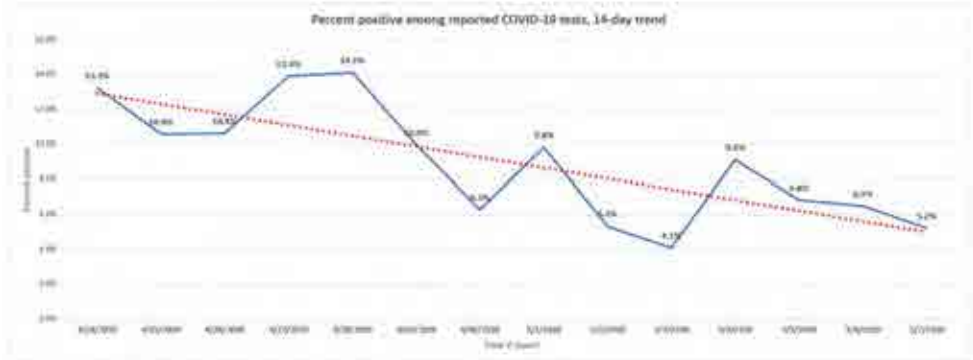

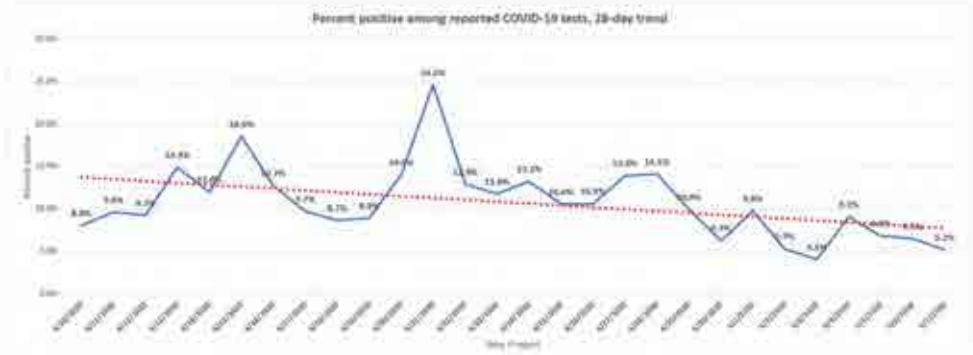

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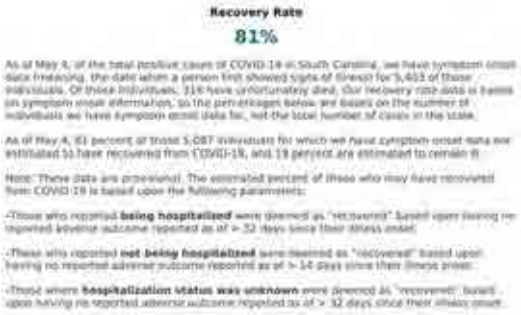

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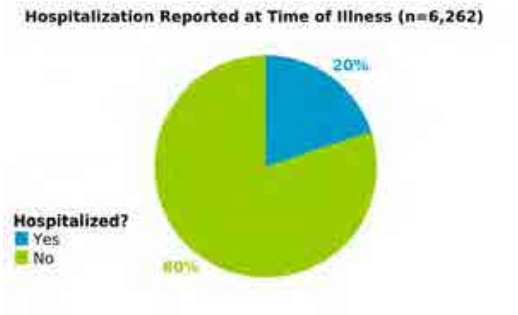

- **Age:**

	Confirmed Cases	Average Age	Median Age	Age Range
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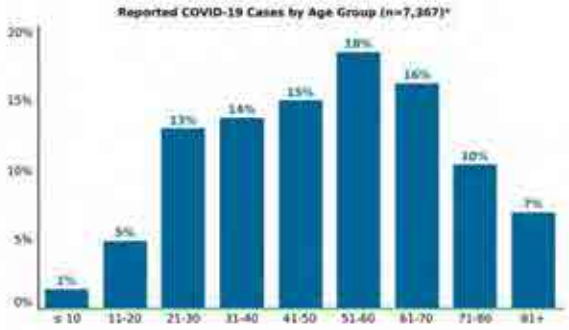
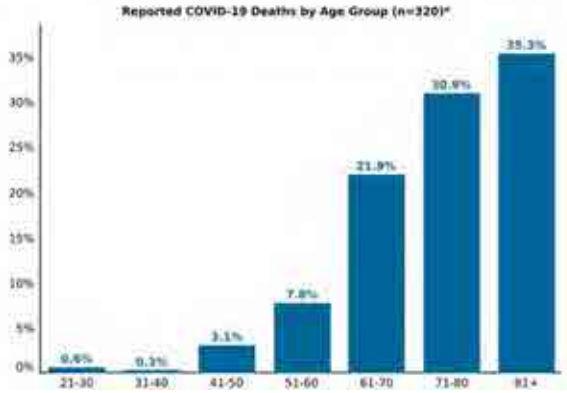
Reported Deaths	320	75.2 years	76.5 years	27 Years - 105 Years





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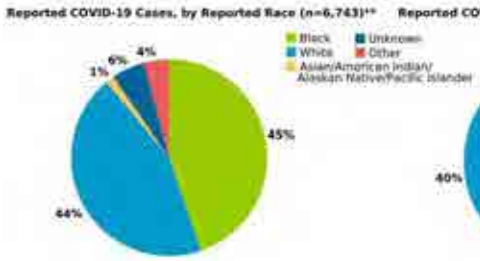

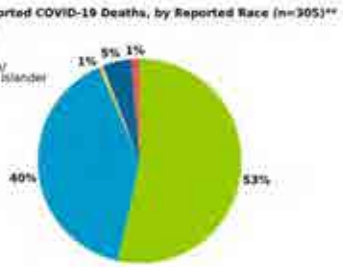

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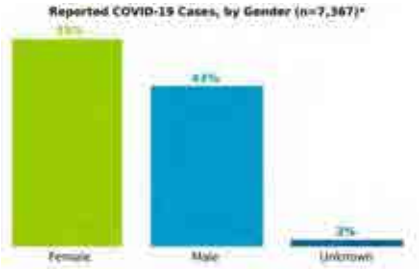

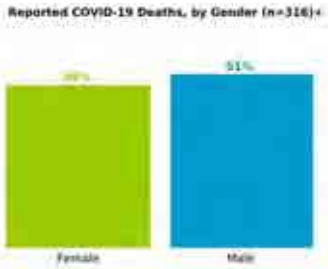

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** **168 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus This brings the **statewide total to 7,531.**
- There were **ten additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **330** Eight deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Charleston (1), Clarendon (1), Greenville (1), Lexington (2), Richland (2), and Williamsburg (1) counties, and two deaths occurred in middle-aged individuals in Berkeley (1) and Fairfield (1) counties
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	34	Greenwood	0	62
Aiken	4	116	Hampton	0	27
Allendale	0	24	Horry	5	256
Anderson	4	184	Jasper	2	23
Bamberg	1	15	Kershaw	3	253
Barnwell	1	33	Lancaster	2	104
Beaufort	0	273	Laurens	0	46
Berkeley	1	192	Lee	7	99
Calhoun	1	8	Lexington	9	472
Charleston	3	482	Marion	3	47
Cherokee	0	22	Marlboro	0	57
Chester	0	39	McCormick	0	7
Chesterfield	3	75	Newberry	0	31
Clarendon	4	262	Oconee	1	37
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	0	99
Darlington	2	173	Pickens	4	68
Dillon	3	88	Richland	28	1082
Dorchester	0	105	Saluda	2	86
Edgefield	2	39	Spartanburg	4	336
Fairfield	4	80	Sumter	5	286
Florence	13	412	Union	0	30
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Greenville	43	912	York	3	237
TOTAL—168 new cases; 7,531 total cases					

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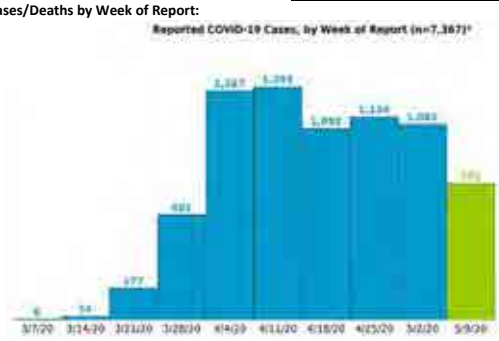
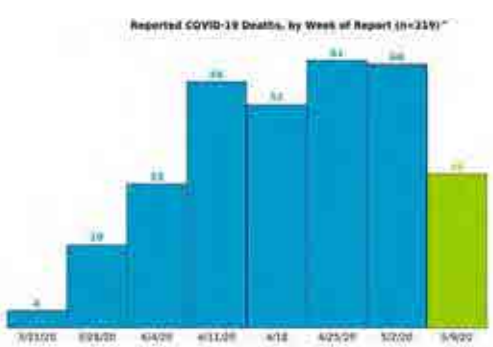
- **Cases/Deaths by Week of Report:**





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Contact Tracing - A Key Strategy in the Fight Against COVID-19

- As South Carolina increases testing for COVID-19, there will be more laboratory-confirmed cases This means our state will need to increase the extent of our contact tracing, and we are prepared to do so Contact tracing as a key strategy in the fight against COVID-19 Contact tracing is a standard disease control measure that has long been used by public health professionals as a key strategy for stopping the spread of diseases like COVID-19
- DHEC launched a contact tracing webpage that describes how this activity is a key strategy in the fight against COVID-19 The webpage answers frequently asked questions about contact tracing, and, for those interested in joining DHEC s Contact Tracing team, individuals are able to submit a form to receive additional information
  - During normal operations, we have approximately 20 contact tracers who perform this methodology to help limit the spread of diseases like tuberculosis and hepatitis Our infectious disease experts investigate hundreds of disease outbreaks We have **increased our number of contact tracers from 20 to 230 as of May 1, 2020** As we enhance our testing efforts, South Carolina has set goal of increasing our **total number of contact tracers to 1,000 by June**
- Contact tracers are trained personnel who:
  - Contact a person under investigation and conduct an interview to explain the need for isolation
  - Collect information including close contacts who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and notify them of their potential exposure and monitor them for symptoms

Perform regular follow-up and monitoring activities and help ensure the safe quarantine of the close contacts
- Link those under investigation and their close contacts to supportive services, including medical and social resources

- **Interested in Joining our DHEC Contact Tracing Team?** If you are interested in joining our contact tracing team, please fill out this form to receive additional information For questions related to contact tracing, please email **laamh@dhec.sc.gov**

At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts

- DHEC hosted a telebrief with the state s African American publications to enlist their help in sharing prevention messages with their stakeholders The agency relies on trusted community partners to help deliver timely and life-saving disease prevention messages to those who are most at risk for developing severe complications from COVID-19 Together, with our partners, DHEC is able to improve the quality of life for all South Carolinians
- To ensure all South Carolinians receive the most current information about protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities from COVID-19, DHEC continues to provide important updates and resources through TV and radio public service announcements; community telebriefings; local partnerships with faith-based groups; billboards and advertisements; social media; and coordination with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, Department of Aging, Office of Rural Health, and others
- Recently, DHEC collaborated/coordinated with:
  - SCDOT and the City of Columbia to provide the COMET buses with safety kits for drivers, 100 gallons of hand sanitizer, and signs which are placed on each bus outlining safety precautions that every rider should adhere to while on the bus (social distancing, hand sanitizer, masking, etc);
  - utilities across the state to include an insert in their bills that features prevention messaging for those 65 and older or who have conditions like diabetes, heart disease or lung disease;
  - S C LLR to email a list of DHEC s information and resources to more than 400,000 licensees; and
  - the S C Office of Aging that to distribute 19,500 DHEC COVID-19 Information cards to clients statewide

South Carolina to Test All Residents and Staff at Nursing Homes for COVID-19

- Beginning **next week**, DHEC — with testing support from LabCorp and extensive coordination and cooperation from the two primary associations that represent nursing homes, South Carolina Health Care Association and LeadingAge South Carolina — will begin a phased testing approach to include approximately 40,000 residents and staff members at the 194 nursing homes in the state
  - The first phase will begin **May 11** with approximately 15,000 residents and staff at 74 facilities While these facilities were identified based on risk, the majority of them volunteered to be tested in phase one
  - The statewide testing of the 194 facilities is anticipated to be **complete by the end of May**
  - The facilities have been notified of this testing plan, and DHEC staff are working with facilities to answer any questions or concerns ahead of the testing roll out DHEC has worked, and continues to work, closely with these health care facilities to provide guidance and implement recommendations for protecting residents as well as the workers who care for them
- **All residents and staff will be tested, whether or not they have symptoms** Universal testing in these facilities will improve identification of residents with asymptomatic infection reduce the spread of COVID-19
- In addition to providing universal testing, several measures have been implemented statewide to protect residents and staff at nursing homes DHEC s disease investigation staff work closely with facilities to prevent additional cases by investigating when a COVID-19 case is reported involving a staff member or resident This includes that all nursing homes are required to report COVID-19 infections to DHEC A typical response includes:
  - Frontline epidemiologists contact the facility to collect preliminary information about residents and staff
  - Frontline staff connect the facilities with DHEC Infection Preventionists who provide facility-specific consultations
  - Guidance is provided about how to assess possible exposures, restriction of activities, isolation and quarantine measures, appropriate use of PPE and disease monitoring in staff and residents to rapidly detect additional cases
- **COVID-19 Cases Confirmed at LTCFs:** The list of cases of COVID-19 that have been confirmed by DHEC s epi staff was updated this week. Totals from this document are previewed below

COVID-19 in Congregate Settings
Data collected April 3 to 10:00 AM on May 7, 2020

Aggregate number of nursing homes, and community residential facilities where at least one (1) COVID-19 case was identified	82
Aggregate number of cases reported within these facilities	1,072
Aggregate number of reported COVID-19 associated deaths within these facilities	107

- **Nursing Home/CRCF Resources:** The DHEC website is updated regularly with materials related to long-term care facilities preparing and responding to COVID-19 These include:
  - Updated CMS Guidance for Long-Term Care Facilities
  - Coordinating and Aligning COVID-19 Nursing Home Infection Control Practices
  - CDC Long-Term Care Facilities: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19s
  - April 1, 2020 Nursing Home Guidance Webinar for COVID-19
  - Updated FAQs for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities
  - DHEC Guidance for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities on Visitation Restrictions
  - April 22 HAN: Updated Reporting Criteria for COVID-19
- **Complaints about Facilities**: For constituents with concerns related to a healthcare facility, attempting to resolve a complaint directly with the facility administrator is often the quickest means of getting results However, complaints may also be registered online for all DHEC-regulated health facilities via the DHEC website

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**80,963**
Total positive tests	**7,531**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,664
Positive – private labs	4,867
Total negative tests	**73,432**
Negative - DHEC PHL	17,673
Negative - private labs	55,759

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **19,733**. Of those tests **2,616** were positive and **17,117** were negative DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours

- **Telehealth:** Residents can find information about telehealth providers on the DHEC website; complementary information about coverage of COVID-19 treatment is available from the South Carolina Department of Insurance
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Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **3,482** hospital beds are available and **6,514** are in use—a **65.17%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.
- **460** beds are occupied by patients who have either tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19

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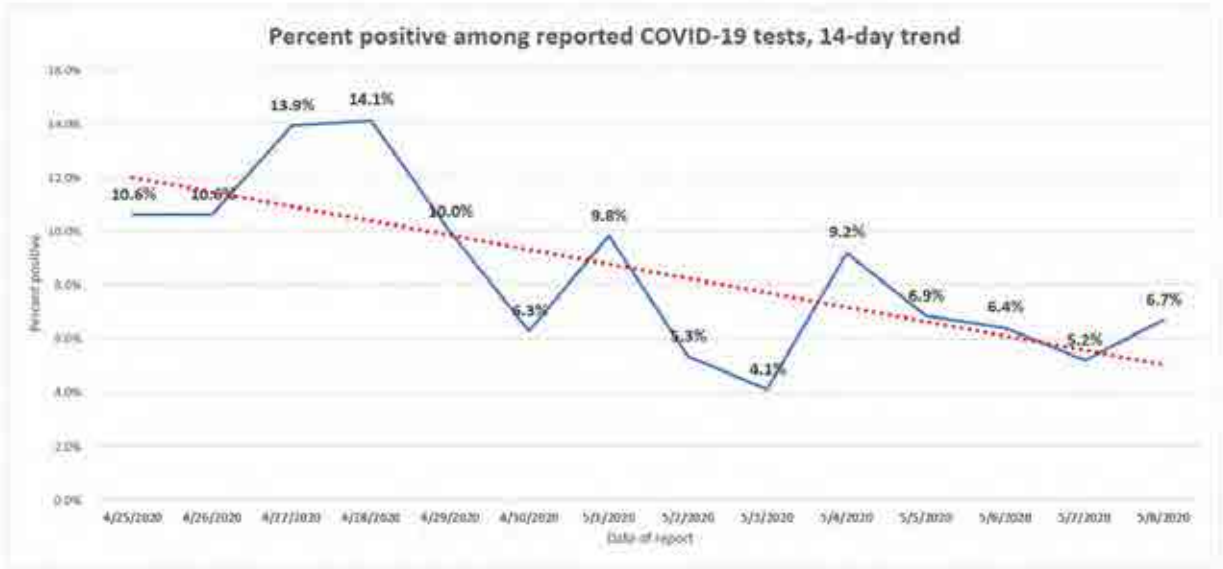
Percent Positive Trends Among Reported COVID-19 Cases

- As COVID-19 testing increases in South Carolina, there will likely be more laboratory-confirmed cases DHEC has released graphs (*below*) showing trends in the percent of cases of COVID-19 relative to the number of tests performed during the last 28 days and within the last 14 days
  - When the percent positive is high, it means targeted testing is occurring of symptomatic individuals If large volumes of tests are being performed and the percent positive is low, it indicates widespread testing is occurring throughout the state



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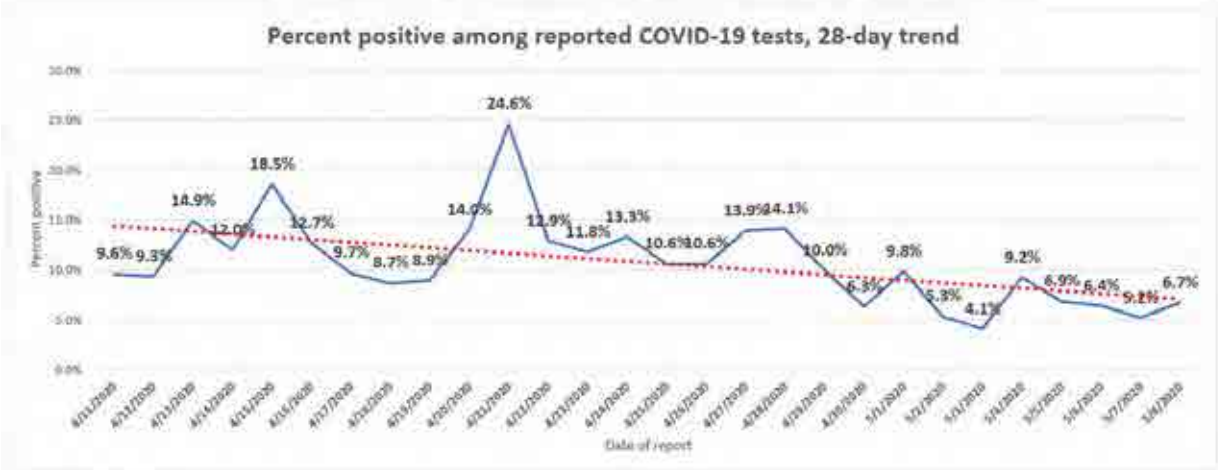

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$$\frac{\text{\# of positive tests reported in a day}}{\text{total \# tests performed that day}} \times 100 = \text{\% positive}$$

(by DHEC + by private labs)

Example: DHEC reports 93 cases. The DHEC PHL tested 359 samples on that day, and private laboratories tested 636. 93 cases will be divided by 995 total tests for a result of 0.0934673. Multiplied by 100, the percentage is 9.35%.

$$\frac{93 \text{ cases}}{995 \text{ tests}} \times 100 = 9.34673\% \text{ positive}$$

DHEC Data Tools

- **Data Dashboard:** DHEC makes daily updates to its **COVID-19 data dashboard** which combines an interactive map and charts to display by county the total number of positive cases, the number of deaths, and the rate of positive cases per 100,000 people In addition, to enable residents to locate their nearest facilities, the dashboard s map shows the locations of the state s hospitals, as well as

hospital-affiliated alternate care sites (ACS) and specimen collection sites that have been reported to DHEC

- **Interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC also provides an interactive tool to generate printable maps and reports for both confirmed and estimated COVID-19 case counts **statewide, by county, or by zip code.**
- **Heat Map**: The **heat map** indicates reported cases of COVID-19 in the state Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against this disease
- **Demographic Data:** The DHEC **demographic data** page contains information related to age, gender, race, and ethnicity in addition to information related to healthcare facilities and estimated recoveries Demographic information for reported COVID-19 cases and deaths may provide information on populations that are at higher risk for COVID-19 infection and death In addition, DHEC monitors this demographic data to enhance outreach efforts to high-risk populations and to identify any disparities

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Demographic Data Update

- The DHEC **demographic data** was updated yesterday
- **Recovery Rate:** The recovery rate is currently estimated at 81%

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As of May 4, of the total positive cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina, we have symptom onset data (meaning, the date when a person first showed signs of illness) for 5,403 of those individuals. Of those individuals, 316 have unfortunately died. Our recovery rate data is based on symptom onset information, so the percentages below are based on the number of individuals we have symptom onset data for, not the total number of cases in the state.

As of May 4, 81 percent of those 5,087 individuals for which we have symptom onset data are estimated to have recovered from COVID-19, and 19 percent are estimated to remain ill.

Note: These data are provisional. The estimated percent of those who may have recovered from COVID-19 is based upon the following parameters:

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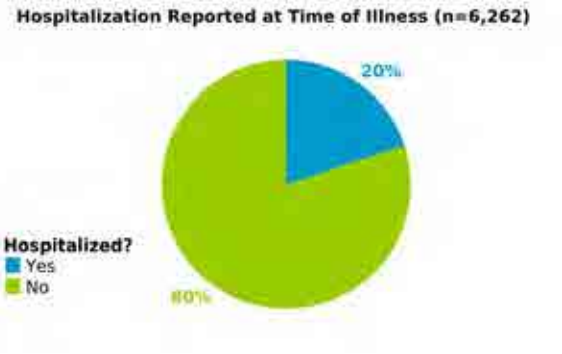

- **Age:**

Reported Cases	Confirmed Cases	Average Age	Median Age	Age Range
	7,367	**50.6 years**	**52.0 years**	**< 1 Month - 105 Years**
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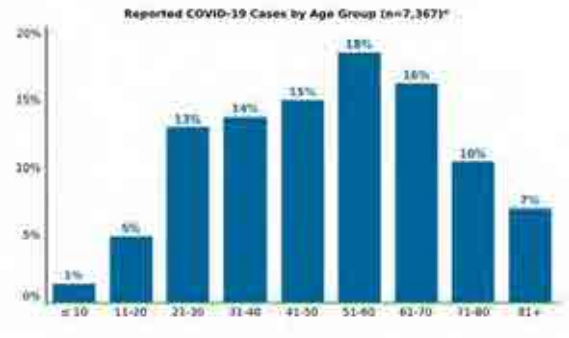
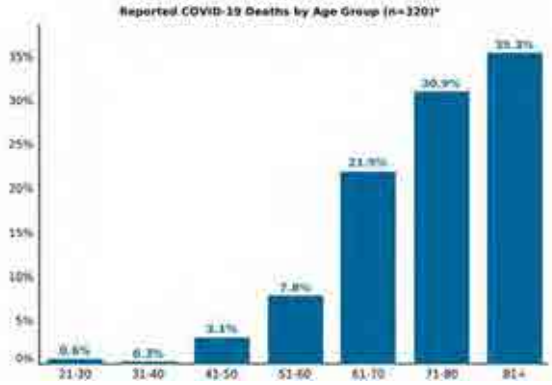
	320	**75.2 years**	**76.5 years**	**27 Years - 105 Years**





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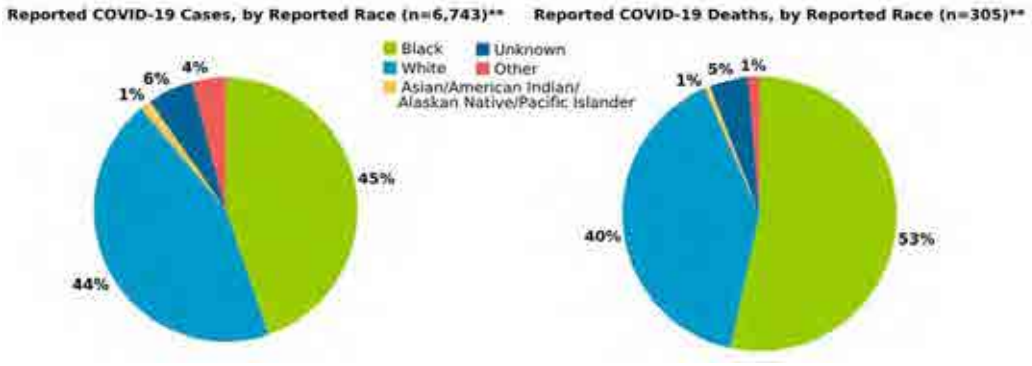

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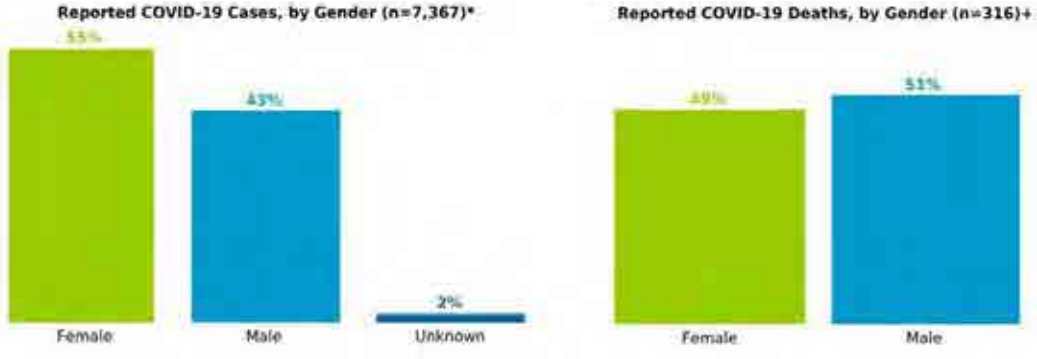

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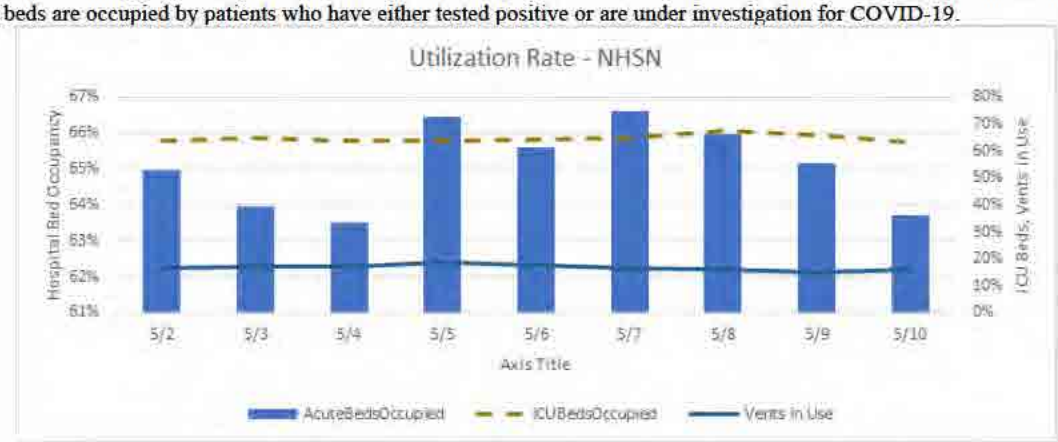

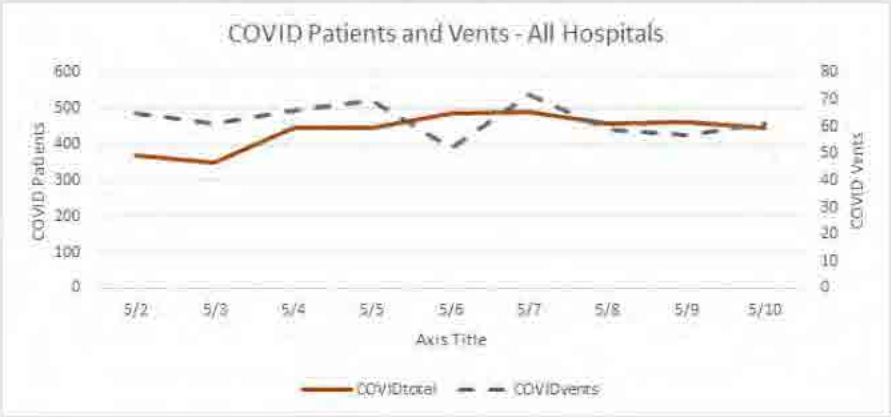

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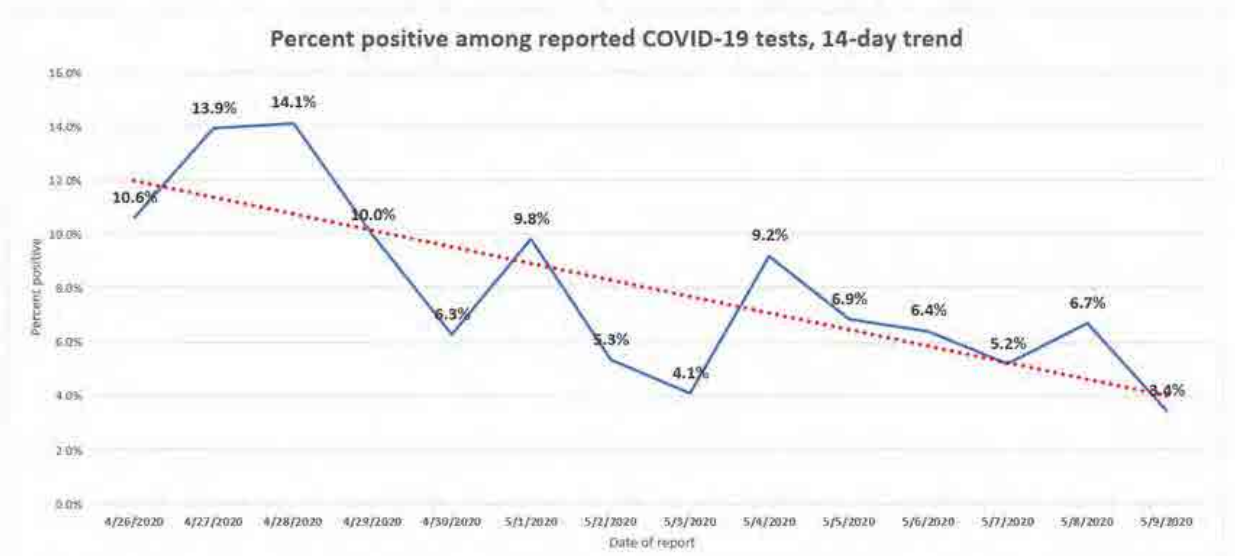

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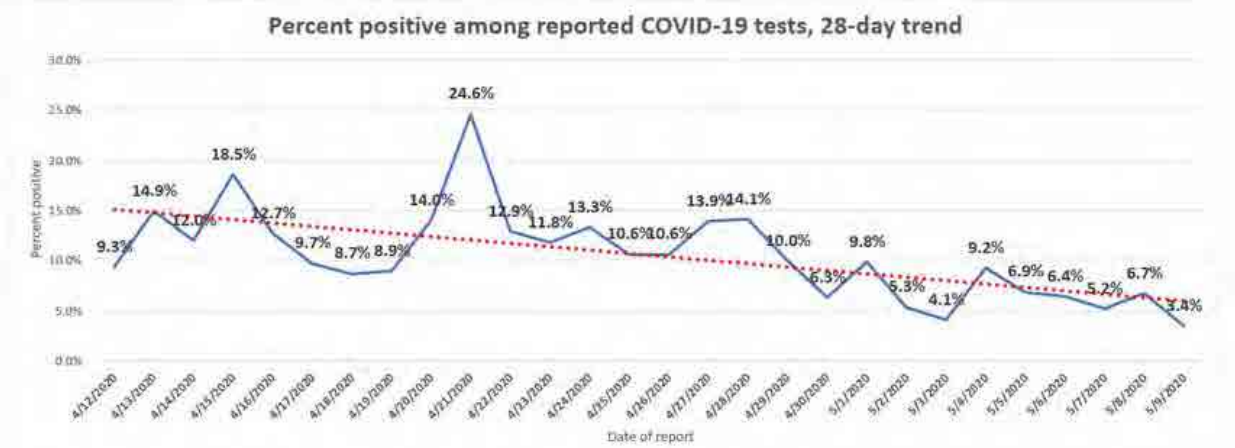

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 56—May 11, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call **1-855-472-3432**. Staff are answering calls 8 a m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** **140 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 7,792.**
- There were **fifteen additional death** related to COVID-19; bringing the total of those that have died to **346**. Eleven of those deaths occurred in elderly individuals in Charleston (1), Clarendon (1), Florence (1), Hampton (1), Lancaster (1), Lexington (3), and Richland (3) counties, and four of the deaths occurred in middle-aged individuals in Fairfield (1), Florence (2), and Sumter (1) counties.
- New cases and totals by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	34	Greenwood	1	63
Aiken	1	119	Hampton	0	28
Allendale	1	26	Horry	5	267
Anderson	1	186	Jasper	0	25
Bamberg	0	16	Kershaw	4	257
Barnwell	0	33	Lancaster	1	111
Beaufort	1	280	Laurens	1	48
Berkeley	3	195	Lee	9	115
Calhoun	0	8	Lexington	6	484
Charleston	10	491	Marion	1	49
Cherokee	0	22	Marlboro	2	59
Chester	3	40	McCormick	0	7
Chesterfield	1	80	Newberry	0	31
Clarendon	2	265	Oconee	0	37
Colleton	0	32	Orangeburg	0	101
Darlington	5	179	Pickens	0	73
Dillon	7	102	Richland	19	1119
Dorchester	2	108	Saluda	3	90
Edgefield	0	39	Spartanburg	3	346
Fairfield	1	81	Sumter	3	290
Florence	21	444	Union	1	31
Georgetown	1	51	Williamsburg	5	142
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**As DHEC receives new information, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the county of residence as provided to DHEC.*

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**89,968**
Total positive tests	**7,792**
Positive – DHEC PHL	2,732
Positive – private labs	5,060
Total negative tests	**82,176**
Negative - DHEC PHL	18,664
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- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **21,396**. Of those tests **2,732** were positive and **18,664** were negative. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

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Testing for COVID-19 in S.C. Nursing Homes

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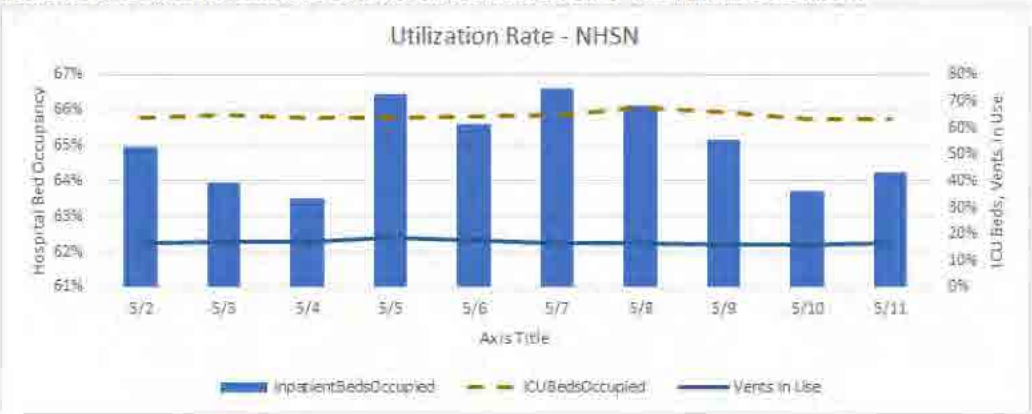

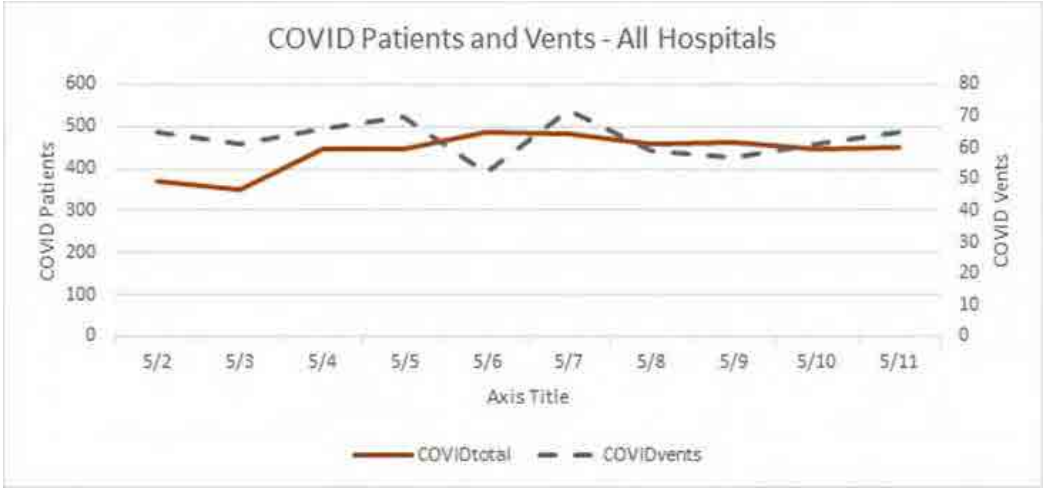

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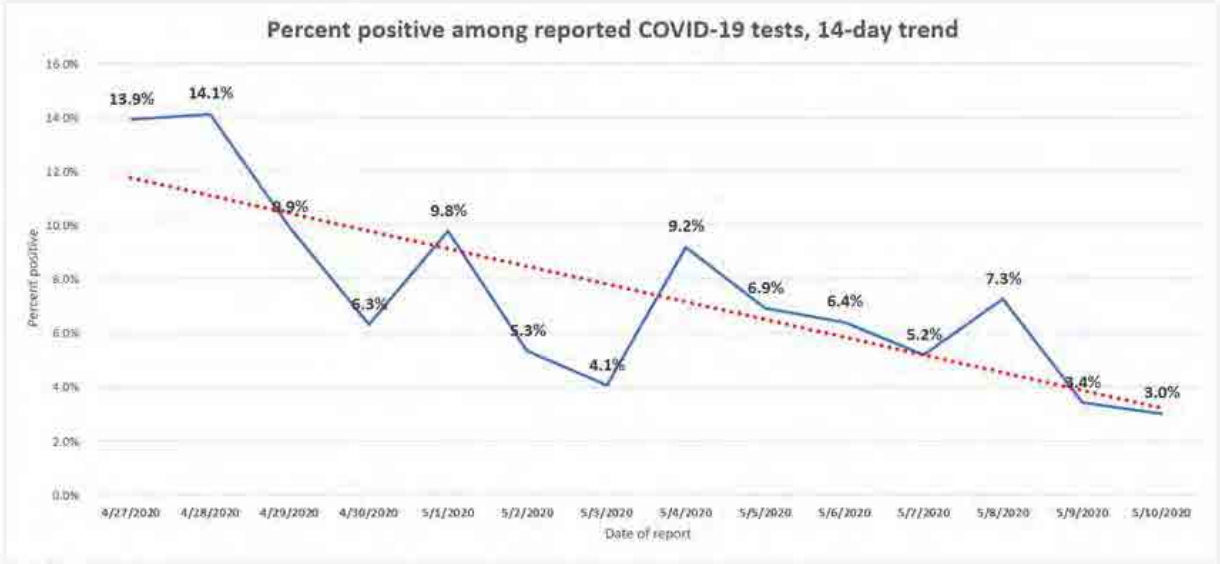

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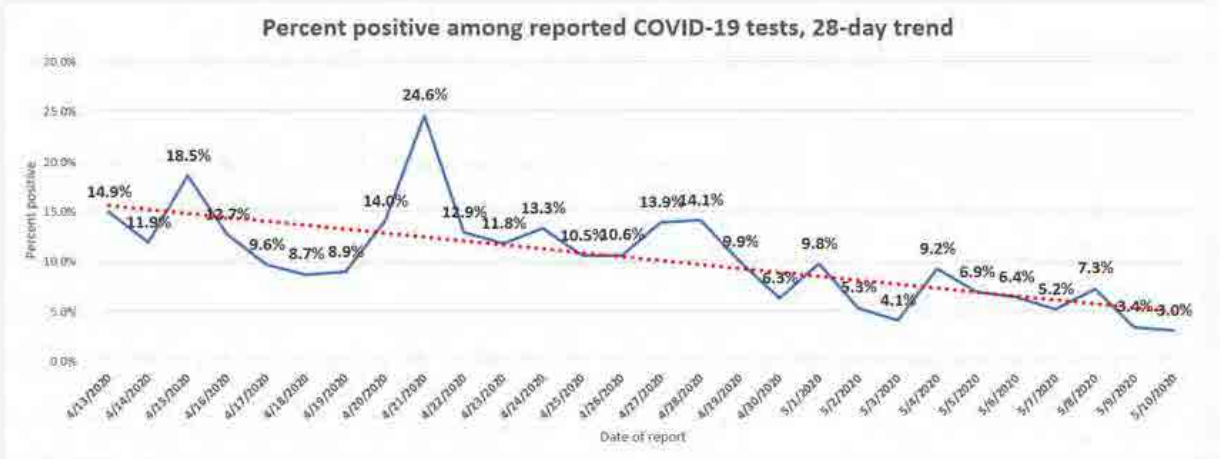

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Observed and Projected SC COVID-19 Cases by Week: March 1 to May 30

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Mar 29 – Apr 4	1,267	2,056	39	Observed
Apr 5 – Apr 11	1,291	3,347	64	Observed
Apr 12 – Apr 18	1,057	4,404	85	Observed
Apr 19 – Apr 25	1,124	5,528	106	Observed
Apr 26 – May 2	1,081	6,609	127	Observed
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Illinois	May 9	76,008	12,659,682	600
Pennsylvania	May 9	58,661	12,820,878	458
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Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:15:13 PM

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To:	Symmes, Brian
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Subject:	[External] DHEC"s Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 2, 2020)
Date:	Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:28:51 PM
Attachments:	South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 2, 2020).docx

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Afternoon, Brian.

I've attached the release that we'll issue around 3:45 p.m.

Thanks,

Cristi Y. Moore
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From: Jason Elliott
To: Ellen Andrews; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Don't reply to this email Re: Issues related to children with weakened immunity
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 11:03:08 PM

Ellen and Sym:

Please don't reply to the email below that I sent at 8:44 pm.

I copied the wrong "Julie". I'm resending with the correct Julie. Sorry.

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> On Mar 14, 2020, at 8:44 PM, Jason Elliott <jasonelliott@schouse.gov> wrote:
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> Ellen and Sym:
>
> A PTA leader in my district contacted me concerning children in Greenville County with weakened immune systems being required to attend school during the COVID-19 crisis.
>
> She was told by DHEC that a doctor's authorization was required to excuse child from school in this situation.
> She believes, and if her understanding of the process is accurate, I concur that this is an unwise use of physicians' time during this crisis.
>
> In addition, while opinions on school closings vary greatly, the rapidly changing events and the statewide school closing in NC are causing anxiety and confusion among many South Carolinians.
>
> Julie Horton with the Greenville County School District is copied on this email.
>
> I appreciate all that the executive branch is doing for our state and residents during this unprecedented event.
>
> Thank you,
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> Jason
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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] DRAFT March 19 COVID-19 news release
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 3:46:15 PM

DHEC Announces 21 Additional Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 19, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 21 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 81 cases in 17 counties.

"Our top priorities remain preventing the spread of the disease and protecting the public health. This includes working to control spread and sharing measures that best protect our family, friends and neighbors," **said Dr. Lind Bell, State Epidemiologist.** "As cases increase, we also are prioritizing identifying close contacts who are at high risk of illness from exposure and who are more likely to have serious illness."

New cases

- Abbeville County: 1 new case
- Anderson County: 1 new case
- Beaufort County: 1 new case
- Charleston County: 1 new case
- Dorchester County: 1 new case
- Grenville County: 4 new cases
- Horry County: 1 new case
- Kershaw County: 4 new cases
- Lancaster County: 1 new case
- Lexington County: 1 new case
- Richland County: 4 new cases
- Saluda County: 1 new case

As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. **DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily**.

Individuals with signs of illness are asked to stay at home and not attend public gatherings. DHEC encourages the public to follow recommendations for social distancing to protect the health and safety of all South Carolinians. This includes:

- washing your hands frequently,
- covering your cough,
- staying home when you're sick and not attend public gatherings, and
- appropriately disposing tissues and other items that you've sneezed or coughed into.

Several South Carolina health systems are offering telehealth options to the public. For **telehealth** options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19**. For more information about COVID-19, visit the CDC website **here**.

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To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] Draft Realse
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:25:52 PM
Attachments: 03.23.2020_Release_Draft.docx

Hi Brian,

Please see draft release that we plan to send during today's press event. Laura will follow-up with you on additional information.

Thanks,
Cassie

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Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:42:11 PM
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Hi Brian,

Please see attached draft release for today.

Thanks,
Cassie

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Hi Brian,

Please see attached draft release. If you could let us know if you're planning to hold a press conference, I can touch base with the team to schedule sending at the appropriate time.

Thanks,
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Cassie

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Hi Brian and Laura,

Please see draft release for review.

Thanks,
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Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:04:27 PM
Attachments: 04.05.2020 News Release Final.docx

Hi Brian,

Please see attached news release for today. Our team plans to send out the update at around 3:30.

Thanks,
Cassie

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To: Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Draft: sending shortly -- South Carolina Announces Two Additional Deaths Related to COVID-19
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:25:39 PM

Please see the para in yellow, especially. We're planning to send in a few minutes.

South Carolina Announces Two Additional Deaths Related to COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 24, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announces two additional deaths related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This brings the state's total number of deaths to seven.

"Sadly, we have to announce again today that we've lost fellow South Carolinians due to complications from COVID-19," **said Dr. Jonathan Knoche, DHEC physician**. "Our thoughts and sympathies are with the individual's family and friends, as well as the medical professionals who extended the utmost care for this person. This unfortunate announcement is a reminder that we all have the responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, friends and community from this disease."

One patient was an elderly person from Florence County who had underlying health conditions. The second patient was an elderly person from Horry County with no underlying health conditions.

After further investigation, an individual who passed away and was reported as residing in Kershaw County has been determined to have a Sumter County residence. DHEC reports cases based on the county of residence.

"While we reiterate the importance of taking daily precautions to prevent spread, we want to make sure South Carolinians are also taking steps to address the feelings of stress and anxiety that arise in this type of prolonged situation," **said. Dr. Knoche.** "Our partners at the Department of Mental Health have resources available to help, and we continue to provide guidance for coping with stress on DHEC's COVID-19 webpage."

Visit **scdmh.net** for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health. DHEC continues to provide new and updated guidance about COVID-19 at **scdhec.gov/COVID19.**

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID-19**.

**As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

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Subject: [External] EPIC WellSpent Executive Summary Report is out
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:37:44 AM
Attachments: WellSpent ExecSummReport-April2020.pdf

Good Day,

Interesting times as I email you today but I hope this finds you, your family and friends well.

Attached is the Executive Summary that encapsulates WellSpent: Linking Business and Healthcare Forum held on February 28, directly before COVID-19 quarantine started.

This forum convened thought leaders from economic development and healthcare plus 10 industries to identify obstacles in healthcare that stunts the economic growth of the state of South Carolina. Plus, they chose specific actions needed to make change.

The Covid-19 pandemic response accentuated gaps that this group determined to be important to focus our work on. For example: expansion of telehealth applications, mental health services, and reimbursements; and addressing health disparities.

Our next phase of WellSpent is to move from strategy to action by assembling workgroups with industry leaders along with leveraging existing collaborative efforts in SC. An important objective is educating key stakeholders on how a vital collaboration of industry leaders across disciplines can resolve obstacles that prevent good health for our population also benefits economic development.

If you wish to join in one of the workgroups, recommend existing efforts to join or participate in other ways, please feel free to contact me directly at this email.

Be well, Stay Safe, and thanks for your continued support,

Randy

F. Randy Vogenberg, PhD
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Good evening,

Most of you know that we are now operating under a state of emergency for COVID-19. The SEOC is currently at OPCON 2 with limited staffing including DHEC, Commerce, SLED, Division on Aging, and Education. Additional staffing by ESFs and state agencies will likely be required in the future. We are planning an initial Executive Group meeting with the Governor at 1100 16 Mar (Monday) but will keep you advised if there are any changes. Agenda will be similar to previous Executive Group meetings:

- ✓ Roll call
- ✓ Governor Comments
- ✓ Disaster Intelligence
- ✓ Emergency Support Functions and State Agency Updates
- ✓ Recommendations/Decisions
- ✓ Governor Comments

Call-in instructions will be sent out this weekend. Let us know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Kim

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Good afternoon,

Per this afternoon's Executive Group Call, we will be going to a Monday-Wednesday-Friday schedule effective Monday. There will be an update tomorrow at 1230 (9 May) but there will be no update on Sunday (10 May).

However, agencies are asked to provide written updates on those days when there are no scheduled Executive Group meetings which will be Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. SCEMD will consolidate agency updates with the daily COVID-19 Situation Report and then provide that information to the Governor's Office each morning. Please have your staff forward your information to us no later than 0800 for the days there are no scheduled updates. Updates should be forwarded to situationldr@emd.sc.gov and should also include point-of-contact (POC) information with name, email, and cell phone number in the event information needs to be clarified.

Also a quick reminder that Executive Group call-in information is not to be provided outside of state agency personnel.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Regards,

Kim

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Facilities news release and list of impacted facilities -- sending shortly
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:25:46 PM
Attachments: LTCFs_Cases_042120.pdf

DHEC Reports COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 21, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. – To better define the scope of COVID-19 within South Carolina nursing homes and similar facilities, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control is providing regular updates on those facilities that have an associated case of COVID-19, as well as the number of positive cases for either residents or staff members.

The spread of respiratory illnesses like COVID-19 is common in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and similar congregate facilities due to shared living and dining areas as well as limitations for social distancing. DHEC has worked, and continues to work, closely with these health care facilities to provide guidance and help implement recommendations for protecting residents as well as the dedicated workers who care for them.

"This virus is taking its toll on those most vulnerable to it, including our friends and family who reside in nursing homes and assisted care facilities," said Dr. Joan Duwve, DHEC Public Health Director. "Around the country, nursing homes and similar facilities have been challenged to implement unprecedented safety precautions while also providing important care to their residents."

On March 13, Gov. Henry McMaster issued an Executive Order that stopped public visitation to these types of facilities in order to help protect the vulnerable population of residents, the staff who care for them, and outside visitors. This order is still in effect today.

DHEC plans to provide early next week the number of COVID-19 related deaths associated with these facilities as well. DHEC is compiling and verifying this information to help present a fuller picture of COVID-19's impact on these types of congregate facilities.

"We thank all of our health care professionals including our nursing, assisted living and extended care facility workers for all the selfless work they're doing to help protect against further spread of this disease in those who are most susceptible to it," Duwve said.
For the latest COVID-19 information and updates, visit www.scdhec.gov/covid19.

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Cc:	Taylor, Marshall; Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Final Letter to Association of Counties -3-24-20.docx
Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:16:26 PM
Attachments:	Final Letter to Association of Counties -3-24-20.docx ATT00001.txt

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Mr Rhodes - please see that Mr. Stewart and Mr. Winslow receive a copy of this letter. An original with my signature will be mailed tomorrow.

With regards,

RIck Toomey
Director - DHEC.

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Final Updated Close Contact Services & Cosmotology guidance
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:40:55 PM
Attachments: FINAL Re-Opening Guideline - Cosmo.docx
FINAL Re-Opening Guideline - Close Contact.docx

Please see attached. Thank you

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Cc: Derek Thomas
Subject: [External] First Presbyterian Church - Zoom Link
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:31:49 PM

Good evening all,
Dr. Thomas has requested that I send out a Zoom link for your meeting tomorrow. Please find this below:

Time: Apr 22, 2020 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/92883129884?pwd=dVU3SkE5bUM1Q0UzQW1mY0U5Mkhxdz09

Meeting ID: 928 8312 9884
Password: [redacted]

Please let me know if I may assist with anything else!
Thank you,

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From: Davidson, Nick
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] First Responder Priority Testing Plan
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:29:30 PM
Attachments: First Responder Priority Testing Plan - 24Mar.docx

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Mark,

As discussed, see attached. You have this advanced copy so you will see a couple "TBD" items and those will come before we distribute this to the county EMs later tomorrow. We are working, as stated in the document, for the number of these sites to grow. We will brief this on the county call tomorrow.

Thanks,
Nick

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Subject:	[External] Follow Up - Conference Call
Date:	Saturday, March 14, 2020 7:14:06 PM

Good Afternoon

I wanted to take time to provide responses to our call this morning.

The main theme is improved communication to quell rumors.

Notification

We will improve the notification protocol for providing information about positive COVID-19 cases. Please know, once a positive result is either detected by DHEC's lab or reported to us by a private lab, DHEC's immediate obligation is to ensure the individual and any direct contacts impacted by the positive result are directly notified and consulted. This is paramount in helping to prevent further spread. Once patient notification is concluded, DHEC's Region Health Director (or designee) will notify the county-identified POC of the positive case and provide additional information as known at that time. Our goal is to make notifications to a county-designated POC by noon each day, however, we anticipate some circumstances beyond our control, such as an influx in samples at DHEC's lab that could delay results or a private labs lapsing in reporting a positive case to DHEC.

On Monday, we will work with EMD to ensure we have a manageable and sustainable notification system as the number of cases around the state expectedly increases.

We will continue to maintain our 4:40 p.m. calls as we have this past week.

As actionable information becomes available, we will act quickly, similar to today, to provide notification. Embedded DHEC personnel will also be a conduit for information.

We have passed along the information related to the school summer feeding program to EMD as a resource request.

Kershaw Health

Our logistics person has reached out to Kershaw Health for any unmet needs. We will continue with our daily contacts to ensure communication is not an issue. DHEC's PIO on-call continues to connect with Kershaw Health's PIO to give notification prior to a DHEC public announcement of a Kershaw County case. We'll continue to work with the Health Coalition and SCHA on supporting the hospital.

Kershaw County Embed

As of 2 p.m. Monday, we will be embedded with Kershaw County.

DSS

We had previously reached out to DSS and inquired if there was a need at this time. If a need arises, Robert Burress with DSS Disaster Services has Information for requests.

CDC Post Mortem Guidance
Below is the only post mortem guidance from the CDC at this time.
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/guidance-postmortem-specimens.html

> **COVID-19 Guidance Postmortem Specimens | CDC**
> State and local health departments who have identified a Persons Under Investigation (PUI) should immediately notify CDC's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 770-488-7100 to report a deceased PUI and determine whether testing for SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, at CDC is indicated. The EOC will assist local/state health departments to collect, store, and ship specimens ...
> www.cdc.gov

LLR - PPE Conservation
We have worked with LLR related to relax fit testing, as this will be a way to conserve PPE.

PPE Request
DHEC has initiated a federal request. We encourage Kershaw County EMD to initiate requests through its normal EMD channels.

Message
Each of us can do our part to protect those who are at risk of more severe disease, and it's all of our responsibilities to help prevent spread of illness. We encourage the public to maintain their daily routines of protecting against illness by practicing good hygiene and handwashing, and individuals with signs of illness are asked to take seriously the recommendation to stay home from school and work and not attend public gatherings.

Also, to clear up any confusion, this week we'll begin transitioning from stating "presumptive positive" to "positive case." While the cases are technically presumptive, it is very unlikely the CDC's confirmatory sampling would produce different results. Because of the unlikelihood that the CDC's testing would produce a different result -- and because the distinction between "presumptive" and "confirmed" positives has been confusing for residents (understandably so) -- we're moving toward calling every positive case detected by DHEC's lab or reported to us by a CDC-approved private lab as a "positive case.

Best Regards
Rick C.

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Subject:	[External] Follow up from 5/4 Google/Apple call
Date:	Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:40:49 PM

Hi all,

First, appreciate you taking the time to meet with us yesterday. Exciting to hear the progress of MUSC & SC on contact tracing and looking forward to continuing the conversation.

We wanted to circle back and see if you are able to share any of the materials you presented - the deck was quite helpful & great to see how you're structuring a deployment end to end.

Additionally, I wanted to offer time later in the week if you have any follow up questions or updates, technical or otherwise. If you have any specific questions in advance, we can pull in the relevant folks from the Google and Apple sides.

Please let us know how the solution continues to evolve and your rollout plans. We'd love to stay in the loop and happy to help as needed.

Best,
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Zach Eddinger | BizOps Associate | zae@google.com

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Subject: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:27:57 PM

Hello Lieutenant Governor and Ms. Finnern,

Thank you again for meeting with us today and hosting the meeting. It is much appreciated.

A special thanks to the Lieutenant Governor for taking time out of her busy day to hear concerns from frontline health care workers.

We appreciate everything the Governor's office is doing to help everyone through this difficult time.

As promised, here is a list of the shortage medications we are having difficulty procuring in the hospital (inpatient side).

1. Narcotics (injectable) – fentanyl, hydromorphone, morphine
2. Midazolam (Versed) injectable
3. Propofol/Dexmedetomidine (Precedex)
4. Neuromuscular blockers – vecuronium and cisatracurium
5. Acetaminophen tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
6. Hydroxychloroquine tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
7. Azithromycin (Z-pack) – applies to retail pharmacy also
8. Albuterol MDI (inhaler) – applies to retail pharmacy also
9. Norepinephrine – to combat low blood pressure
10. Enoxaparin
11. Fluids (examples normal saline (NS), Dextrose (D5W)). Many fluids have the potential for use. Would like to prevent a shortage of these fluids. Many are Baxter products – so ramp up of production would be very useful.
12. Losartan tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
13. Isopropyl Alcohol – applies to retail pharmacy also
14. PPE (personal protective equipment) concerns - applies to retail pharmacy also; used in our sterile compounding facilities to prevent contamination of our compounded products (example narcotic drips, antibiotics, sedation drips)
15. Hand sanitizer - applies to retail pharmacy also; Richland pharmacy is having to prepare from Everclear (95% alcohol) – now having a hard time procuring Everclear

Two additional concerns:
1.Wholesalers – we are having issues with wholesalers remaining stocked with products. We often have to go straight to the manufacturer to procure which results in longer turn around time of receipt of product. We are relying on wholesalers ordering additional supplies from manufacturers so that we are able to procure directly from them with next day turnaround.

2. National stockpile medications – We have placed orders with the national stockpile contacts, but

have not received product as of today. When should we anticipate to receive these medications and through what avenue – Direct? Through our wholesaler?

I have included our retail pharmacist attendees so that they can add on any specific retail related issues as desired.

Thank you again for your time and assisting us with our concerns, so that we may provide excellent care to the constituents of South Carolina.

Brenna

Brenna Mehta, PharmD
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Subject:	[External] Follow-Up from today"s meeting
Date:	Thursday, May 7, 2020 5:15:31 PM
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Thank you all again for participating this afternoon. Your review of the guidance documents is very important and appreciated.

For feedback on Close Contact, Cosmetology, Fitness and Faith-Based businesses, please provide that to Ashely Teasdel – ateasdel@sccommerce.com

For feedback on Attractions – Duane Parrish – dparrish@scprt.com

We are requesting feedback no later than 10:00 am. These are slated to be provided to the Governor tomorrow.

Will send additional guidance documents as they are made available.

As mentioned on today's call, I have attached a daily report compiled by the Department of Social Services on child care. I think you will find some very interesting information within. We will ask Director Mike Leach to attend our next in person meeting.

We will plan to have our next in person meeting next **Wednesday at 2:00 pm** in Columbia at the Pastides Alumni Center at the U of SC. Agenda and additional information will be forthcoming. Please email me with any topics we should discuss.

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Cc: Davidson, Nick; Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Follow-up on reagent/lab testing questions
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:07:48 PM
Attachments: SC COVID-19 Lab Testing - April 4 2020.docx

Mark,

As a follow-up to the Governor's questions on reagent supplies and testing capacity for private labs and hospitals during today's briefing, please see attached.

Feel free to call if any questions.

Thanks

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Subject:	[External] For Review: News Release 03.16.2020
Date:	Monday, March 16, 2020 2:50:18 PM
Attachments:	DHEC Announces Additional Five Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina 03.16.2020.docx

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Brian,

Please review this press release and let me know if you have any edits. We plan to publish the release around 4 p.m. today.

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Subject: [External] FOR YOUR REVIEW video and language for media re SNS distribution
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:33:24 AM

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Subject: [External] FOR YOUR REVIEW
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:29:23 PM

****We're aiming to have the data ready by Friday, but would prefer to say in Monday in this response****

A television station is reporting that DHEC will release the zipcodes of those infected with coronavirus. Is this true? If so, when will this data be released and how will it be released?
Yes, DHEC's epidemiologists and data teams are working to develop the best format to release this information for county officials and will have it available by Monday.

Also, why has DHEC decided to do this?
DHEC will always provide information that's important for the public to be able to take precautions and care for their health, and the department will also always uphold its lawful obligations to protection individual privacy. Through extensive conversations with local officials, DHEC is providing the ZIP code of residence for positive cases for the previous 14 days of reported cases so that county officials can take the best precautions for protecting their first responders and law enforcement officers who, like our medical professionals, are on the front lines in response to this public health risk.

It's important to know that there are many more people in the community who have the disease and who will not be included in our data. Many individuals contract and recover from this virus with mild symptoms, never getting tested. The number of people affected by COVID-19 will not be accurately represented in this data, however, if this ZIP code data affords first responders and law enforcement officers to implement better precautions, we'll continue to provide it going forward.

This is a rapidly-changing situation and the type of information and the way it's reported may change to align with the overarching goal of protecting public health.

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Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:54:11 PM
Attachments: FINAL -- March 14 news release.docx

Brian,

Please see attached. We're aiming to get this out as close to 4 p.m. as we can. Please let me know if you're good or give a call if you have questions/concerns 803-622-1208

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Subject:	[External] FOR YOUR REVIEW: News release re COVID-19
Date:	Sunday, March 8, 2020 3:23:44 PM
Attachments:	FINAL DRAFT March 8.docx

Brian,

Please see attached for your review. Please let me know changes/edits soon as you can.

TY,

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To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Friday schedule
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 9:21:30 AM
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As info - I am traveling to Charleston for a meeting at 1 pm. I have also contacted Pat Cawley to arrange a visit to their "drive through facility".

My cell phone will be with me at all times.

Rick

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Subject:	[External] Funding Request Letter for SCEMSA
Date:	Friday, May 1, 2020 4:03:47 PM
Attachments:	SCEMSA Funding Request 5_1_2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter or request for funding for the South Carolina EMS Association. As you know, we have been actively seeking a sustainable funding source for staffing, however, our legislative efforts were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has led us to seek alternative funding for start up until such time the General Assembly reconvenes and we can identify stable, long term funding. We are hopeful that some of the COVID-19 funding administered through your agency could be used to meet this vital need.

I look forward to discussing opportunities with you and thank you in advance for time and consideration.

Respectfully,

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Subject: 11:15 call

Mark,

Dr. Duwve and I will start the DHEC portion on the 11:15 call to discuss the in-development statewide testing plan and then also include Suzette McClellan who is developing the portion of the plan that addresses under-resourced communities.

Thanks,

Nick

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Cc: Duwve, Joan M. <duwvejm@dhec.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; McClellan, C. Suzette <MCCLELCS@dhec.sc.gov>; Bruckner, James J. <brucknjj@dhec.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: 11:15 call

Mark,

Dr. Duwve and I will start the DHEC portion on the 11:15 call to discuss the in-development statewide testing plan and then also include Suzette McClellan who is developing the portion of the plan that addresses under-resourced communities.

Thanks,

Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson
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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] FW: Abortion Clinic Data
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:28:47 PM
Attachments: image002.png
image003.png

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From: Caldwell, Rick
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Richard Cash <richardcashsc@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Abortion Clinic Data

Good Morning Senator
Please see below updated data.

Week	Total
March 16-21	112
March 22-28	135
March 29-April 4	119
April 5-11	109
April 12-18	125
April 19-25	123

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best Regards
Rick C.

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From: Caldwell, Rick
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Richard Cash <richardcashsc@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Abortion Clinic Data

Good Morning Senator
Please see below data for the associated weeks.

Week	Total
March 16-21	112
March 22-28	135
March 29-April 4	119
April 5-11	109

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best Regards
Rick C.

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From: Richard Cash <richardcashsc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:52 AM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Abortion Clinic Data

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Rick,

A few days ago you told me that abortion clinic data is due within a week of the procedures in response to my question about timeliness of reporting. In light of that, please provide me with the statistics for the numbers of abortions performed in SC by facility for the following weeks. Please show the number of surgical abortions as well as the number of pill induced abortions.

March 16-21
March 23-28
March 30-April 4
April 6-11

I know that you are very busy, however, this is very important to me. I realize that you might not have the data for that last week yet, however, I would like it as soon as it becomes available.

Let me know if you have any questions and I would appreciate it if you could get this information to me as soon as possible. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Richard Cash

From: Christian Soura
To: Rainwater, Frank
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Patterson, David; Singh, Sym; Cleveland, John; James Burns
Subject: [External] FW: accelerate SC - Protection Subcommittee
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:01:40 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Frank,

Didn't want you to think I'd missed this...

We're going to do a brief-ish (like 20 minutes) update today during the AccelerateSC meeting about some initial high-level findings from the Protection task force. For instance, DHEC will commit itself to a dramatic increase in the number of contact tracers they'll be deploying, so that's good news.

I put a slide in at the end of the presentation that says the group should "continue to review" things like, "How to best incorporate additional data sources and mapping capabilities, such as from the Commission for Minority Affairs and the Revenue and Fiscal Affairs Office." It's a bit of a placeholder, but it gives us time to get your folks and DHEC together to figure out how to align capabilities, etc. We have a full AccelerateSC meeting this afternoon, but it makes sense to touch base afterwards – thanks again.

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From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 7:42 AM
To: Rainwater, Frank <Frank.Rainwater@rfa.sc.gov>; rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov; Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>; James Burns <james.burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Cc: Patterson, David <David.Patterson@rfa.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: accelerate SC - Protection Subcommittee

Frank,

Thank you for your offer to help. Rick Toomey and Christian Soura are leading the Protection Committee, and James Burns is chairing the broader AccelerateSC group. They should be able to loop you in.

Hope you're doing well.

John Cleveland

From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:29 PM
To: Rainwater, Frank <Frank.Rainwater@rfa.sc.gov>
Cc: Patterson, David <David.Patterson@rfa.sc.gov>; Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: accelerate SC - Protection Subcommittee

Hey Frank,

I am sorry, I did not see your first email. I sincerely apologize. I think that we can definently have you included. I am the lead on the Governance committee but I will John Cleveland in our office reach out to you to make sure you are included. I hope all is well!

Sincerely,
Sym

From: Rainwater, Frank <Frank.Rainwater@rfa.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:52 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Patterson, David <David.Patterson@rfa.sc.gov>
Subject: accelerate SC - Protection Subcommittee

Hi Sym,
I am not sure my first email made it, so I apologize if this is a repeat.
I would like to offer our help with the Protection Subcommittee. I was informed by some listeners that the subcommittee was discussing health and other data issues and needs. You may recall that we host the sc data warehouse and have health data from the hospitals, Medicaid, PEBA and other educational, licensing, census, and much more available. David Patterson is our division director for this area and we build lots of detailed data sets for various users. David and his staff are available to help the committee as needed. If you could share this with the appropriate staff or lead and let them know we are willing to help, I'd appreciate it.
Thanks,
Frank

From:	Toomey, Rick K.
To:	Barton, Melanie; ACC-FinAdmin; ACC-PublicHealthChief; ACC-PublicHealth; ACC-IT
Cc:	Christian Soura; MacPhail, Darbi C.; Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	[External] FW: Accelerate SC Resource Request
Date:	Friday, May 8, 2020 6:22:01 PM
Attachments:	image002.png DHECtestingtracing_05082020.xlsx

Our look at resource needs through 2020.

Rick

Richard K. Toomey, DHA, FACHE
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From: MacPhail, Darbi C. <MACPHADC@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:15 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Accelerate SC Resource Request

Director Toomey,
Attached are our resource needs related to testing and contact tracing for Accelerate SC. Please let me know if you need anything further.

Regards,

Darbi C. MacPhail
Chief Finance and Operations Officer
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
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Executive Assistant: Leah Dorman: 803-898-1993
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From: James Burns
To: [redacted]@gmail.com; Toomey, Rick K.
Cc: Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] FW: accelerateSC Meeting: Component Meetings
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:51:03 PM

This is a member of the one of the other accelerateSC subgroups that wants to attend your component's meeting. I will make sure he has a place set up with your group. Letting you know so you are not surprised.

-JB

From: Winarchick, John <jwinarchick@zeusinc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:55 PM
To: James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Subject: RE: accelerateSC Meeting: Component Meetings

◄**External Email**► - From: jwinarchick@zeusinc.com

Good Afternoon James,

If it's not a problem, I'd like to attend the Protection Component meeting on Monday morning. Who do I need to contact to ensure a seat?

Thank you,

John Winarchick
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Nelson Mullins is continuing to monitor developments related to COVID-19, including guidance from the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"); World Health Organization; various health officials; and federal, state, and local government authorities; however advice related to COVID-19 legislation is date sensitive. Things are changing quickly and the aid measures and interpretations that may be described herein are subject to change. The firm is taking appropriate precautionary actions and has implemented plans to ensure the continuation of all firm services to clients from both in office and remote work arrangements across our 25 geographically dispersed offices. Click here to visit the Nelson Mullins Coronavirus

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From: Stenson, Kim
To: Read, Jennifer; Plowden, Mark; Nick Davidson
Cc: Chief
Subject: [External] FW: Ambulance Contract
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:51:56 AM

Currently, we do not have any indication that ambulances have been activated in SC.

From: Szczech, Gracia <Gracia.Szczech@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 6:13 PM
To: Hastings, Brian <brian.hastings@ema.alabama.gov>; Moskowitz, Jared <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>; Guthrie, Kevin <kevin.guthrie@em.myflorida.com>; Homer Bryson <homer.bryson@gema.ga.gov>; Dossett, Michael E (KyEM) <Michael.E.Dossett@ky.gov>; Greg Michel <gmichel@mema.ms.gov>; Bryan Olier <bolier@mema.ms.gov>; Sprayberry, Mike A <mike.sprayberry@ncdps.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; patrick.sheehan@tn.gov; Melisa Hucks <Melisa.Hucks@tn.gov>
Cc: Samaan, Robert <Robert.Samaan@fema.dhs.gov>; Toro, Manny J <Manny.Toro@fema.dhs.gov>; Gunnin, Stacy <Stacy.Gunnin@fema.dhs.gov>; Hudak, Mary <Mary.Hudak@fema.dhs.gov>; Eckes, Jeanne <Jeanne.Eckes@hhs.gov>
Subject: Ambulance Contract

Some of you have been inquiring about the National Ambulance contract. Yes, it was activated and some of you are hearing that they are pulling from your states. I inquired how they made determinations of where they pulled from. Please see below. If you are aware of anything different, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Thank you!

The FEMA National EMS Contract construct is based on a response to natural disasters, such as hurricane evacuations. It is a zoned approach designed to source ambulances and crews from unaffected states. In practice, assets are not taken from the affected state or contagious affected states. The COVID-19 response affects all states and therefore presents a conflict with our contracted approach with AMR. The recent deployment to NYC in response to the city's emergent need necessitated taking private ambulances, not tied to a State's 911 system or part of an emergency contract/compact, from other parts of the country. We anticipate many other states will find themselves in a similar situation as NYC. AMR is assessing their available resources and doing their best to limit any impacts to any city or state where the ambulances/crews come from.

From:	Reece, Myra
To:	READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fw: Blast email to RFE"s
Date:	Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:11:45 PM
Attachments:	2020-03-17 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-10 - Directing Additional Emergency Measures Due to COVID-19.pdf message to RFEs on COVID19_3.18.20.docx

Sending to 20,000 retail establishments.....

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From: Craig, Sandra <CRAIGSD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:53 AM
To: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>; Shealy, Renee <shealyrg@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Mack, Robin <mackrs@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Blast email to RFE's

See the attached message and Exec order which will be going out to all 20,000 + retail food est.

Sandra D. Craig
Director, Division of Food and Lead Risk Assessments
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:48:48 PM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_19_2020_FINAL.pdf

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FYI

From: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Cc: Robert Jennings <rjennings@nphic.org>; Joseph G. Rebele <jrebele@nphic.org>
Subject: CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points

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Dear NPHIC Members:

Please find attached most recent CDC Key Points. Reminder, these are for internal use and not to be posted on public websites.

Thank you!

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points for March 20, 2020
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:44:26 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_20_2020_FINAL.pdf

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FYI

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From: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Cc: Robert Jennings <rjennings@nphic.org>; Joseph G. Rebele <jrebele@nphic.org>
Subject: CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points for March 20, 2020

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Good morning, NPHIC members:

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Thank you

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: CDC key points from 3.11.20
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:42:06 AM
Attachments: Outlook-wfpxdiji.png
CDC Key Points_3.11.20.pdf

Of note, shift from prevention to containment messaging:

- Public health efforts at this time are focused concurrently on containing spread of this virus and mitigating the impact of this virus.
- More cases of COVID-19 are expected in the United States in the coming days, including more instances of community spread.
- As the outbreak continues, at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States is expected occur.
- Many people will get sick, but based on what is known about this virus, most people will not develop serious illness.

From: Traxler, Brannon <traxlelb@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:25 AM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: CDC key points from 3.11.20

See attached. Thx, LBT

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From: Katie Phillips
To: Nance, Toni; Grube-Lybarker, Carri; Caldwell, Rick; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen; ryank@dnr.sc.gov
Cc: Singh, Sym; Hall, Madison
Subject: [External] FW: Constituent: Rouseff - HOA SHUT DOWN RULES
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:22:47 PM

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Hello everyone,

I spoke to Joyce Gladney in Rep. McGinnis's office. As I explained to Joyce, LLR and the Real Estate Commission do not have guidance on opening these areas other than to follow the Governor's Executive Orders and any local guidance. The questions seem to be around HOA boat ramps, swimming pools, and common areas, including tennis courts and gyms. Do any of your agencies have any information you can share with Joyce or Rep. McGinnis?

Thanks,
Katie

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From: Joyce Gladney <JoyceGladney@schouse.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Katie Phillips <Katie.Phillips@llr.sc.gov>
Cc: Tim McGinnis <TimMcGinnis@schouse.gov>; 'Tim McGinnis (TimMcGinnis@mac.com)' <TimMcGinnis@mac.com>
Subject: Constituent: Rouseff - HOA SHUT DOWN RULES

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Hi Katie,

Thank you again for returning my call.

I would appreciate your forwarding the message below to your contacts who may be able to assist us.

If you have questions or need additional information, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Joyce B. Gladney
Legislative Aide to Representatives Govan, Bryant, and McGinnis
South Carolina House of Representatives
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Columbia, SC 29201

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JoyceGladney@schouse.gov

From: Tim McGinnis [mailto:timmcginnis@mac.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Joyce Gladney <JoyceGladney@schouse.gov>
Subject: Fwd: HOA SHUT DOWN RULES

Joyce, can you find me some guidance on this?

Thank you
Tim

---------- Forwarded message ---------
From: **JANET ROUSEFF** [redacted]@msn.com>
Date: Thu, Apr 23, 2020, 12:25 PM
Subject: HOA SHUT DOWN RULES
To: timmcginnis@mac.com <timmcginnis@mac.com>

Hello Tim,

You like the rest of us are adjusting to this "new normal". We are all hoping to be able to go and do what we have done in the past as quickly and safely as possible.

Since I was elected to the Waterway Palms HOA Board in October, it has been a real learning experience. We have Waccamaw Management as our Management agency.

My question to you is, what are the present shut down rules? I realize they will

change frequently.
Should the HOA authorize a lock out of common areas? i.e.
Clubhouse? Gym-workout room?
Outside pool? Outside tennis court, basketball, Pickleball?

We have kept the private boat ramp and storage lot open.

I would appreciate any information you could provide. I would like to be sure we are doing the right thing, locking out for use of common areas, get them open safely, and as quickly as possible.

With everyone at home for work and school, being able to get outside to the pool and tennis court would be a real treat.

Thank you,
Jan Rouseff
cell/text: [redacted]
[redacted]@msn.com

From: Higgins, Teresa
To: Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] FW: Contact information for Clemson University President Clements
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:25:53 AM

Good Morning Zach,

Can you please add Clemson President Clements to the Webex and his assistant DJ Laws? Here are their addresses.

president@clemson.edu and djlaws@clemson.edu

Thanks!

From: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Contact information for Clemson University President Clements

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Teresa,

Thank you for answering my questions! See the information below

Mailing address:
Office of the President
201 Sikes Hall
Clemson, SC 29634

Email address:
president@clemson.edu

Phone number:
Office - 864-656-5616 (for future records)
Personal Cell - [redacted]

Happy Friday!
DJ

Go Tigers!

DJ Laws

Executive Assistant to the President
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Clemson, SC 29634
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djlaws@clemson.edu

From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:37 PM
To: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>
Subject: FW: Contact information for Clemson University President Clements

Nice talking to you over the phone. Below is the email that bounced back to me this morning. Thanks!

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From: Higgins, Teresa
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 11:00 AM
To: djlaw@clemson.edu
Subject: Contact information for Clemson University President Clements

Good Morning,

I left a voicemail for you this morning and am following up by email also. DHEC Director Rick Toomey asked me to get the contact information for President Clements to include mailing address, the best number to reach him, and his email address. This information is being gathered for AccelerateSC, which is being launched by Governor McMaster.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at the numbers below. I look forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

Teresa

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Caldwell, Rick; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen; Harris, Cassandra S.; Renwick, Laura A.; Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fw: Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 30 Days to Slow the Spread
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 2:20:59 PM
Attachments: image001.png

FYSA, latest federal talking points...

From: Crozer, William F. EOP/WHO <William.F.Crozer@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:52 PM
Subject: Coronavirus Guidelines for America - 30 Days to Slow the Spread

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State and Local Elected Officials –

We applaud State, local, and tribal leaders for implementing community mitigation efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus). To keep the momentum going, today – Tuesday, March 31 – President Donald J. Trump announced the extension of the ***Coronavirus Guidelines for America*** for an additional 30 days through Friday, April 30th. The recommendations are simple to follow and will continue to have a resounding impact on public health.

30 Days to Slow the Spread (Español)

THE PRESIDENT'S **CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES** FOR AMERICA

30 DAYS TO SLOW THE SPREAD

Listen to and follow the directions of your **STATE AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

IF YOU FEEL SICK, stay home. Do not go to work. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOUR CHILDREN ARE SICK, keep them at home. Do not send them to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF SOMEONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD HAS TESTED POSITIVE for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home. Do not go to work. Do not go to school. Contact your medical provider.

IF YOU ARE AN OLDER PERSON, stay home and away from other people.

IF YOU ARE A PERSON WITH A SERIOUS UNDERLYING HEALTH CONDITION that can put you at increased risk (for example, a condition that impairs your lung or heart function or weakens your immune system), stay home and away from other people.

CDC

For more information, please visit
CORONAVIRUS.GOV

THE PRESIDENT'S **CORONAVIRUS GUIDELINES** FOR AMERICA

DO YOUR PART TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS

Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are at risk and your activities can increase the risk for others. It is critical that you do your part to slow the spread of the coronavirus.

Work or engage in schooling **FROM HOME** whenever possible.

IF YOU WORK IN A CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRY, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, such as healthcare services and pharmaceutical and food supply, you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule. You and your employers should follow CDC guidance to protect your health at work.

AVOID SOCIAL GATHERINGS in groups of more than 10 people.

Avoid eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts - **USE DRIVE-THRU, PICKUP, OR DELIVERY OPTIONS.**

AVOID DISCRETIONARY TRAVEL, shopping trips, and social visits.

DO NOT VISIT nursing homes or retirement or long-term care facilities unless to provide critical assistance.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE:

- *Wash your hands, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface*
- *Avoid touching your face.*
- *Sneeze or cough into a tissue, or the inside of your elbow*
- *Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.*

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School operations can accelerate the spread of the coronavirus. Governors of states with evidence of community transmission should close schools in affected and surrounding areas. Governors should close schools in communities that are near areas of community transmission, even if those areas are in neighboring states. In addition, state and local officials should close schools where coronavirus has been identified in the population associated with the school. States and localities that close schools need to address childcare needs of critical responders, as well as the nutritional needs of children.

Older people are particularly at risk from the coronavirus. All states should follow Federal guidance and halt social visits to nursing homes and retirement and long-term care facilities.

In states with evidence of community transmission, bars, restaurants, food courts, gyms, and other indoor and outdoor venues where groups of people congregate should be closed.

The White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs (WH IGA) will continue to share pertinent information as it becomes available. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if we can be of assistance. As a reminder, WH IGA is the primary liaison between the White House and the country's State and local elected officials and Tribal Governments.

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COVID-19: Important Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Officials

- **Coronavirus Guidelines for America**: On Monday, March 16, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued guidelines to help protect Americans during the global coronavirus outbreak. To keep the momentum going in #StoppingTheSpread and #BendingtheCurve, on Tuesday, March 31, the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued revised guidelines – **30 Days to Slow the Spread** (**Español**)– through Thursday, April 30 (an additional 30 days). Even if you are young and otherwise healthy, you are at risk, and your activities can increase the risk of contracting the Coronavirus for others. Everyone can do their part. The recommendations are simple to follow but will have a resounding impact on public health.
- **Up-To-Date Information**: The most up-to-date, verified information and guidance can be found via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Disease 2019 website – **www.coronavirus.gov**. The Coronavirus Task Force holds frequent briefings, which can be viewed live **here**.
- **COVID-19 Response and Recovery Primer**: Response and recovery efforts are locally executed, state managed, and federally supported. It is important that requests for assistance, including for critical supplies, get routed through the proper channels as soon as possible. Learn more about the response and recovery process via this important resource – **Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Response and Recovery Through Federal-State-Local-Tribal Partnership**. FEMA's public assistance guidance for COVID-19 response efforts can be found **here**. Guidance for Tribal Governments can be found **here**.
- **Critical Infrastructure Workforce Guidelines**: On March 16th, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued updated critical infrastructure guidance in response to the COVID-19 emergency. DHS issues revised guidance on March 28th *(See* **Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response**). The **guidance**, and accompanying list, is intended to help State, local, tribal and territorial officials as they work to protect their communities, while ensuring continuity of functions critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security. The list is advisory in nature and is not a federal directive or standard.
- **Coronavirus Fact vs. Myth**: Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis. FEMA setup a **website** to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to the coronavirus pandemic.
- **Fraud & Scam Protection**: The Department of Justice is remaining vigilant in detecting, investigating, and prosecuting wrongdoing related to the crisis. Find out how you can protect yourself and helpful resources on DOJ's Coronavirus Fraud Prevention **website**. The Federal Trade Commission has also established a **website** with helpful information to help consumers avoid coronavirus-related scams.
- **Social Media Resources**: Download the **Apple COVID-19 Screening Tool**. Follow the White House on **Twitter** and **Facebook**. Also follow HHS (**Twitter**/**Facebook**) and CDC

(**Twitter**/**Facebook**) You can also find informational videos from Coronavirus Task Force members on mitigation, social distancing, etc. on the White House's **YouTube** page.

- **Mental Health Resources**: Natural disasters – including such pandemics as the coronavirus outbreak – can be overwhelming and also can seriously affect emotional health. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration's (SAMHSA) Disaster Distress Helpline – 1-800-985-5990 (or text TalkWithUs to 66746) – provides 24/7, 365-day-a-year crisis counseling and support to anyone who is seeking help in coping with the mental or emotional effects caused by developments related to the coronavirus pandemic. Learn more about the Disaster Distress Helpline **here**.
- **Administration Actions and Federal Agency Resources**: USA.gov is cataloging all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus. From actions on health and safety to travel, immigration, and transportation to education, find pertinent actions **here**. Each Federal Agency has also established a dedicated coronavirus website, where you can find important information and guidance. They include: Health and Human Services (**HHS**), Centers of Medicare and Medicaid (**CMS**), Food and Drug Administration (**FDA**), Department of Education (**DoED**), Department of Agriculture (**USDA**), Small Business Administration (**SBA**), Department of Labor (**DOL**), Department of Homeland Security (**DHS**), Department of State (**DOS**), Department of Veterans Affairs (**VA**), Environmental Protection Agency (**EPA**), Department of Energy (**DOE**), Department of Commerce (**DOC**), Department of Justice (**DOJ**), Department of Housing and Urban Development (**HUD**), Department of the Treasury (**USDT**), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (**ODNI**), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (**EAC**).

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Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 5:12:38 PM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_10_2020 FINAL.pdf

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Cc: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Elieff, Mike A. <ELIEFFMA@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 daily counts: March 11, 2020

Here is messaging from yesterday's CDC update that we should consider beginning to convey. The document is attached.

There are 647 reported U.S. cases of COVID-19 from 34 states, New York City and the District of Columbia. New states reporting cases since yesterday include Louisiana and Ohio.
• The potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 is high, both globally and to the United States.
• More cases of COVID-19 are expected in the United States in the coming days, including more instances of community spread.
• As the outbreak continues, at some point, widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States is expected occur.
• Many people will get sick, but based on what is known about this virus, most people will not develop serious illness.
• Based on data out of China, where this virus first emerged, older adults and persons of all ages who have serious long-term health problems seem to be at higher risk for more serious COVID-19 illness.
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Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 8:33:00 PM

Mark,

As an FYI, wanted to give you a quick update from tonight concerning initial outreach. We have sent updated information to Admin to share with appropriate state agency personnel concerning guidance for businesses and employers. We've also shared this information with Commerce. In addition, information concerning school and daycare guidance has been shared with the Dept. of Ed. and DSS. Guidance for Institutions of Higher Education will be going out to colleges and universities in the morning.

Thanks,
Cassie

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Hi Karen,

Thank you for your previous help in providing outreach to the various agency heads. With the recent updates from this weekend, wanted to share with your team guidance for businesses and employers. Was hoping that you could help us communicate the following information to the appropriate agency personnel. As always, we appreciate your assistance.

Thanks, Cassie

Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers

DHEC is closely monitoring a rapidly emerging national outbreak of a novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and is investigating possible cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina.

As part of our ongoing outreach efforts, we want to make sure that we continue to update you on the latest DHEC and CDC guidance.

For Businesses

- **Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers**

This guidance is based on what is currently known about the transmission of **coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19).** We will update this guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. This document is intended to be statewide guidance to help both businesses and employers inform their decision making.

In addition to checking DHEC's website, please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **website** periodically for updated interim guidance from the CDC.

No additional precautions are recommended for the public at this time, beyond the simple daily precautions that everyone should always take to stop the spread of illness, including getting the flu vaccine, washing your hands, covering your cough, and appropriately disposing tissues and other items contaminated with respiratory droplets.

As we learn more, we will continue to update our webpage at **scdhec.gov/COVID19.** This includes our **outreach materials page.**

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Subject: Daily case count - 3-31

Attached is the latest table. 158 new cases; 1,083 total over 42 counties (Bamberg is new).

We also have developed an interactive map that will be displayed today during the briefing. Please let me know if you have any suggested edits to the map or other briefing materials.

Thanks

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Attachments: Deaths SC 2015-2020.docx

Mark,

Per our discussion, and at the request of the Governor, see attached. Focus on the rates vs. the numbers; you will see that the month-to-month variability and the relatively small number of COVID deaths (related to other causes of death) don't make a difference in the numbers. Take home point: the death rate not is not significantly different than previous months/years. P.S. we also posted on our website last night the SC COVID death statistics for race, age group, gender, etc.

Thanks,
Nick

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Subject: Re: death counts

Nick,

I added rates and the total population.

Thanks,
Dani

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Please see the attached document. I'll be happy to add any additional information.

My cell phone is 803-391-9670.
Thanks,
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DHEC Announces Influencer Campaign to Increase Awareness of Actions South Carolinians Can Take To Help Fight the Spread of COVID-19

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is launching a public service announcement campaign that enlists the assistance of local and state influencers to encourage residents to do their part to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

In addition to urging residents to follow public health guidance to protect themselves and others, the PSAs also seek to bring increased awareness among groups such as older residents and Africa Americans, who are at higher risk of severe illness due the disease.

Current PSA videos feature Representative James Clyburn, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin, and Dr. Linda Bell, DHEC State Epidemiologist. The agency also plans to spotlight other well-known South Carolinas in fields such as entertainment, athletics and more.

"I want to thank the many South Carolinians who have been making great sacrifices to protect themselves and our communities from COVID-19." **said State Epidemiologist Linda Bell, M.D.** "But the virus is still spreading. We can't let up now. By making these PSA videos available, it's another tool that we can use in our effort to combat this pandemic and help save lives."

Congressman Clyburn said intense outreach and education is needed to help reach those who are at most risk of severe illness from the virus. "COVID-19 has impacted certain groups harder, including those of us who are older and may suffer from conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung disease, and it has had a devastating impact on African Americans," he said.

The PSAs are available to view and share here.

How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves

Evidence is increasing about the high rates of infection in people who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious. This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:

- Practicing social distancing
- Wearing a mask while out in public
- Avoiding touching frequently touched items
- Regularly washing your hands

- Monitoring for symptoms

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec/COVID-19 Visit scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

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DHEC Investigating Additional Possible Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

New indication of community spread in Camden, SC

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. As of this afternoon, four presumptive positive cases were identified after testing for COVID-19 was completed at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory. These are in addition to the two presumptive positive cases the agency announced on March 6. That brings the total number of presumptive positive cases to six.

New preliminary Information

- Two of these four new cases are direct contacts (meaning close face-to-face contact) with the Camden elderly woman who was announced as a presumptive positive on March 6. One of these two individuals is a woman who has

hospitalized for reasons unrelated to COVID-19 and is isolated at this time. The other individual, an elderly man, was temporarily admitted to a healthcare facility, was discharged, and is currently isolated at home.

- The third new case is a woman from Camden with no known connection, at this time, to the other presumptive positive cases from Camden. She was evaluated at a healthcare facility, was not hospitalized and is currently isolated at home.

- The fourth new case is man from Spartanburg County with no known connection, at this time, to any of the other presumptive positive cases. He is not hospitalized and is currently isolated at home. He had recently traveled to Italy.

Updated Information

- The elderly female from Camden was transferred to a health care facility in the Midlands on March 6 to receive a higher level of care. She remains isolated.

- The woman from Charleston County is symptom-free and continuing to self-monitor.

"Presumptive positive" means samples from these individuals tested positive for COVID-19 at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory, however, these results are required to be confirmed by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). It takes 24-48 hours for the CDC to confirm samples after they're received.

"We now have evidence of community spread that's likely to be causing these initial cases in Camden in Kershaw County and the risk of spread to other communities is possible, as seen in other states across the country," ***said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist****. "We are working with the CDC and state and local officials to limit community spread while continuing with our protocol for identifying travel-related cases in the state."*

In line with CDC guidance, the department does not recommend closing schools or canceling public events at this time. DHEC will monitor absentee rates in schools and businesses as well as reports of illness in the community to determine if or when closures may be recommended. DHEC also is providing updated recommendations to schools and day care facilities, colleges and universities, and organizers of large events. That updated information is publicly available at scdhec.gov/COVID-19. DHEC continues to be in communication with state agencies and community partners.

As of this afternoon, DHEC has tested a total of 18 individuals for COVID-19, which includes the six presumptive positives. The remaining tests are negative. DHEC will update the public as soon as the confirmatory test results from the CDC are available, and as other new information is known.

"We understand residents will have concerns about this new indication of community spread, however, I urge the public to remain calm and follow recommendations to prevent the spread of illness. Public health events like this one are not new to South Carolina," ***Bell said.*** *"As a state, we have responded to Zika, the H1N1 influenza pandemic, SARS, and others – including seasonal flu outbreaks, and our medical consultants conduct more than 700 disease investigations each year for a variety of illnesses. We have trained, prepared, and put systems in place to ensure that we are prepared and ready to respond to this and other events."*

At this time, precautions are recommended to maintain daily routines of protecting against illness by practicing good hygiene, washing your hands, covering your cough. Individuals with signs of illness should stay home from school and work and not attend public gatherings.

Residents who are showing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should call their personal doctor or healthcare provider. If an individual doesn't have a primary care physician, MUSC Health is providing free telehealth screening to all South Carolinians. Anyone experiencing symptoms can visit MUSC.care and use the promo code COVID19 and be screened without having to leave your home.

The DHEC Care Line is available to provide general information about COVID-19 by calling 1-855-472-3432 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week. The Care Line hours are extend to 9 p.m. tonight. Because call volume has been high, callers are urged to be patient if they receive a busy signal and try their call at a later time. For general questions about COVID-19, visit the DHEC website at scdhec.gov/COVID19 or the CDC website here.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Today the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced it is investigating two possible cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. The presumptive positive cases are not linked. One case is located in Kershaw County and one case is located in Charleston County.

Preliminary Information

- One patient is an elderly adult female from Kershaw County who has been hospitalized and is in isolation.
- A second patient is an adult female from Charleston County who recently traveled to France and Italy. The patient did not require hospitalization and is self-isolated at home.

"We understand that residents have concerns about how the virus may impact South Carolinians," ***said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist****. "While the risk to the public remains low, there is no evidence of ongoing transmission in the community at this time and our primary goals remain prevention and control."*

The samples submitted tested positive at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory. These results are required to be confirmed by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory and are in the process of being submitted for this confirmatory testing. DHEC will update the public as soon as the test results from the CDC are available, which typically takes 24 to 48 hours after the specimens are received. At this time, DHEC has tested a total of 10 individuals for COVID-19, including the two presumptive positives today. The remaining tests are negative. DHEC has the ability to test 80 to 100 patients per day.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more serious diseases such as pneumonia. DHEC is working with CDC to identify all those who might have been in contact with these individuals. These people will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms.

"No additional precautions are recommended for the public at this time, beyond the simple daily precautions that everyone should always take steps to stop the spread of illness, including getting the flu vaccine, washing your hands, covering your cough, and appropriately disposing tissues and other items contaminated with respiratory droplets," ***said Dr. Bell.***

As the state's lead for public health, DHEC is taking proactive steps to be prepared to protect the health of South Carolina's communities, including informing healthcare providers throughout the state of recommendations for testing, the availability for testing and the appropriate precautions for the general public.

"We have developed strong relationships with health providers through the years," ***said Dr. Bell.*** *"Together, we have planned, prepared, and tested our ability to respond to public health events like this."*

For general questions about COVID-19 residents should visit the DHEC website at scdhec.gov/COVID19 or the CDC website here.

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DHEC Investigating Two Possible Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Today the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced it is investigating two possible cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. The presumptive positive cases are not linked. One case is located in Kershaw County and one case is located in Charleston County.

Preliminary Information

- One patient is an elderly adult female from Kershaw County who has been hospitalized and is in isolation.
- A second patient is an adult female from Charleston County who recently traveled to France and Italy. The patient did not require hospitalization and is self-isolated at home.

"We understand that residents have concerns about how the virus may impact South Carolinians," ***said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist****. "While the risk to the public remains low, there is no evidence of ongoing transmission in the community at this time and our primary goals remain prevention and control."*
The samples submitted tested positive at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory. These results are required to be confirmed by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) laboratory and are in the process of being submitted for this confirmatory testing. DHEC will update the public as soon as the test results from the CDC are available, which typically takes 24 to 48 hours after the specimens are received. At this time, DHEC has tested a total of 10 individuals for COVID-19, including the two presumptive positives today. The remaining tests are negative. DHEC has the ability to test 80 to 100 patients per day.
Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more serious diseases such as pneumonia. DHEC is working with CDC to identify all those who might have been in contact with these individuals. These people will be monitored for fever and respiratory symptoms.
"No additional precautions are recommended for the public at this time, beyond the simple daily precautions that everyone should always take steps to stop the spread of illness, including getting the flu vaccine, washing your hands, covering your cough, and appropriately disposing tissues and other items contaminated with respiratory droplets," ***said Dr. Bell.***
As the state's lead for public health, DHEC is taking proactive steps to be prepared to protect the health of South Carolina's communities, including informing healthcare providers throughout the state of recommendations for testing, the availability for testing and the appropriate precautions for the general public.
"We have developed strong relationships with health providers through the years," ***said Dr. Bell.*** *"Together, we have planned, prepared, and tested our ability to respond to public health events like this."*
For general questions about COVID-19 residents should visit the DHEC website at scdhec.gov/COVID19 or the CDC website here.
For residents concerned about their own personal health or are showing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your personal doctor or healthcare provider. DHEC has launched its Care Line. If residents have general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call 1-855-472-3432. Staff are answering calls from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call volume has been high. Callers are urged to be patient if they receive a busy signal and try their call at a later time.

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 4—March 20, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The Call Center is handling up to 3,000 calls per day, including scheduling appointments and Care Line response to COVID-19.
- Calls are being answered quickly with assessments for transfer to the Nurse Triage Line happening within a minute of the call being answered. Implementation of updated scripts takes place immediately upon receipt which speaks to the flexibility of the associates and management.

- The DHEC COVID-19 site at http://scdhec.gov/covid19 is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed Educational & Outreach Materials for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's COVID-19 webpage.

New Cases

- The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 45 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 125 cases in 25 counties, as one case that was previously announced for Charleston County was determined to reside in another state.
- New Cases by County:

Aiken County	1
Anderson County	3
Beaufort County	1
Berkeley County	1
Charleston County	1
Clarendon County	1
Darlington County	1
Florence County	1
Greenville County	5
Horry County	2
Kershaw County	7
Lexington County	3
Orangeburg County	2
Pickens County	1
Richland County	14
Sumter County	1

- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

Negatives (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)	**1255**
All South Carolina Positives	**125**

Note: While a test positive for COVID-19 must be reported to DHEC, private laboratories are not required to report negative tests. Therefore, the count of negative tests is higher than shown.

DHEC Disclosures

As cases of COVID-19 expectedly increase, DHEC is prioritizing its efforts in order to best protect public health and limit spread of the virus. When a positive case is known, we work to identify close contacts of that individual and we announce these positive cases publicly by the individual's county of residence. DHEC will always provide the information that helps South Carolinians stay informed about COVID-19, however,

DHEC is obligated and required to protect every individual's personal health information. Hospitals and health care facilities have similar restrictions that protect patient privacy.
The amount of information DHEC provides is limited, particularly in cases that occur in small or other close-knit communities where even basic pieces of information could identify an individual. DHEC will always provide the information that's necessary for residents to protect themselves. We rely on residents trusting DHEC to not release their personal information so that they are cooperative and forthcoming during our disease investigation activities.
Our top priorities remain preventing the spread of the disease and protecting public health. This includes working to control spread and sharing measures that best protect our neighbors, friends and family.

Water Management & COVID-19

In an effort to provide South Carolina's water professionals with the most current information and guidance about COVID-19, the Bureau of Water has compiled a listing of guidance and advice for water and wastewater professionals. For insight going forward as more details and guidance about COVID-19 are shared by EPA, CDC, and water research professionals, water professionals can visit our COVID-19 Water Management page.

Vital Records

To protect our customers and employees, we are limiting the number of customers in our statewide Vital Records offices to ten (10) customers at a time. We feel this change is needed to help prevent the spread of germs and keep everyone who visits or works in our offices healthy. We are offering other options to get birth certificates or other vital records. You can order:

1. Through VitalChek at http://www.vitalchek.com or 1-877-284-1008.
2. By Mail. See scdhec.gov/birthcertificates for details.

Guidance for Restaurants

DHEC has published guidance relating to Executive Order No. 2020-10's restrictions on restaurants:

- To facilitate social distancing, restaurants and bars can no longer provide sit down dining. This applies to both indoor and outdoor dining areas. The Governor is encouraging all affected facilities to provide take out, drive through or delivery service. Patrons may come into the facility to place orders. However, to promote social distancing, we are encouraging that orders be taken via phone, online or at a service window.
- Retail food establishments are not required to notify DHEC or the Division when they become aware of an employee who tests positive for COVID-19. There is also no requirement for public notification by your facility should you have a report of a positive employee. COVID-19 is a reportable disease, but that requirement is the responsibility of the medical provider or the testing laboratory, not the patient or their employer.
- Retail stores, convenience stores and hotel breakfast service may continue to offer self-service food service such as grab and go, hot dog and pizza or other food pick up; however, any seating areas need to be closed.
- If you choose to temporarily close your facility due to the Governor's Executive Order, you do not need to notify DHEC, and you can reopen without notifying DHEC.
- If a follow-up is scheduled for your facility, DHEC will be contacting you by phone to discuss the processes for conducting the inspection.
- For the duration of the emergency restrictions and to encourage social distancing practices, DHEC will not be conducting routine inspections. However, we will come and provide a non-graded evaluation and consultation upon request. Requests can

be made to the Division of Food and Lead Risk Assessments at (803) 896-0640 / foodsafetyteam@dhec.sc.gov or to your regional BEHS office.

- DHEC is continuing to encourage all retail food service establishments to be vigilant by emphasizing employee health, good hygiene and sanitation practices for your employees. While COVID-19 is not spread by food, continued action should be taken to prevent the person to person spread of COVID-19 from an infected food worker to co-workers and/or customers.
- SLED has published guidance relating to enforcement issues related to alcohol.

Strategic National Stockpile

- DHEC received the first, of what may be multiple shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) on March 17. Shipments may continue over the next three weeks. South Carolina may receive N-95 masks, face shields, surgical masks, gowns, and gloves. The materials received from the SNS are expired but have been granted shelf-life extensions by appropriate federal agencies.
- DHEC has been authorized to distribute the materials from the national stockpile. Distribution will be in accordance with the SC Logistics Annex to the SC Emergency Operations Plan.
- South Carolina requested its full allocation, based on the 2010 census, from the Strategic National Stockpile. The items and the amounts in the state allocation are not made clear ahead of time and are subject to change.

Visitation Restrictions at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

DHEC has provided administrators of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities a memorandum providing guidance relating to Executive Order No. 2020-08, directing that visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities be restricted with the exception of end-of-life situations. DHEC has provided the following guidelines to nursing homes and CRCFs to assist with the implementation of these restrictions:

- Facilities must restrict all visitation, except for end-of-life situations. This means no patient or resident visitors shall be allowed into the facility, except for end-of-life situations. End-of-life situations may include patients receiving hospice, palliative, or other compassionate care. End-of-life situations should be considered on a case by case basis, and should include careful screening of the visitor (including clergy, bereavement counselors, etc.) for fever or respiratory symptoms. In end-of-life situations, DHEC suggests the facility make efforts to allow for safe visitation for residents and loved ones. For example, limit the visitation to a specific room and suggest refraining from physical contact with residents and others while in the facility.
- In lieu of visits, DHEC suggests that facilities should consider:
  - Offering alternative means of communication for people who would otherwise visit, such as virtual communications (phone, video-communication, etc.).
  - Creating/increasing listserv communication to update families, such as advising to not visit.
  - Assigning staff as primary contact to families for inbound calls and conduct regular outbound calls to keep families up to date.
  - Offering a phone line with a voice recording updated at set times (e.g., daily) with the facility's general operating status, such as when it is safe to resume visits.

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DHEC Partners with Care South Carolina to Host Free COVID-19 Mobile Testing Clinic in Darlington County

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has partnered with Care South Carolina (CareSouth) to host a COVID-19 mobile testing clinic in Darlington County. Screening and specimen collection is free through the mobile clinic, which is part of DHEC's efforts to increase testing in underserved rural communities across the state.

The event will be held at the **St. David's Academy, 116 St. David's Street, Society Hill, S.C., on Tuesday, May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

"The best way to understand the impact that this virus is having on our community, is to test for it," **said James Bruckner, DHEC's Pee Dee regional public health director.** "This is particularly important in our rural communities, where residents typically have limited access to testing and medical care. By working with local partners like CareSouth, we're taking a boots-on-the-ground approach to ensure that our rural residents have critical access to testing so that they can continue to take the steps they need to help stop the spread of COVID-19."

"We've made the mobile testing clinic easy to use for residents," **Bruckner said.** "There's no registration process, forms to complete, or fees to pay in order to get tested. If you're under 18 years of age, please bring your parent or legal guardian with you. They'll need to give their consent before you can be tested."

The mobile clinic will offer drive-thru testing. Prescreening is not required, and the cost is free to patients. Patients will be contacted within 48-72 hours with the results of their test.

"We can best protect each other if we fully understand the extent of this virus with our communities," **said Senator Gerald Malloy.** "That's why I encourage everyone to take advantage of this free testing, especially those who are elderly and have underlying health conditions, as they're at higher risk for developing severe illness from this disease."

"We're pleased to be able to bring this important testing to our communities, especially at no cost to our residents," **said House Speaker Jay Lucas.** "The partnerships that help bring about opportunities like this have never been more important as we all work to beat this illness together."

Other partners include Darlington County Administration, Emergency Services, and Sheriff's Department, as well as Mayor of Society Hill Tommy Bradshaw; the South Carolina Department of Transportation; the South Carolina National Guard; the South Carolina State Highway Patrol; Regional Hospital Coalition; and Bethesda Baptist Church.

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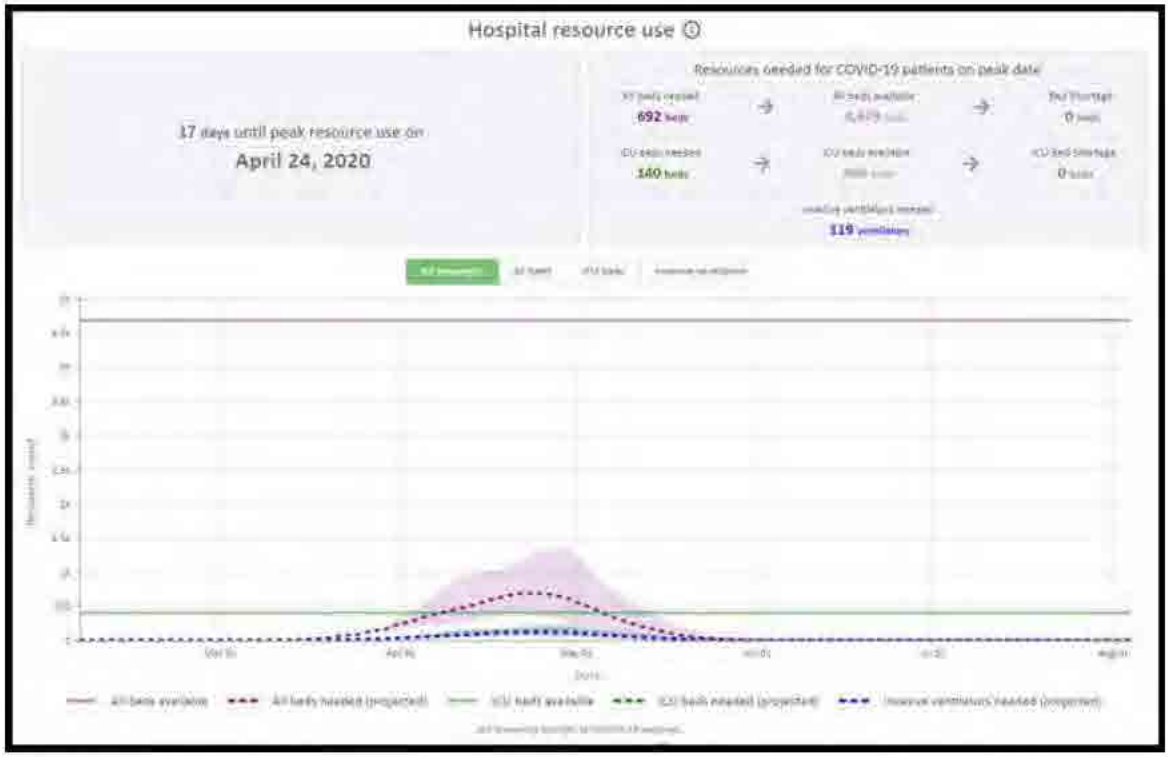
COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **187 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,417 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **three additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **51**. The additional deaths occurred in patients who were elderly with underlying health conditions. The individuals were residents from Greenville (1) and Lexington (2) counties.
- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville*	0	5	Greenwood	1	12
Aiken	1	28	Hampton	1	4
Allendale	0	2	Horry	15	91
Anderson	3	75	Jasper	1	12

Bamberg	1	6	Kershaw	7	159
Barnwell	0	3	Lancaster	3	46
Beaufort	6	169	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	3	55	Lee	1	19
Calhoun	0	5	Lexington	6	130
Charleston	5	305	Marion	1	5
Cherokee	0	4	Marlboro	2	8
Chester	1	15	McCormick	0	2
Chesterfield	1	16	Newberry	0	7
Clarendon	10	68	Oconee	1	9
Colleton	0	10	Orangeburg	2	30
Darlington	2	29	Pickens	1	21
Dillon	0	1	Richland	29	340
Dorchester*	0	51	Saluda	1	5
Edgefield	0	6	Spartanburg	32	120
Fairfield	1	17	Sumter	15	105
Florence	6	45	Union	3	15
Georgetown	1	22	Williamsburg	1	12
Greenville	10	214	York	13	108
TOTAL— 187 new cases; 2,417 total cases					

- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available here. This includes estimated cases (those individuals potentially undiagnosed) by zip code. The estimate of undocumented cases is based on evidence that for every known case of COVID-19, there could be up to 9 people with the virus who remain unidentified. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to take action to protect themselves and those they love.
- **Heat Map:** DHEC has updated the heat map; the map is now animated to show change over time. The heat map shows the number of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.
- NEW—**IHME Projection Tool—**The DHEC testing and data page has been updated with new embedded projection tools from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) which utilizes the Chris Murray Model, referenced in prior White House press briefings, as a hospital planning tool updated daily. A FAQ is available on the IHME website. Residents can use this interactive tool to see information about projected need and availability of ICU beds, all beds, ventilators, and more. The model also shows projected deaths per day and total deaths.



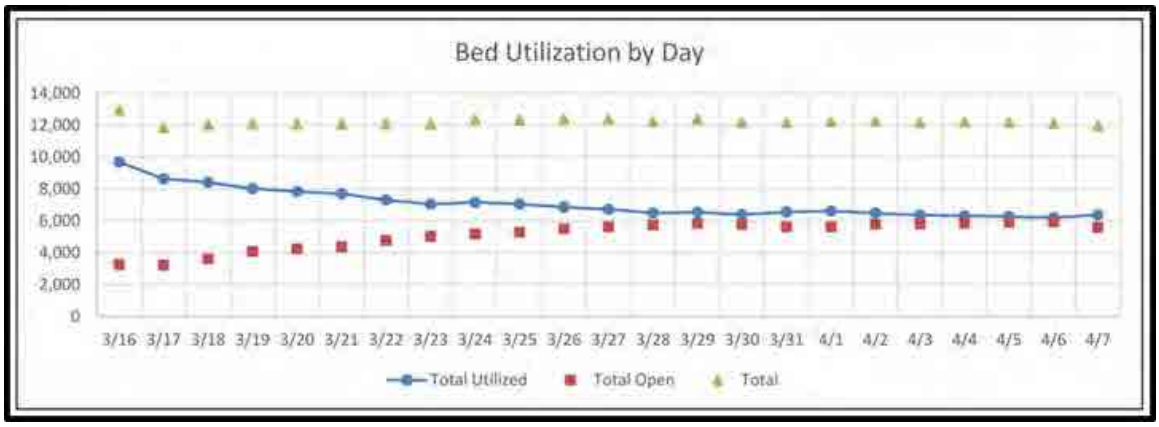
COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**23,680**
Total positive tests	**2,417**
Total negative tests	**21,263**
Negative - DHEC PHL	7,182
Negative - private labs	14,081

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been **14,081** negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Laboratory (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **8,123**. Of those, **941** were positive and **7,182** were negative.
  - **173** were resulted yesterday. **There is no backlog at the PHL at this time.** We are testing all samples received today (approximately 450), and they will be resulted today.
  - The PHL supply of reagents remains adequate for testing. The PHL continues to operate extended hours testing specimens seven days a week. Results are typically provided to health care providers within 24 to 48 hours.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **5,594** hospital beds are available and **6,376** are utilized, which is a **53.3%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.
- The overall trend has been greater hospital bed availability; there has been a **5%** decrease in hospital bed utilization since March 23.



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911 Data Sharing

- DHEC is working with emergency responders on an electronic system that will allow them to determine if they are deploying to an address where a COVID-19 case has been confirmed within the past 14 days.
- While this system cannot identify all infected individuals in the community, as not every case will be formally diagnosed and confirmed, this system will give our first responders additional information to protect themselves appropriately.
- This system will be piloted in three counties tomorrow, and a statewide rollout is anticipated later this week.

Sneeze Guard Template Available

- Today, DHEC shared a template for standing sneeze guards online. These sneeze guards (30"x36") were developed to stand on a counter or desk and contain a clear film which acts as a barrier between individuals. Using the guards may help reduce the spread of COVID-19. These guards can be produced by a printing company using the downloadable print files. **Click here to download print files.**
- DHEC has ordered 2,500 sneeze guards for use in statewide DHEC and South Carolina Department Motor Vehicle offices.

HAN Issued: Updated Guidance for COVID-19 case follow-up, guidelines for isolation and quarantine and cloth mask use

- On April 6, DHEC distributed a **DHEC Health Update through the Health Alert Network regarding COVID-19 case follow-up, isolation and quarantine guidelines, and cloth mask use.** In this update, providers directed to discontinue use of the Person-Under-Investigation (PUI) form previously required in the DHEC Health Update dated March 13; are instructed to provide patients guidance on isolation, quarantine, and identifying close contacts; and are provided updated guidance on the use of cloth masks based on recommendations released by the CDC on April 3, 2020.
- Previous HANs are **available here.** Providers are encouraged to register if not already receiving alerts directly at **https://www.scdhec.gov/SCHANRegistration/**

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Logistics Information

- In coordination with the S.C. Emergency Management Division and our ESF-8 partners, PPE surveys have been sent to facilities; these surveys are important as they are utilized by the federal government to determine PPE allocations and assess unmet needs.
- **PPE Request and Distribution Plan:** DHEC is working with the S.C. Emergency Management Division on a Medical PPE Request and Distribution Plan.
  - **PPE Requests:** Healthcare facilities/providers seeking assistance with obtaining PPE should work through their **county emergency management office.** These requesting entities are responsible for the costs of any PPE received.
  - **PPE Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

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Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources
DHEC FAQ for Coroners

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:

DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:

DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites

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Good evening,

It was suggested that we share the daily updates we send to the General Assembly with our government/legislative affairs counterparts at other state agencies. I have added each of you to our distribution list for these updates.

Please do not hesitate to let me or Rick Caldwell know if you have questions, concerns, or if you have something that you would like to share!

Best,

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- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **http://scdhec.gov/covid19** is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **44** additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to **342 cases** in **36 counties.**
  - **NOTE:** *Some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence*

as provided to DHEC. As DHEC receives additional information, DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.

- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence.
- **New Cases by County:**

Aiken	1
Anderson	1
Beaufort	1
Charleston	5
Chesterfield	1
Clarendon	1
Darlington	1
Dorchester	1
Florence	2
Greenville	8
Horry	3
Jasper	1
Kershaw	4
Marlboro	1
Richland	4
Spartanburg	1
Sumter	4
York	4

- DHEC today is **also reporting two additional deaths related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19**. This brings the state's total number of deaths to seven. One patient was an elderly person from Florence County who had underlying health conditions. The second patient was an elderly person from Horry County with no underlying health conditions.
- In addition, after further investigation, DHEC reported today that an individual who previously was reported as passed away and a resident of Kershaw County has been determined to have had a Sumter County residence.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

- **Negative Tests**: **2,128** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)
- If a resident is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. Results cannot be obtained from the DHEC Care Line.
- Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.
  - If not registered with the PHL, that facility/practice should send an email to openelis_admin@dhec.sc.gov to get a Customer ID and access to Result Point. These are both required prior to sending specimens. This information has been provided to providers in each of our recent HANs.

NEW/UPDATED Guidance

- **Certificate of Need—**A FAQ related to Section 4 of Executive Order No. 2020-11 suspending certain aspects of CON review is **available on the DHEC website.**
- **Correctional facilities—**Guidance for correctional facilities is **now available on the DHEC website**. This interim guidance document provides information related to reporting of COVID-19 illness, infection control, and a number of links to other resources for correctional facilities responding to COVID-19.

Other Resources & Guidance

- **DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living**

- SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
- DHEC Guidance for Water Management
- DHEC Guidance for Restaurants/Retail Food Service Establishments
- CDC Interim Guidance for EMS; State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
- CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
- CDC Guidance for Homeless Shelters/People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
- List of Telehealth Providers
- FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control

From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Singh, Sym; Marsh, Jordan
Subject:	[External] FW: DHEC Update
Date:	Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:11:49 PM
Attachments:	image003.png image002.png

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From: Caldwell, Rick
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:11 PM
To: Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter (gcobbhun@bellsouth.net) <gcobbhun@bellsouth.net>; Representative Gilda Cobb-Hunter (GildaCobbHunter@schouse.gov) <gildacobbhunter@schouse.gov>
Subject: DHEC Update

Good Afternoon Representative Cobb-Hunter
I wanted to provide you with an update on a few of the activities that DHEC has undertaken to partner and collaborate in underserved areas of South Carolina.

We recognize the critical need to address health inequities. In an effort to reach communities that are at increased risk for COVID-19-related illness, complications from infection, and death, DHEC has been working with our public and private partners since before the outbreak to increase awareness and access to services for all. Below is a snapshot of some of the work we've done as part of our COVID-19 response efforts:

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- Telebriefing with members of the Legislative Black Caucus
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- Billboards (billboards focused on high-risk populations and rural health)
- WIC (outreach and prevention messaging for WIC participants continues)
- Media interviews (Dr. Bell continues to conduct interviews with local media to raise awareness concerning disparities and increase public health education)
- Op-ed (an editorial prepared by Dr. Bell and focusing on the role of public health, high-risk populations and prevention messaging was published by several media outlets
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- Partnering with AARP to provide education and information as needed

We are finalizing our testing expansion plan and would love to have your input into that plan to ensure we are providing needed services across our state.

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From: Stenson, Kim
To: Read, Jennifer; Plowden, Mark; Nick Davidson
Subject: [External] FW: DPA
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 8:50:21 AM

FYI. Federal prioritization of PPE delivery may affect us at some point. Our first big shipments are due this week.

From: Szczech, Gracia <Gracia.Szczech@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Hastings, Brian <brian.hastings@ema.alabama.gov>; Moskowitz, Jared <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>; Guthrie, Kevin <kevin.guthrie@em.myflorida.com>; Homer Bryson <homer.bryson@gema.ga.gov>; Dossett, Michael E (KyEM) <michael.e.dossett@ky.gov>; Greg Michel <gmichel@mema.ms.gov>; Bryan Olier <bolier@mema.ms.gov>; Sprayberry, Mike A <mike.sprayberry@ncdps.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Patrick Sheehan <patrick.sheehan@tn.gov>
Cc: Samaan, Robert <Robert.Samaan@fema.dhs.gov>; Toro, Manny J <Manny.Toro@fema.dhs.gov>; Baker, Stuart <Stuart.Baker@fema.dhs.gov>; Gunnin, Stacy <Stacy.Gunnin@fema.dhs.gov>; Hudak, Mary <Mary.Hudak@fema.dhs.gov>
Subject: DPA

State Directors,

I've heard from several of you asking questions regarding the federal government's use of the Defense Production Act (DPA), with two different aspects of the DPA possibly getting blurred together. So to provide some context/background—

The Defense Production Act is a federal law that gives the federal government various authorities to help the nation respond to an emergency. One key part of the DPA allows federal agencies to place "priority ratings" on federal contracts, requiring the vendor to prioritize delivery of scarce commodities (like PPE and medical supplies) to the federal government so that we can in turn re-distribute those commodities to the States. President Trump has invoked the DPA in several recent executive orders to help HHS and FEMA obtain the medical supplies that have become so scarce on the private market, in order to re-distribute the supplies across the nation, including Region IV, where they are most needed.

Unrelated to the above, a different DPA section allows the President to prohibit the illicit hoarding of critical scarce commodities (PPE, ventilators, etc.) during a national emergency. This isn't referring to stockpiling supplies for legitimate reasons, but rather unscrupulous actors who hoard scarce supplies in order to engage in price gouging schemes to reap exorbitant profits during an emergency (e.g., somebody who hoards thousands of N95 masks in a warehouse and tries to sell them for $50 each). The President has invoked this DPA authority in a recent executive order and the U.S. Department of Justice has established a task force to pursue persons engaged in this sort of unlawful illicit hoarding of scarce medical supplies. I wanted to make sure you were aware of this in case you hear reports in the news media about hoarded commodities being investigated by the federal government.

Please note that the above are two unrelated issues. I mention this just in case you hear garbled reports about the federal government seizing PPE shipments from legitimate vendors, which is not what is happening. You may hear from vendors that they are prioritizing deliveries to the federal government (topic #1 above), and you may hear about federal agents investigating and possibly seizing critical commodities from bad actors who are hoarding them for price gouging purposes (topic #2 above), but these are two separate, unrelated issues.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you!

From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: DRAFT: March 24 news release
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:18:13 PM
Attachments: South Carolina Announces Additional 44 Cases of COVID-19.docx

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Brian,

Today's news release attached. We'll plan on 4 pm media telebriefing w Dr Bell and Director Toomey, let you know if anything changes.

TY,

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Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Bell, Linda J. <BELLLW@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: DRAFT: March 24 news release

No edits from me. Please share with Brian for his awareness. Thanks!

From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Bell, Linda J. <BELLLW@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: DRAFT: March 24 news release

Jennifer,

Please see the attached for final review. I've reached out to Tracy Lapointe at DMH to let her

know we plan to link to and mention some of DMH's COVID-19 resources.

TY,

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From: Taylor, W. Marshall
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fw: DSS Home Visits Guidance
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:57:18 PM
Attachments: DSS Home Visits Guidance_4.8.20_FINAL.pdf

Mark, Per our discussion, please let me know your thoughts. MT

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From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Fw: Error in article on DHEC infectious disease plan and incorrect tweet
Date:	Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:17:16 AM

From: Read, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:15 AM
To: mpugh@postandcourier.com <mpugh@postandcourier.com>
Subject: Error in article on DHEC infectious disease plan and incorrect tweet

Mitch,

Please call me. We did a 25 minute interview on this topic with Seanna Adcox on Sat. No fewer than four of your reporters have pinged us on this same topic.

There is also an erroneous tweet from Tony Bartelme saying we are not following are infectious disease plan, which we are. DHEC does not have the authority to declare a pandemic on COVID-19. That comes from CDC.

Please call my cell. Need immediate corrections. Thanks

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From:	Doug Gilliam
To:	Singh, Sym; Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	[External] Fw: Essential Business - New Image Group
Date:	Friday, March 27, 2020 8:31:47 PM
Attachments:	image001.png image003.png image004.png image005.png NIG Letter To Governor 03.26.20.docx
Importance:	High

Sym, Rick,

Can either of you please tell me who or the organization that I need to send this for approval in case of a shelter in place order? I am not sure where this needs to go.

Rep Doug Gilliam
SC House District 42
[redacted] cell

From: Union SC Chamber <chamber@unionsc.info>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Doug Gilliam
Subject: FW: Essential Business - New Image Group

Hi Doug,

I hope you faring well through all of this….

Please see the attached letter from New Image group. As I understand it there is not a current vetting process in place for what constitutes an essential business from a non-essential one. However, I am reading that businesses are addressing the situation through letters to the governor. The New Image Group or CPE here in Union provides material for protective wear to Jo Ann fabrics.

Can you help me get this letter to the right hands so that if a shelter in place should be ordered that this company will be one step closer to getting on the essential business listing.

Thanks for your help!

Jami D. Trammell, Executive Director

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From: Courtney Sanford [mailto:CourtneyS@newimageco.com]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 2:32 PM
To: 'chamber@unionsc.com'
Subject: Essential Business - New Image Group

Jami,

Thank you for taking my call and answering the questions we all have about the COVID-19 pandemic. I appreciate all of your help on this.

I have attached the letter to the governor for New Image Group & if there is anything further I need to state or provide, please let me know.

Thank you again!

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: event cancelations
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:50:57 PM

FYI

From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Daprile, Lucas <ldaprile@thestate.com>
Subject: Fw: event cancelations

Hi Lucas,

The status of the virus in South Carolina does not indicate that cancellation of events or schools is needed at this time. We are constantly monitoring our epidemiological data and consulting with the CDC to stay on top of the situation.

If in the future our medical experts and epidemiologists feel a change to this recommendation is needed based on our surveillance and disease investigation activities, we will immediately notify the public.

Thanks,
Jennifer

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: event cancelations

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From: Daprile, Lucas <ldaprile@thestate.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 09:52 AM
To: Media <Media@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: event cancelations

*** Caution. This is an EXTERNAL email. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email. ***

I know it's been DHEC's position that there is no need for people to cancel large public gatherings because of coronavirus. Yet, we're seeing some groups do so anyway.

I was hoping to ask if the following organizations have contacted DHEC before deciding to cancel or change events:
- The University of South Carolina (extending spring break)
- Columbia/Five Points (canceling St. Pat's Day festival)
- Anderson University (suspending in-person classes)
- S.C. State University (extending spring break, moving classes online)

For those who may be considering canceling an event/wedding/etc. What should they do? Should they reach out to DHEC? Should they just stay tuned to the news?

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Lucas Daprile
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From: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer
To: Parrish, Duane; Myra Reece (reecemc@dhec.sc.gov); James Burns; Webb, Beth
Cc: Helen Hill
Subject: [External] FW: Feedback on Guidelines & Resources for Reopening and Operating Attractions
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:58:53 AM

How should we handle Mr. Winarchick's concerns? I have not heard anything from other committee members. Additionally, the committee had the Attractions guidance since yesterday at 7:43 am.

Jennifer

From: Winarchick, John <jwinarchick@zeusinc.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@sccommerce.com>
Cc: lkennedy@nephronpharm.com; keith.mackey@schaeffler.com; chris@summitfiltration.net; ted.pitts@scchamber.net; hmswink@mccallfarms.com; gthompson@thompsonind.com; bobby.williams@lizardsthicket.com; hhill@explorecharleston.com; James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Subject: Feedback on Guidelines & Resources for Reopening and Operating Attractions

Jennifer,

I've read the guidelines for reopening and operating attractions. Unfortunately, these guidelines lack the specificity contained in many of the other guidelines the Response Component has been asked to review. I believe the Disclaimer at the onset of the Attractions Guidelines sums it best:

"The information provided in this document is for general informational purposes and to help you make informed decisions. Notwithstanding any and all Federal and State requirements, re-opening activities are at your own discretion"

I feel strongly that the information offered in this document is far too general and far to voluntary to effectively prevent COVID-19 infections from spreading, and especially to enable a rapid containment response if an outbreak of the virus were to originate at one of the attractions following this imprecise set of Best Practices. Personally, I would not rush this document to the governor's desk, and certainly would not indicate that it has received the Response Component's stamp of approval.

I apologize for the lack of specificity in this review of the proposed guidelines, but a thorough set of comments and recommendations would take days to complete and you've only give us a couple of hours. Feel free to call me directly if you wish to discuss this further, or we can take up this topic at the Response Component meeting to take place next week.

Thank you,
John

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:18:42 PM
Attachments: 03.26.2020_Draft Release_LBT_CH_LBT_CM (1).docx

Please see today's news release draft attached. It includes two deaths as well as new positive cases.

Thanks,

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Subject: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26

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From: Reece, Myra
To: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer; Webb, Beth
Subject: [External] Fw: Final Updated Close Contact Services & Cosmotology guidance
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 2:08:59 PM
Attachments: FINAL Re-Opening Guideline - Cosmo.docx
FINAL Re-Opening Guideline - Close Contact.docx

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fyi.....think there is confusion about our process.....cleared up on my end.....

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To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Bell, Linda J. <BELLLW@dhec.sc.gov>; Traxler, Brannon <traxlelb@dhec.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Duwve, Joan M. <duwvejm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Marshall, Frances (Fran) <marshaf2@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-PublicHealthChief <ACC-PublicHealthChief@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Final Updated Close Contact Services & Cosmotology guidance

Attached are the final documents for close contact and cosmo. These documents took into consideration all suggestions (including today's feedback) provided by DHEC. These versions were sent from Commerce to the Governors office which follows the process we have in place. Please note that these documents/guidelines are date stamped and very fluid.....will continue to be updated and improved based on new information provided by our public health/infection control SMEs, CDC and

implementation feedback by businesses. Any questions, please let me know.....thanks everyone!

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Cc: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>; Marshall, Frances (Fran) <marshaf2@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-PublicHealthChief <ACC-PublicHealthChief@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Updated Close Contact Services & Cosmotology guidance

Joan,

The Governor has just asked for the final version of our recommendations re: close contact businesses.

Please send me final, final to share with his team. Need this afternoon.

Thank you!!

From:	Renwick, Laura A.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Fw: FOR YOUR REVIEW: March 23 news release, two addition deaths, to be issued 3 p.m.
Date:	Monday, March 23, 2020 2:58:23 PM

FYI. Waiting to make sure Dr. Bell is good with her quotes, then we'll send as close to 3 p.m. as we can.

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Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: FOR YOUR REVIEW: March 23 news release, two addition deaths, to be issued 3 p.m.

State of South Carolina Reports Two Additional COVID-19 Related Deaths

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 23, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today is reporting the state's fourth and fifth deaths related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This brings the state's total number of deaths to five.

"We unfortunately have to announce that our state has suffered two more losses related to COVID-19," **said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist.** "On behalf of all South Carolinians, we express our deepest sympathy for the families, friends and loved ones of these individuals. We also share gratitude to the medical workers who cared for these individuals to the best of their ability as we all face this new disease together."

One patient was an elderly person from Clarendon County, who had underlying health conditions. The second patient was an elderly person from Kershaw County who also had underlying health conditions.

"We must continue to do all we can to protect ourselves and those around us, especially those at higher-risk for developing severe illness from the virus," Bell said. "Based on our data as well as the data shared by other states and other countries, we, in South Carolina, should expect to see the number of positive cases continue to increase. This disease is here, it's in our communities, and we all have a part to play in helping to stop the spread of it."

Daily prevention measures include disease prevention measures and following recommendations for social distancing to protect the health and safety of all South Carolinians. This includes:

- social distancing when all possible
- staying home if you're sick and contacting your health care provider
- washing your hands often
- covering your cough,
- regularly and effective cleaning commonly touched surfaces

South Carolina health systems are offering telehealth options to the public. For a list of telehealth providers, as well as the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID-19**.

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Dr. Bell,

Can you please review the attached? Please edit your quotes, of course, any way you want. I just verified the information about the individuals with Dr. Traxler.

We'd like to issue this news release as close to 3 p.m. as we can, and the news release regarding positive cases during the 4 p.m. presser.

TY,

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Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:19:38 AM

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Subject: Re: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Responses to The State

Revised:

What is the average age of those who have died from COVID-19?

The average age is 76 years old.

If a person has been tested for COVID-19 and does not require hospitalization but is under a 14-day quarantine, once that quarantine ends are people being re-tested for the virus? If that is not something DHEC recommends, why not?

DHEC follows CDC guidance regarding testing protocol. South Carolinians who test positive for COVID-19 are asked to follow their healthcare provider's instructions as each individual's needs and medical histories are different. A copy of this CDC guidance that DHEC has sent to all South Carolina healthcare providers can be found here.

We know that DHEC updates state/local officials throughout the day on new numbers, etc. What is the reason for updating the public/reporters every day at around 4 p.m.?

We receive test results from our laboratory in the morning. Announcing these test results in the afternoon helps ensure we've had time to notify health care providers and patients of their test results prior to releasing this information to the public. This is particularly important in the case of deaths, as we want to make sure family members have been notified prior to the public announcements.

After Gov. McMaster directed DHEC to release ZIP-code level data, DHEC says it will release projected ZIP-code level data. Does DHEC believe it should release more COVID-19 data to the public? If not, why?

Yes.

DHEC said it would release a secure program to first responders to provide them with more sensitive COVID-19 information so they can better respond to homes. Has DHEC released that data? If not, why and when does DHEC plan to release that data?

A new database to provide secure information to first responders has been piloted in several counties as of today and is expected to be expanded to all 46 counties later this week.

From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Responses to The State

6. If a person has been tested for COVID-19 and does not require hospitalization but is under a 14-day quarantine, once that quarantine ends are people being re-tested for the virus? If that is not something DHEC recommends, why not?
DHEC is following the CDC's latest guidance. Currently, we don't recommend that someone who is asymptomatic or everyone that's ill get a test just to see if they have COVID-19. This will allow our healthcare systems and our health care providers to prioritize testing and care for those at highest risk for developing severe complications from the virus.

We encourage anyone with concerns to reach out to their health care provider, however, most individuals who contract COVID-19 will recover at home by treating their symptoms with over-the-counter medicine. If individuals' symptoms worsen, they should reach out to their health care provider by phone or use a telehealth service provided by several health care facilities, which are listed on DHEC's COVID-19 webpage.

7. How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported in nursing homes? Of those cases, how many nursing homes have reported them? 8. How many cases have been reported in assisted living facilities? Of those cases, how many assisted living facilities have reported them?
An individual being a resident of an assisted living facility or nursing home isn't always included in the notification DHEC receives of an individual's death, however, DHEC collects this information during follow-up investigations, and we'll report this information to you once our data collection team has finalized the most current patient follow-up investigations.

9. We know that DHEC updates state/local officials throughout the day on new numbers, etc. What is the reason for updating the public/reporters every day at around 4 p.m.?
Announcing all new positive cases and deaths during one daily update ensures the information

is accurate and current for the public and media. DHEC provides information to county and state officials as requested throughout the day.

10. After Gov. McMaster directed DHEC to release ZIP-code level data, DHEC says it will release projected ZIP-code level data. Does DHEC believe it should release more COVID-19 data to the public? If not, why?
The projected data is available on our website as of yesterday, April 7. DHEC works closely with the Governor's Office every day, and we will continue to provide the information that is necessary in order to protect public health and help residents make their best personal decisions.

11. DHEC said it would release a secure program to first responders to provide them with more sensitive COVID-19 information so they can better respond to homes. Has DHEC released that data? If not, why and when does DHEC plan to release that data? The database has been piloted in several counties as of today and is expected to be expanded to emergency managers in all 46 counties later this week.

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To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fw: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Statement to media on ZIP
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:19:09 PM

From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Statement to media on ZIP

Nick and Jennifer,

Please see below. I proposed this language to ACC Public Health Chief and they approve. We have seven outlets asking for a statement on why the ZIP code info is different from what it was online on Friday.

To support our county administrators and emergency managers during this unprecedented pandemic, DHEC coordinates with EMD to hold daily telebriefings with county officials across the state. These telebriefings occur seven days a week and provide a daily, direct line of communication between county officials, EMD and DHEC to address county-specific questions and concerns.

As requested by county officials, on March 27, DHEC began providing ZIP codes with positive cases to county officials, and will continue to do so.

DHEC initially also provided this information on its website, however, the amount of information DHEC provides publicly is limited, particularly in cases that occur in small or other close-knit communities where even basic pieces of information could identify an individual. The Department is in the process of overhauling its COVID-19 webpage, and as part of that revamping, we're working on the most appropriate way to provide positive case information publicly while also protecting individual privacy, as required by state and federal laws.

We want all South Carolinians, regardless of the number of reported positive cases within their community, to take the same daily precautions to protect against this virus.

TY,

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May 8, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
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Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials to Hold Media Briefing

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster will be joined by state public health officials for a media briefing to update the public on the state's response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus today, Friday, May 8, at 4:00 PM.

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Friday, May 8, at 4:00 PM

WHERE: USC Alumni Center, first floor ballroom, 900 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C.

NOTE: *The press conference will be streamed live on SCETV's website at scetv.org. Reporters will be able to access to the USC Alumni Center. However, in an effort to maximize space in the ballroom we ask that all TV stations wishing to carry the press conference live use ETV's multbox onsite.*

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https://www.scdhec.gov/sites/default/files/media/document/COVID19_DHEC_Employer_Return_to_Work%20Guidance-4.24.20.pdf
https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf

Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19

GUIDANCE ON PREPARING WORKPLACES FOR COVID-19 3 Introduction Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

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From: Spearman, Molly
To: RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] FW: Guidance re: COVID-19
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 4:59:06 PM

Below is the email sent to all district superintendents and principals today. Thanks.

Molly

From: Spearman, Molly <mspearman@ed.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 3:07 PM
To: Spearman, Molly <mspearman@ed.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Guidance re: COVID-19

Dear District and School Leaders,

The spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and its emergence in the U.S. are prompting questions about its potential impact on workplaces, communities and schools. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE), working closely with the Governor's Office and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), is monitoring this rapidly developing situation and is preparing regular updates for schools and districts.

Any decisions regarding school closures or cancelling school events as a result of COVID-19 should not be made solely at the local level. Please consult with the State Superintendent of Education who will work with state health officials at DHEC and the Governor's office for the final appropriate decision. In addition, any announcement of local cases should come from state DHEC officials.

Although health officials are still learning about the virus, a number of resources are available now and are being updated as new information becomes available. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has developed interim guidance for schools that includes information on what to do before and in the event of COVID-19 being identified in the school's community.
I also encourage you to familiarize yourself with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) web page devoted to COVID-19. The SCDE has created a web page on which it will post the most up-to-date COVID-19 information and links as we receive it.
In addition, the SCDE will be participating in DHEC's bi-weekly COVID-19 updates and has developed an internal working group that is collaborating with other state leaders to develop guidance and determine flexibilities in our schools and districts in the event that COVID-19 impacts South Carolina. Those include:

- Potential school closures;
- Attendance policies;
- State assessments and testing windows;
- Food services; and
- eLearning and remote student instruction.

As you know, the situation is receiving significant media attention, but there is no reason for

panic. No confirmed cases of COVID-19 exist in South Carolina as of this writing. However, the flu season is still in process. The best response to any infectious virus is prevention. Make sure to encourage your staff, students, and families to follow best preventive measures, to include:

- Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds;
- Avoiding close contact with those who are sick;
- Using alcohol-based hand sanitizers (60% alcohol or above) when hand-washing is unavailable;
- Avoiding large crowds and international trips to the following countries with a level-2 or higher advisory alert from the CDC: China, South Korea, Italy, Iran, and Japan;
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, and coughing into your elbow;
- Cleaning frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household detergent and water.
- Encouraging staff or students who feel sick to stay home unless they are seeking medical care; and
- Getting this year's influenza vaccine if you have not already done so.

We will send you additional guidance and information in the coming days and weeks. In the meantime, the single best contingency planning lies within strong local policies and procedures. Because the virus has not yet reached South Carolina, now would be an opportune time to revisit and strengthen any relevant district policies.

Thank you for prioritizing the safety and security of your students and staff. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions.

Most Sincerely,

Molly M. Spearman
State Superintendent of Education

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From: Media
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: Live 5 News Request
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:13:40 PM

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From: Media <Media@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:12 PM
To: Kaitlin Stansell <Kaitlin.Stansell@live5news.com>
Subject: Re: Live 5 News Request

Hi Kaitlin,

We follow federal guidance on COVID-19 for our nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The latest guidance we've provided to all of our nursing homes and assisted living facilities can be found here:

https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and/qso-20-14-nh.pdf

We have some additional helpful resources on our COVID-19 website for health care facilities, too (under the tab For Healthcare Facilities).

It's important to note that none of our 10 presumptive positive cases in South Carolina to date are affiliated with any nursing home facilities.

Thanks,
Cassandra Harris

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Subject: Live 5 News Request

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Can you provide any details regarding what guidance has been given to nursing homes and assisted living facilities regarding the Coronavirus?

Kaitlin Stansell| WCSC Live 5 News |*Anchor & Reporter*
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From: Read, Jennifer
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Subject: [External] Fw: Media Inquiries on Funding Use
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:46:18 PM

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Subject: Media Inquiries on Funding Use

Hi Darbi.

Please see below. We have received two inquires one from Greenville News and one from Post and Courier concerning the $8.9 million funding request. If you could please help us provide an update, that would be wonderful. Thank you, Cassie

Greenville News
CDC is reporting that it has awarded SC $8.9 million to support coronavirus efforts. Can you tell me how DHEC is spending this money?

Post and Courier
My editors in Charleston are asking how the $8.9 million form the feds will be managed/spent. Can I talk to someone about that and/or get more information.

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From: COVID-19
To: Symmes, Brian; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Fw: NBC News question -- Darlington Raceway
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:43:45 AM

Please see below that came into the JIC. Brian, do you prefer to respond?

Thanks,

Laura

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From: Long, Dustin (NBCUniversal) <dustin.long@nbcuni.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:59 AM
To: COVID-19 <COVID19News@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: Media questions

I cover the NASCAR Series for NBC Sports and had a few questions with NASCAR looking to run races at Darlington Raceway in May.

What are the guidelines from the state for NASCAR to do so?

Will everyone at the track be required to wear a mask?

Is there a testing procedure that will be required? If so, what is it? Is it only for entry to the grounds or throughout the event?

Will there be a limit to how many people can be on the track's grounds or infield per day or total allowed over multiple days? If so, what are those numbers and how were they calculated?

What other local/state requirements must be met for those events to take place at the track as soon as next month?

Thank you for your help and time,

Dustin Long

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 6, 2020

South Carolina to Test All Residents and Staff at Nursing Homes for COVID-19

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced it will test residents and staff members at every nursing home in the state for COVID-19.

This extensive testing plan is part of DHEC's ongoing efforts to increase COVID-19 testing in South Carolina, especially for those at higher risk for developing severe complications from the virus, like nursing home residents and the staff members who care for them.

"Many of us have family, friends and loved ones in these types of care facilities," **said DHEC Director Rick Toomey**. "Across the country, COVID-19 has drastically impacted the residents and workers at nursing homes, and we want South Carolinians to know that DHEC is doing everything we can to stop the spread of COVID-19, especially for the vulnerable populations who reside at these care facilities."

Beginning next week, DHEC — with testing support from LabCorp and extensive coordination and cooperation from the two primary associations that represent nursing homes, South Carolina Healthcare Association and Leading Age South Carolina — will begin a phased testing approach to include approximately 40,000 residents and staff members at the 194 nursing homes in the state. The first phase will begin May 11 with approximately 15,000 residents and staff at 74 facilities. While these facilities were identified based on risk, the majority of them volunteered to be tested in phase one.

The statewide testing of the 194 facilities is anticipated to be complete by the end of May.

COVID-19 outbreaks at long-term care facilities are an indicator of ongoing transmission of virus within a community and require an intense focus on infection prevention practices. DHEC has worked, and continues to work, closely with these health care facilities to provide guidance and help implement recommendations for protecting residents as well as the dedicated workers who care for them. The facilities have been notified of this testing plan, and DHEC staff are working with facilities to answer any questions or concerns ahead of the testing roll out.

"Asymptomatic transmission of COVID-19 from staff to residents and between residents is a concern in nursing homes," **said Dr. Joan Duwve, DHEC Director of Public Health.** "Universal testing in these facilities will allow us to better identify residents with asymptomatic infection in order to cohort infected patients and further reduce the spread of COVID-19 from patients with no signs of illness."

In addition to providing universal testing, several measures have been implemented statewide to protect residents and staff at nursing homes. DHEC's disease investigation staff work closely with facilities to prevent additional cases by investigating when a COVID-19 case is reported involving a staff member or resident. This includes that all nursing homes are required to report COVID-19 infections to DHEC. A typical response includes:

- Frontline epidemiologists contact the facility to collect preliminary information about residents and staff.
- Frontline staff connect the facilities with DHEC Infection Preventionists who provide facility-specific consultations.
- Guidance is provided about how to assess possible exposures, restriction of activities, isolation and quarantine measures, appropriate use of personal protective equipment and disease monitoring in staff and residents to rapidly detect additional cases.

On March 13, Gov. Henry McMaster issued an Executive Order that stopped public visitation to nursing homes in order to help protect the vulnerable population of residents, staff and

visitors. This order is still in effect today.

DHEC continues to release new and updated information as it becomes available. For the latest COVID-19 information and updates, visit **scdhec.gov/covid19**.

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Zach,

Please see below. Commissioner Dacosta would like to add Coddy Carter, copied on this email, to the meeting invitation for today so that he can participate remotely. Thanks!

From: Delores Dacosta <ddacosta@cfma.sc.gov>
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Subject: RE: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

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Per our conversation,

Please forward Dr. Coddy Carter's email to the appropriate person to participate in the call in part of today's meeting. Dr. Carter forwarded maps highlighting distressed areas where testing should take place and I want him to be able to answer questions or elaborate on his data. Email acct. ccarter@cma.sc.gov or ccarter@cfma.sc.gov.

Thanks.

Dr. Delores Dacosta
Executive Director

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Thank you.

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I will attend. Delores Dacosta

From: Higgins, Teresa [mailto:higgint@dhec.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:33 PM
To: Richele Taylor (emily.farr@llr.sc.gov) <emily.farr@llr.sc.gov>; Joshua.Baker@scdhhs.gov; sgoldsby@daodas.sc.gov; Michael.Leach@dss.sc.gov; mary.poole@ddsn.sc.gov; Kenneth.rogers@scdmh.org; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Delores Dacosta <ddacosta@cfma.sc.gov>; Davis, Janie <jdavis@schac.sc.gov>; Connie Munn (cmunn@aging.sc.gov) <cmunn@aging.sc.gov>; coledj@musc.edu; jclark@scsu.edu; bobcaslen@sc.edu; president@clemson.edu
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Importance: High

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Tuesday, April 28, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at My Carolina Alumni Association, 900 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201

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From:	Higgins, Teresa
To:	Pippin, Zach
Cc:	ken.davis@scsu.edu
Subject:	[External] Fw: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Date:	Monday, May 11, 2020 9:08:57 AM

Hi Zach,

Can you please add Mr. Davis to the Web Ex meeting invitation for the Protection Group meeting at 10 am this morning? He's copied on this email.

Thanks,

Teresa

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From: Davis, Ken <ken.davis@scsu.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
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Teresa,

Good morning, I hope you had a great weekend, and staying safe...I was asked by President Clark to represent SC State University, and I have attended 2 meetings, but am not aware of the next scheduled meeting. Can you assist me ?

Sincerely,

Ken Davis, CPMM, FMP
Director Facilities Management/
Planning & Construction

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From: Brewington,Teare <tbrewing@scsu.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Davis, Ken <ken.davis@scsu.edu>
Subject: FW: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

Hi Ken

I know you have a million things on your "to do" list, but I need to add one more thing – see communication below.

President Clark & I agree you would be the best person to represent the University since you have broad understanding on the impact of campus, students and finances.

Let me know if you aren't able to participate so we can identify a backup plan.

Thanks.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV; HARRISCSDHEC.SC.GOV; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: POSTPONED until tomorrow - CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 12:11:22 PM

From: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Subject: POSTPONED until tomorrow - CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19

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For Immediate Release
Friday, March 13, 2020

Contact: CDC Media Relations
(404) 639-3286

CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19

What The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide an update to media on the COVID-19 response.

Who Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director,
National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

When UPDATED: 1:00 p.m. ET Saturday, March 14, 2020

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To: RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; Plowden, Mark; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Fw: PPE Allocation
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:47:08 PM
Attachments: Allocation Final.pdf

FYI

From: Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Elieff, Mike A. <ELIEFFMA@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: PPE Allocation

Please see attached.

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From: Rick Todd
To: Taryn Shekitka, IOM, CAE; Taylor Jackson; Jill McCain; Webb, Beth; Allen, Tom; Myra Reece (REECEMC@dhec.sc.gov)
Subject: [External] FW: PPE?
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:27:55 PM

PPE Supply Order for Truckers?

I wonder if DoC, DHEC, EMD would consider an order and process for PPE for trucking workers?

- N95 Masks
- Nitrile Gloves
- Disposable Shoe Covers
- Sanitation Wipes (container)

We do not think our industry's PPE needs should be prioritized over frontline healthcare workers and first responders. But if/when those needs are met and there are surpluses, we asked that they do what they can to protect our critical industry employees.

We could survey them as to quantities, or the government agency in charge could create an order form online in case there is a need.
I throw this out.

Thanks,
Rick

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fw: Questions from The State
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:38:28 AM

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fyi

From: Fretwell, Sammy <sfretwell@thestate.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:30 AM
To: COVID-19 <covid19news@emd.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>; Joseph Bustos <jbustos@thestate.com>; jself@thestate.com <jself@thestate.com>; Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>; Paul Osmundson <posmundson@thestate.com>; Bohatch, Emily <ebohatch@thestate.com>
Subject: Questions from The State

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To Media Relations Staff,

We have a few questions related to Covid 19

A) Linda Bell has stated tha South Carolina's coronavirus curve "is beginning to level." But the data we have compiled indicates cases are still rising. On what data does she make that conclusion?
B) Define what you mean by flattening the curve, or leveling the curve, versus reaching a peak in COVID 19 cases?
C) How much will cases need to drop before we are past the primary threat from COVID 19?
D) On contact tracing, you stated that DHEC has increased contact tracing staff from 20 to more than 230 since early March -- How many contract tracing staff did DHEC have in 2008? How many in each year from 2015 to the present?
E) Also, from looking at previous emails, your agency said DHEC had 65 acute disease epidemiology staff members. So would it be fair to say that of the 65, the agency had 20 contact tracers in that group as of early March?

Thank you,

Sammy Fretwell
Staff Writer
The State
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Columbia, SC 29201
803-771-8537, desk
[redacted], cell

From: Britt, Will
To: robert.oliverio@rsfh.com
Cc: READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Fw: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 2:07:39 PM

Dr. Oliverio,

Jennifer Read forwarded me your email. I have consulted with our staff in health regulations and licensing.
Based upon our review of the email, it appears your questions concern reimbursement-related issues and, therefore, no pre-authorization is required from DHEC. We recommend that Roper St. Francis be cognizant of of CMS guidance for telemedicine found in S&C 11-32-HospitalCAH dated July 15, 2011 and S&C 13-38-CAH\EMTALA dated June 7, 2013.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact Mary Jo Roue, our Chief for the Bureau of Certification, at (803) 545-4293.

Sincerely,

Will Britt

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:02 PM
To: JMarsh@governor.sc.gov <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Britt, Will <BrittWD@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Mark Plowden <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston

Jordan and Will, can y'all connect on the request below and advise. Thx

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Oliverio Robert <Robert.Oliverio@rsfh.com>
> **Date:** March 12, 2020 at 3:48:25 PM EDT
> **To:** "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston**
>
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> Ms Read, Mr. Plowden,
>
> Our legal Department recommends getting the Governor's approval to provide free Telemedicine screening. I would like to make sure we are in compliance and not violating any anti-kickback laws. I've copied our legal team, Greg Edwards and Lori Roberts. Thank you in advance for your consideration.
>
> Robert Oliverio, MD
> Robert.Oliverio@rsfh.com
> [redacted]
>
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> **From:** Oliverio Robert
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 7:16:26 AM
> **To:** Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
>
> Jennifer,
>
> I look forward to speaking with you. Feel free to use my cell number [redacted]
>
> Thanks,
> Bob Oliverio
>
> > On Mar 10, 2020, at 9:03 PM, Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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>
> Dr. Oliverio,
>
> We will be in touch tomorrow to discuss. Thank you for providing such a wonderful service for more South Carolinians to utilize.
>
> Thank you,
> Jennifer Read
>
>> On Mar 10, 2020, at 6:47 PM, Oliverio Robert <Robert.Oliverio@rsfh.com> wrote:
>>
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>> Mr. Plowden,
>>
>> I appreciate your consideration. I will look to DHEC for guidance.
>>
>> Thanks,
>> Bob Oliverio
>>
>>>> On Mar 10, 2020, at 4:23 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:
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>>> Dr. Oliverio -- Thank you and Roper St. Francis for establishing this option for citizens in our state. By way of copy, I am both informing DHEC of this development, and making them aware of your concern for future funding. Perhaps they have a suggestion from their perspective.
>>>
>>> Mark
>>>
>>> Mark Plowden
>>>
>>> Deputy Chief of Staff
>>> Office of Governor Henry McMaster
>>> mplowden@governor.sc.gov
>>> (803) 734-0522
>>>
>>>
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>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
>>> Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:13 PM

>>> To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
>>> Subject: FW: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
>>>
>>> Please see below regarding this request from a doctor at Roper St. Francis. Please advise at your convenience.
>>>
>>> Thank you,
>>> Leigh
>>>
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
>>> Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:28 PM
>>> To: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com
>>> Subject: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
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>>> <APP>CUSTOM
>>> <PREFIX>Dr</PREFIX>
>>> <FIRST>Robert</FIRST>
>>> <MIDDLE></MIDDLE>
>>> <LAST>Oliverio</LAST>
>>> <ADDR1>125 Doughty Street</ADDR1>
>>> <ADDR2>Suite 760</ADDR2>
>>> <CITY>Charleston</CITY>
>>> <STATE>SC</STATE>
>>> <ZIP>29403</ZIP>
>>> <EMAIL>robert.oliverio@rsfh.com</EMAIL>
>>> <PHONE_H>[redacted]</PHONE_H>
>>> <ISSUE>HEALTH</ISSUE>
>>> <SUBJECT>Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston</SUBJECT> <MSG> Dear Governor McMaster,
>>>
>>> My name is Robert Oliverio and I am a practicing internist and Chief Medical Officer for Ambulatory Care and Population Health with Roper St. Francis Healthcare in Charleston. As of noon today, we are offering free telehealth visits from 8 am to 8 pm on our telehealth platform, RSF Virtual Care. As a private, not-for-profit hospital system in the Lowcountry, we see this as our duty to our neighbors, friends and family and in keeping with our mission, "Healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence". However, we are concerned about the sustainability of this effort, particularly if the COVID-19 outbreak hits us hard. Are there state or federal funds earmarked for this effort and, if so, could you have your office direct us to someone who may be able to help.
>>>
>>> Respectfully submitted,
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>>> Bob Oliverio, MD
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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] FW: SC back to work transition and Covid-19 antibody testing - Labtech Diagnostics
Date:	Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:12:03 PM
Attachments:	image002.png image001.png

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From: Caldwell, Rick
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:31 AM
To: [redacted]@aol.com' <n[redacted]@aol.com>; murrell@smithrobinsonlaw.com; richardcash@scsenate.gov; mikegambrell@scsenate.gov; brianwhite@schouse.gov; jaywest@schouse.gov; JHill@schouse.gov; AnneThayer@schouse.gov; westcox@coxandcole.com; CraigGagnon@schouse.gov; dzona@scha.org
Cc: Coleman, Alvin <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: SC back to work transition and Covid-19 antibody testing - Labtech Diagnostics

Good Morning Mr. Hinnant,
Thank you for your email. With all of us working together, we can overcome this challenge I am confident.

Our team had a few questions regarding the Labtech Diagnostic testing. Could you provide some additional clarification on the below questions?

- Has the Labtech Diagnostic test been reviewed and approved by the FDA for SARS-CoV-2 testing? Has LabTech Diagnostics submitted an EUA to FDA for this testing?
- Do negative test results rule out SARS-CoV-2 Infection? Should a PCR Test be completed by a diagnostic lab to confirm?
- Can this test be used to diagnose or exclude SARS-CoV-2 infection?
- If a positive result is observed, can it be specific to SARS-CoV-2 infection versus non-SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus strains like: HKU1, NL63, OC43 or 229E?
- How many people have you screened in South Carolina? Positive cases versus negative cases?
- The email mentions a false negative of 30%. Could you share the literature so our lab team can review?

We greatly appreciate your interest in assisting our great state. I know we can defeat this as a team!
Best Regards,
Rick C.

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From: Bill Hinnant MD JD FCLM [redacted]@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:12 PM
To: murrell@smithrobinsonlaw.com; richardcash@scsenate.gov; mikegambrell@scsenate.gov; brianwhite@schouse.gov; jaywest@schouse.gov; JHill@schouse.gov; AnneThayer@schouse.gov; westcox@coxandcole.com; CraigGagnon@schouse.gov; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; dzona@scha.org
Subject: Re: SC back to work transition and Covid-19 antibody testing - Labtech Diagnostics

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All,

Labtech Diagnostics has now been doing antibody testing for SARS-Cov-II (Covid 19) for over a week and has been busy. We are learning that there are a number of patients who were apparently infected in the past, had minimal symptoms and then were tested for antibodies, They now show no signs of active infection, no elevation in their acute antibodies and are positive for long term antibodies, conferring at least some level of immunity. We have done the research to quantitate the latter and will likely move in that direction in the near future. No one knows how high an antibody titer a person needs to be immune, but the IgG level at least let us know they have circulating antibody to fight Covid 19.

There is presently a shortage nationwide in reagents and test kits needed to perform the RT-PCR nasal swab testing. This is slowing screening of our fellow citizens in SC and nationwide. The nasopharyngeal swab is also not the most comfortable specimen to collect as most patients gag. There is also a false negative testing rate approaching 30% as the test will only detect the Covid if the specimen contains an adequate amount of Covid RNA. The antibody screening is a simply blood draw.

We have spoken to the hospital association and more than one individual hospital including MUSC. None are able to do in-house Ab testing. We can do up to 1500 per day at present capacity and have ordered another machine. Our South Carolina lab has the only machine between Miami and Boston and there are 2 machines on the West Coast in California. The company will not sell to others in our region. We are testing for our other labs in San Antonio and Wyoming and for neighboring state clients. We are coordinating to screen 8000 employees at a Phoenix, AZ health system. Such testing will allow them to move healthcare workers with possible immunity to the bedsides of infected patients and likewise to move

non-potentially immune workers into patient care areas for non-Covid patients.

The South Carolina hospitals all want to do their own testing and we have offered to test for them, allowing them to report the results on their own trade dress reporting form, at least until they can get access to antibody testing in house. This will be at a minimum 2 weeks from now and that's optimistic although at least 2 U.S.- based companies are trying to develop rapid antibody screening and get it to market. Our equipment is manufactured by a U.S. Company with trials performed in Singapore and Hong Kong. It is FDA-approved. The hospitals to whom we have spoken have not as of yet worked out any arrangement for testing, although we are still in dialogue with MUSC. We would love to do more in SC.

As the Governor takes the initial steps towards a return to "normal", a key to minimizing transmission and allocation of health care employees will be a demographic picture of who is at risk, who has the disease and is recovering and who is at this point possibly immune. We can provide this information and do so with a 24 hour turnaround from any location in the state using our statewide couriers already delivering specimens daily. The epidemiological snapshot of where we are will help keep us all safe and healthy.

We would certainly appreciate any consideration and look forward to serving our fellow Palmetto State citizens.

Again, thanks to all of you for what you do as our legislators and in your leadership of our agencies and professional associations. It does not go unnoticed.

Bill Hinnant

C. William Hinnant, Jr. MD JD FCLM

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Sent: Sun, Mar 22, 2020 8:12 pm
Subject: Re: Federal Coronavirus Bill and diagnostic testing in SC by Labtech Diagnostics, LLC

Labtech Diagnostics confirmed Covid-19 in tests from Texas and North Carolina this week. No positives from S.C. this past week.

Please consider the lab at your service for any available screening necessary in SC. We believe Labtech is the only lab that can give any SC provider or DHEC 24 hour turnaround on specimens received.

Bill Hinnant

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Sent: Sun, Mar 15, 2020 11:27 pm
Subject: Re: Federal Coronavirus Bill and diagnostic testing in SC by Labtech Diagnostics, LLC

Murrell,

Hope I'm not bothering you but wanted to give you some Covid 19 information concerning the Bill likely to be voted on in the Senate tomorrow and that passed the House last week. The President has indicated his intention to sign. Cases have now been diagnosed in all of the large Upstate counties.

While there are employment and benefit provisions in the federal Bill, it chiefly provides money for testing and the Speaker has emphasized the importance of same. Right now, ALL testing done in S.C. hospitals is in the form of test kits provided by either Labcorps (a N.C. company) and Quest (a Georgia company). There are significant delays of up to ten days in result reporting that delays quarantine or in some cases, symptomatic management. Clearly knowing and knowing as soon as possible as to your infectious status is the most important driver of public health management in the case of this virus. Through early testing and timely reporting the South Koreans have minimized the impact of the pandemic in that country. The above companies are rationing test kits, even to hospitals and Quest kits require transportation to Burlington NC for testing, while Labcorps is only testing in Southern California, despite their corporate location in Atlanta. The transportation of samples further delays reporting to patients and their providers. Labtech and Quest are rationing kits ten at a time with providers having to order again each time their allotment of ten is exhausted.

I represent Labtech Diagnostics, the largest privately owned lab in the state with statewide service and 24 hour turnaround. Through the labs corporate contacts here and in Europe and our employed statewide courier service, we have the capacity to test in every portion of the state with no limits on the number of test kits we can procure. We are presently running 4 modules to do Covid 19 testing. With that number of operational modules, we are presently able to perform 80 tests daily. We have space and capacity to potentially perform 500 tests per day as we can divert personnel from other clinical tasks to viral testing. Ironically, during this pandemic, fewer patients are going to the doctor and as such, the labs normal work flow has been altered, at least temporarily.

These tests can be performed through drive through nasal swab collection with turnaround in 24 hours to anyone in the state. The testing is done in state by our fellow citizens who spend their incomes in this state and keep our businesses strong. Any hospital testing or even that of DHEC would at this point be sent out of state. Labtech is interested in federal support through the pending federal bill and can begin testing virtually immediately. The lab is able to operate drive through testing sites statewide with the testing done in the company's Anderson facility (we also have locations in San Antonio and Laramie, WY, outside Denver).

My question is who we should contact as to the availability of this testing and the lab's being involved. Let me know if you have ideas as we would like to make contact with whatever decision makers would be involved in apportioning the federal monies coming into the state.

Ronnie Cole and I are doing our annual Anderson County delegation dinner at Saluda's on March 25 at 7:00 pm. In your role with Ways and Means, we would like to invite you if you can attend. Joseph Labash, CEO of Labtech will be in attendance.

I am copying our delegation as we want to make the labs services available to S.C. citizens everywhere. Interestingly enough, a significant amount of testing presently done by DSS, SCDC, SCDMH and DHEC go out of state for testing and result reporting. Labtech is a South Carolina Company, employing over 250 people with statewide courier service and the capacity to handle the needs of the entire state. We have already saved the local Patrick B. Harris Psychiatric Facility over 30% on laboratory testing costs and the same would apply to any of the above agencies, if we simply took over that business they now send out of state. We appreciate your and the Anderson County Delegation's assistance and support.

Thanks and hope you're doing well. I appreciate the work you and all our friends in the General Assembly do in making our state an even better place to live and work.

Bill

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Sent: Tue, Oct 1, 2019 12:35 pm
Subject: Re: Kane v. McLeod Health Clarendon, et al

This is a requirement of the IRF as of a year ago. They says the Comptroller General requires it. Your CPA can get it quickly. Thanks, Murrell

Sent from my iPhone - please excuse the brevity of this message and/or any typographical errors

On Oct 1, 2019, at 11:57 AM, Hydie Kirkland <hydie.kirkland@smithrobinsonlaw.com> wrote:

Michelle –

Please provide a copy of a Form 147-C for your firm and return it to me so the carrier can assign a vendor number in preparation for issuing settlement funds check.

Thanks so much – Hydie Kirkland

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From: Matt Gates
To: Singh, Sym; caldwert@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [External] FW: SC- Covid - 19 testing and PPE procurement
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 12:08:23 PM

Sym, Rick – good morning. Hope you both had a good weekend and that Monday is off to a good start.

Please see email below from Jeff Guimond with the Patrick Lynch group. Jeff and his team are apparently working with a group that provides certified testing kits PPE and they would like to establish a point of contact in SC.

Can I provide Jeff yall's contact info and possibly do an email/phone intro or is there a better SC point of contact to whom I can direct him?

Thanks much.
Matt

Sincerely,
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From: Jeff Guimond <jeff@patricklynchgroup.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov>
Subject: SC- Covid - 19 testing and PPE procurement

Hi Matt: Hope all is well and you and your family are safe during this time. It was good to talk to you today.

I wanted to touch base on Covid testing and PPE in SC. Patrick has been brought in to be counsel to a group of doctors associated with Brown University here in RI on a matter they are working on with a South Korean company called Osang. Osang recently was authorized by the

FDA for Covid Testing. I have attached an article on that as well as an article that discusses a recent procurement that FEMA has undertaken with this company.

To the extent SC is looking to procure testing kits and PPE, we wanted to reach out to see who might be the best point person for us to reach out to on that or if you might be able to connect us.

Thanks and stay safe!

Jeff

https://www.bioworld.com/articles/434522-osang-becomes-first-korean-company-to-win-fda-emergency-authorization

https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/13/politics/south-korea-coronavirus-tests/index.html

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Laws/Policies

SC Code of Regulation 39-10 (A) (1) and 39-10 (A) (2) were amended and passed May 27, 2016:

(1) All dental practices shall conform to and comply with the current recommendations and guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) relating to infection control practices for dentistry and/or dental offices.

(2) It is the responsibility of all dentists and dental hygienists licensed by the State and all other personnel who are utilized by a licensed dentist who assist in a dental practice and may be exposed to body fluids such as blood or saliva to maintain familiarity with these recommendations and

Sent from my iPhone

From: Tom Davis
To: Caldwell, Rick; Walker, Trey
Cc: [redacted]@gmail.com
Subject: [External] FW: South Carolina government actions re: COVID-19
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:20:20 PM
Importance: High

Trey and Rick:

See the email below to me from one of my constituents, Larry Stocker. He is a principal in a trucking company and he wants to know how his company can help bring supplies from the national stockpile to destinations in South Carolina. Please let Mr. Stocker and me know if there's anything his firm can do to assist. Thanks for all you are doing for the people of our state.

Tom

From: Tom Davis [mailto:tom@senatortomdavis.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Tom Davis; Rebecca Wiesehahn; Cindy Graves
Subject: Fwd: South Carolina government actions re: COVID-19

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From: **lawrence stocker** <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM
Subject: Re: South Carolina government actions re: COVID-19
To: Tom Davis <tom@senatortomdavis.com>

How can we, a trucking firm help with the supply from the National Stockpile, back to South Carolina destinations?

Larry Stocker
[redacted]

On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 9:29 AM Tom Davis <tom@senatortomdavis.com> wrote:

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Fellow South Carolinian:

Printed below is a legislative update on the South Carolina government actions, both legislative and executive, that have been taken to date in regard to COVID-19. I will provide similar updates on a regular basis over the coming weeks.

Tom Davis
State Senator District 46

2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Action Report

Page Updated: 3/18/2020

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more serious diseases such as pneumonia, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). COVID-19 was originally thought to have spread from animal to person, but person-to-person spread is now occurring.

Outbreaks of novel virus infections are public health concerns. The risk of COVID-19 infections in South Carolina depends on multiple factors, including the likelihood of travelers from affected areas, how easily the virus may spread

from person to person and the effectiveness of measures to prevent community spread.

On March 17, 2020, the South Carolina State Senate unanimously voted to authorize a $45 million supplemental funding package for SCDHEC to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. The package would provide flexibility for SCDHEC to move assets where needed most and provides oversight and reporting of expenditures to the State's Executive Budget Office. The package was ordered for a third reading on March 18, 2020 and is now sent to the State House of Representatives for further consideration. Requests from SCDHEC include the following:

- Staffing ($14,598,760): DHEC needs additional staffing to support COVID-19 disease surveillance and contact investigation, laboratory testing, and information phone lines.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ($14,806,800): PPE for DHEC's healthcare workers to prevent spread of infection.
- Staff Support ($5,282,420): Operating costs such as technology, lab supplies and reagents, travel, and facility cleaning.
- Education Campaign ($2,500,000): Support for TV/Radio airtime and printed materials.
- Quarantine ($1,703,580): Cost to quarantine and support indigent patients.
- Transportation ($1,394,958): Cost to courier lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic National Stockpile.
- Contingency ($5,000,000): We have built in about 10% for unanticipated costs or changing assumptions based on disease spread.

RECENT TIMELINE:

- MARCH 18, 2020 — Thirteen additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina. This brings the total number, at this time, to 60 cases statewide in 14 counties.
- MARCH 17, 2020 — Fourteen additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina. This brings the total number, at this time, to 47 cases statewide in 13 counties.
- MARCH 17, 2020 — South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) announces extension to file state returns and pay taxes due April 1, 2020, now due by June 1,2020. Penalty and interest will not be charged if payment is made by June 1. Online services are available by visiting MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov.

- MARCH 17, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-10 to direct the DHEC to waive or suspend provisions of existing regulations that may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with an emergency; to order that food-service establishments and bars may not permit on-premises dining or consumption, but to encourage delivery, carry-out or drive-through distribution for alternative means; the prohibition of any organized event or public gathering held at a location owned by South Carolina or a political subdivision if it would require convening fifty or more persons in a single area; to direct the Adjutant General to oversee efforts and utilize equipment for hospitals or other healthcare providers;
- MARCH 16, 2020 — SCDHEC releases updated guidance on patient testing and travel of cruise ships.
- MARCH 16, 2020 — Five additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina.
- MARCH 16, 2020 — SCDHEC announces South Carolina's first COVID-19 related death.
- MARCH 15, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-09 to direct the closure of all public schools in South Carolina for students and non-essential employees from March 16, 2020 to March 31, 2020 unless otherwise directed by executive order. The order additionally directs elections held on or before May 1, 2020 to be postponed; and to urge indoor or outdoor public gatherings be limited to less than one-hundred (100) people.
- MARCH 15, 2020 — Nine additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina.
- MARCH 14, 2020 — Six additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina.
- MARCH 13, 2020 — SCDHEC provides updated guidance on testing and reporting for COVID-19 in South Carolina.
- MARCH 13, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-08 declaring State of Emergency for South Carolina due to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The order DHEC be vested with powers set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act; the closure of public schools located in Kershaw and Lancaster Counties; suspension of visitations to state corrections institutions and local detention facilities; activation of the South Carolina National Guard; limited licensing to security companies in protecting property; and prohibition of price gouging.
- MARCH 11, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-07 to suspend certain rules and regulations for commercial vehicles and

operators responding directly to assist in COVID-19 efforts.

- MARCH 6, 2020 — State of South Carolina's first two cases of COVID-19 announced in media briefing; one patient is elderly female from Kershaw County who has been hospitalized and in isolation; the second patient is an adult female from Charleston County who recently traveled to France and Italy. The patient did not require hospitalization and is self-isolated at home.
- MARCH 2, 2020 — Governor Henry McMaster convenes Public Health Emergency Plan Committee to discuss potential impact of COVID-19 to South Carolina.
- FEBRUARY 28, 2020 — SCDHEC issues interim guidance on the outbreak of COVID-19.
- JANUARY 31, 2020 — Governor McMaster convened a meeting of the Public Health Emergency Plan Committee to discuss update on COVID-19.

QUICK INFORMATION:

- How it is spread:
  - COVID-19 is commonly spread through air by coughing and sneezing; close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands; or touching an object with the virus and making contact with mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Symptoms of COVID-19:
  - Symptoms of COVID-19 can be mild to severe illness, fever, coughing or shortness of breath.
- Travelers:
  - Those who have traveled from an affected area in the past two weeks should seek medical advice if any symptoms develop during that period. Health officials are prepared with instructions on how to prevent the spread and proper procedures to avoid the spread.
- COVID-19 Prevention:
  - Health officials recommend constant washing of hands with warm water and soap for more than twenty seconds; avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth; avoid contact with sick individuals; stay home when not feeling well; and practicing social-distancing of keeping distance from others, greater than six feet.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

More Information:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and South Carolina Department of Environmental Control have additional helpful information online at cdc.gov/covid19 and schec.gov/covid19.

EMPLOYMENT & WORKFORCE INFORMATION:

- Unemployment Benefits:
  - Unemployment benefits are available to individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own. If an employer must shut down operations and no work is available, individuals may be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- Layoff Insurance Benefits:
  - Unemployment benefits are available to any individual who is unemployed through no fault of their own. If an employer must lay off employees due to the loss of production caused by the coronavirus, individuals may be eligible for unemployment benefits. This also applies to those employees' whose hours may be reduced due to no fault of their own.
- Paid Leave:
  - Employees receiving paid leave would not be considered unemployed and therefore ineligible to receive unemployment benefits.
- COVID-19 Related Shutdown:
  - South Carolina law allows for the removal of charges from contributory employers when unemployment benefits are paid as a result of a natural disaster, either declared by the President of the United States or the declaration of emergency by the Governor.
- Unemployment Insurance Claims (Employees):
  - To submit an initial claim for unemployment insurance claims, individuals must follow three steps: (1) Apply for benefits through SCDEW, (2) Register for work, and (3) Search for work.
  - Individuals may submit an initial claim through MyBenefitsPortal (https://dew.sc.gov/individuals/manage-your-benefits/weekly-claims), once the application is submitted, DEW will review the claim and determine if you qualify.
  - Through the portal, individuals must register for work on SC Works Online Services within two weeks to avoid nonpayment. Additionally, individuals must update their resume every 90 days to continue payment.

To remain eligible, individuals must actively search for work each week and conduct at least two (2) job searches each week. Individuals may request a waiver for the requirement to perform two searches if for good cause.

- Filing Claims for Workers (Employers):
  - Employers experiencing a temporary shutdown, slow or smaller workload than normal may request permission to file claims on their workers' behalf. Employers are able to file up to six weeks for affected employees who are exempt from work searches during that time.
  - To file, employers must contact DEW's Unemployment Insurance department at 866-831-1725 and sign an agreement letter to become authorized to file employees' claims.
  - Employers are required to report earnings that the employee may have received during the particular week filed. The claim must be submitted after the week of layoff is over but within 14 days of the claim week ending date.
  - Additionally information is available online at: https://dew.sc.gov/employers/ui-benefits/filing-claims-for-your-workers.

MEDICAL RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES:

- Procedure for Requesting Resources:
  - Ensure suppliers routinely used cannot meet the request.
  - Utilize any mutual aid agreements that are in place.
  - Request assistance through their local healthcare coalition.
  - Contact County Emergency Management (EM) Division to submit a resource request. If the County EM cannot fulfill the request, they must submit the request to the SCEMD Supply Unit. Afterwards, the SCEMD Supply unit will then task to the appropriate ESF (or other sources), or provide vendor information to the requestor

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- State and Local:
  - Governor Henry McMaster: https://governor.sc.gov/.
  - South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control: https://scdhec.gov/covid-19.
  - South Carolina Emergency Management Division: https://www.scemd.org/.
  - South Carolina Department of Education: https://ed.sc.gov/.

- South Carolina Department on Aging: https://aging.sc.gov/.
- South Carolina Department of Social Services: https://dss.sc.gov/.
- South Carolina Department of Revenue: https://dor.sc.gov/emergencies.
- South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce: https://dew.sc.gov/individuals/apply-for-benefits.
- South Carolina Department of Insurance: https://www.doi.sc.gov/948/COVID-19.

- National and Global:
  - President Donald J. Trump, White House: https://www.whitehouse.gov/.
  - World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019.
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: https://www.cms.gov/.
  - U.S. Department of Education: https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus.

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Subject: [External] FW: South Carolina Mitigation Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) Meeting
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:32:33 PM
Attachments: 4479 - Draft Priorities.pptx
ICC Proxy Blank.doc

Good Afternoon All,

This is a reminder to please respond with your vote to approve, revise, or remove these priorities by close of business **Friday, 8 May**.

To date we have received one vote from SCEMD to approve the funding priorities as presented.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions or if I can be of assistance.

V/R.
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Subject: South Carolina Mitigation Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) Meeting

Good Afternoon All,

Due to the ongoing COVID response operations we would like to vote on the funding priorities for

DR-4479 (Severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding) via email. Attached please find our recommended funding priorities for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4479. The only notable change between the funding priorities for DR-4464 and the draft priorities for DR-4479 is the addition of 0.5 point for applications that were submitted but not awarded under other grant opportunities. Please respond with your vote to approve, revise, or remove these priorities by close of business **Friday, 8 May**.

I have included the blank proxy form if any agencies need to update their proxy for the ICC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions or if I can be of assistance.

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Subject: [External] FW: Sumter Mattress Factory to make mask aprons hospital mattresses
Date: Monday March 23 2020 5:05:30 PM
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Importance: H gh

Sym and Rick

Please see the e-mail below from our constituent Pam Gambrell here in Sumter. I had a long discussion with Ms. Gambrell today – her family has been in the mattress manufacturing business for years and my understanding is that they have the present ability and resources to convert their factory to have capacity to manufacture masks medical aprons and hospital mattresses – not only to assist with the shortage of these items during time of crisis but also to assist with keeping their workforce retained and employed (as described below).

Any assistance or guidance you may be able to provide to Ms. Gambrell is greatly appreciated. I am also copying this message to Rep. Murrell Smith Rep. David Weeks and Mr. Jay Schwedler who is President & CEO of Sumter Economic Development.

Thanks for all you do and take care –

Thomas McElveen

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From [redacted] @sc.rr.com [redacted] @sc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday March 23 2020 4 31 PM
To: Thomas McElveen <tmcelveen@bryanlaw.com>
Subject: Sumter Mattress Factory to make mask aprons hospital mattresses

Hi Thomas McElveen,

My name is Pam Gambrell. My husband (Dwain Gambrell) and I have a mattress factory in Sumter, SC. Due to the current National Health crisis, many of our retail customers we sell to have closed down and the others have no business. This has in effect hurt our business.

With the ongoing National Health crisis we have decided to convert our factory over to making masks, medical aprons, and hospital mattresses. Our 45,000 square foot facility is equipped to manufacture these items.

After following the news over the past few weeks, we feel it would be advantageous to get ahead of the supply before the demand hits our state as it has others. We are willing to help other states as well. We want to get this project underway as soon as possible.

Dwain and I want to do our part helping our community, state, and country. I am reaching out to you with hope you can forward this information along to our Governor, DHEC and any other official that might be interested in our capabilities to produce these medical necessities.

The best phone number to reach me at is [redacted] (Pam's Cell) and of course email. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Have a great day and may you and your family be safe.

Pam Gambrell

From:	Renwick, Laura A.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Fw: Today"s news release attached
Date:	Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:31:22 PM
Attachments:	South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020) FINAL.docx

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Please see today's news release attached. We'll plan to send/post shortly.

Thanks,

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To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Duwve, Joan M. <duwvejm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: ACC-PIO <ACC-PIO@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Today's news release attached

Please see today's news release attached. We'll plan to send/post shortly.

Thanks,

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From:	Renwick, Laura A.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Fw: Today"s news release
Date:	Thursday, May 7, 2020 4:04:43 PM
Attachments:	South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 7, 2020) FINAL.docx

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Please see attached. We'll be sending/posting shortly.

TY,

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:57 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-PIO <ACC-PIO@dhec.sc.gov>; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Today's news release

Please see attached. We'll plan to send around 4 p.m.

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From:	Sylleste Davis
To:	Singh, Sym; Richard Caldwell
Subject:	[External] Fw: Trinity
Date:	Monday, May 4, 2020 2:59:27 PM
Attachments:	Rhapsody McMaster Request.pdf

Hi Sym and Rick,

I received the email below along with the attached letter to the Governor asking for permission to reopen a gym in downtown Charleston. Trinity, one of the owners, is sending the hard copy of the letter to the Governor's office. This gym is a very well run and well maintained facility. I recommend they be allowed to open with permission from the Governor. What is the best way for this permission to be granted? Trinity's number is 903-780-0799.

Thank you!

Sylleste

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Trinity Wheeler <trinity@rhapsodycrossfit.com>
To: Sylleste Davis <sylleste_davis@yahoo.com>
Cc: Alan Shaw <alan@rhapsodycrossfit.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020, 01:16:10 PM EDT
Subject: Trinity

Sylleste,

Hello! I hope you are well.

I need some advice. A few gyms in Charleston have been granted permission by Governor McMaster to reopen. I'm told they submitted the request and heard back quickly. I have attached the letter that I created to send. I would love your thoughts and also who to send it to.

Thanks so much,
Trinity

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fw: Update on Testing
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:06:29 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-1468858385.png Outlook-1468858385.png testing - Sen Scott.docx

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FYI

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From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Update on Testing

Please see attached.
Rick C.

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Testing

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Rick,

Do you have an idea on when this will be available?

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:28 PM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Update on Testing

Hi Rick,

Senator Tim Scott sent the following request, and if possible, would like the information within the hour (all would be kept internal).

1. General status update on testing:

2. What is the biggest challenge regarding testing:

3. What is needed to increase testing:

4. Where are there needs for testing:

5. What is going well as it relates to testing:

6. What can Senator Scott do to be "helpful" at speeding things up:

It is my general understanding that the Senator is concerned/frustrated about the lack of testing being done given the federal government has allocated billions of dollars for testing, including an additional $25 billion that is in the legislation passed by the Senate on Tuesday.

Let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Best,

Jordan Marsh
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State of South Carolina
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From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Fw: Update: FDA takes action to help increase U.S. supply of ventilators and respirators for protection of health care workers, patients
Date:	Friday, March 27, 2020 1:00:33 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

FYI

From: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Cc: Robert Jennings <rjennings@nphic.org>; Joseph G. Rebele <jrebele@nphic.org>
Subject: Update: FDA takes action to help increase U.S. supply of ventilators and respirators for protection of health care workers, patients

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Dear NPHIC Members,

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration took action to help increase the supply of ventilators, ventilator tubing connectors, and ventilator accessories, as well as filtering facepiece respirators (FFRs) due to shortages during COVID-19, as part of our commitment to ease burdens on the health care system during this pandemic.

The FDA issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) to allow for the emergency use in health care settings of certain ventilators, anesthesia gas machines modified for use as ventilators, and positive pressure breathing devices modified for use as ventilators (collectively referred to as "ventilators"), ventilator tubing connectors, and ventilator accessories that the FDA determines meet specified criteria for safety, performance and labeling. Please share this link with your constituents:

https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-takes-action-help-increase-us-supply-ventilators-and-respirators

For members of the press, if you have additional questions, please contact FDA's Office of Media Affairs at: fdaoma@fda.hhs.gov
For other partners that have additional questions, you can contact us at: ORAInfo@fda.hhs.gov

Thank you for your continuous support!

Sincerely,

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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] Fwd: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 24, 2020)
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:52:54 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Andrews-Morgan, Ellen" <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 7:48:37 PM EDT
Cc: "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 24, 2020)

DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 8—March 24, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or **ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov**

Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **http://scdhec.gov/covid19** is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

Case Updates

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **44** additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to **342 cases** in **36 counties.**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**NOTE:** *Some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence as provided to DHEC. As DHEC receives additional information, DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence.

- **New Cases by County:**

Aiken	1
Anderson	1
Beaufort	1
Charleston	5
Chesterfield	1
Clarendon	1
Darlington	1
Dorchester	1
Florence	2
Greenville	8
Horry	3
Jasper	1
Kershaw	4
Marlboro	1
Richland	4
Spartanburg	1
Sumter	4
York	4

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->DHEC today is **also reporting two additional deaths related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19**. This brings the state's total number of deaths to seven. One patient was an elderly person from Florence County who had underlying health conditions. The second patient was an elderly person from Horry County with no underlying health conditions.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]--> In addition, after further investigation, DHEC reported today that an individual who previously was reported as passed away and a resident of Kershaw County has been determined to have had a Sumter County residence.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Negative Tests**: **2,128** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->If a resident is looking for COVID-19 test results, he or she should call the health care provider/facility who collected the sample. Results cannot be obtained from the DHEC Care Line.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Healthcare providers submitting specimens for testing at the DHEC Public Health Laboratory (PHL) will need to ensure they are enrolled in Result Point to receive COVID-19 testing results.

  <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->If not registered with the PHL, that facility/practice should send an email to openelis_admin@dhec.sc.gov to get a Customer ID and access to Result Point. These are both required prior to sending specimens. This information has been provided to providers in each of our recent HANs.

NEW/UPDATED Guidance

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Certificate of Need—**A FAQ related to Section 4 of Executive Order No. 2020-11 suspending certain aspects of CON review is **available on the DHEC website.**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Correctional facilities—**Guidance for

correctional facilities is **now available on the DHEC website**. This interim guidance document provides information related to reporting of COVID-19 illness, infection control, and a number of links to other resources for correctional facilities responding to COVID-19.

Other Resources & Guidance

<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**DHEC Guidance for Water Management**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**DHEC Guidance for Restaurants/Retail Food Service Establishments**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**CDC Interim Guidance for EMS; State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**CDC Guidance for Homeless Shelters/People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**List of Telehealth Providers**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->**FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control**

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To: Toomey, Rick K.; Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] Fwd: AccelerateSC - Draft Slides.
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 5:18:03 PM
Attachments: AccelerateSC-05112020.pptx

Just got these. Am going to see if Chuck's are ready yet.

CLS

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From: Rainwater, Frank <Frank.Rainwater@rfa.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 4:55:43 PM
To: Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>
Cc: Patterson, David <David.Patterson@rfa.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: AccelerateSC - Draft Slides.

Hi Christian,
Attached is the presentation we have for tomorrow morning, see you then.
I will make a few short comments and then have David present.
Thanks,
Frank

From:	Toomey, Rick K.
To:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fwd: accelerateSC Agenda 4.28.20.docx
Date:	Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:17:20 AM
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> **To:** "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: accelerateSC Agenda 4.28.20.docx**

From: Moore, Davis Q.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: ACS/ Collection Sites
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020 11:13:21 AM

4.11.2020 Update

From: Smith, Angie <smithag@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 09:48
To: Moore, Davis Q.; Read, Jennifer
Subject: ACS

Requesting Hospital Name	Request Type	Status
Abbeville County Memorial Hospital dba Abbeville Area Medical Center, AAMC	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Aiken Regional Medical Centers	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Beaufort Memorial Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Beaufort Memorial Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Bon Secours St. Francis Xavier Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Colleton Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Conway Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Conway Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Conway Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Conway Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
East Cooper Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Edgefield County Healthcare	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Grand Strand Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Hampton Regional Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Lexington Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Loer Florence County Hospital d/b/a Lake City Community Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved

McLeod Seacoast Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
MUSC Health Marion Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Prisma Health Greenville	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health Laurens	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health Oconee	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health Richland	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Prisma Health Tuomey	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Prisma Health-Baptist	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health-Easley	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Prisma Health-Greer	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health-Hillcrest Memorial Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health-Parkridge	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Roper St. Francis Hospital-Berkeley	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Roper St. Francis Mount Pleasant Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
Self Regional Healthcare	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Tideland Georgetown Memorial Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	Pending Review
Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	Pending Review
AnMed Health Medical Center	On-site Visitor Screening Tent	On-site Visitor Screening Tent
AnMed Health Women's and Children Hospital	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Beaufort Memorial Hospital	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Carolina Pines Regional Medical		

Center	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
McLeod Health Cheraw	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
McLeod Health Clarendon	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
McLeod Loris	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
McLeod Medical Center Dillon	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
McLeod Regional Medical Center of the Pee Dee Inc	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
McLeod Seacoast	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
MUSC Health	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
MUSC Health Lancaster Medical Center	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Prisma Health Richland	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Self Regional Healthcare	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
Hilton Head Hospital	Tier One (Isolation Site)	Pending Review
Aiken Regional Medical Centers	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Conway Hospital, Inc. d/b/a Conway Medical Center	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
G Werber Bryan Psychiatric Hospital	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
MUSC Charleston Campus	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection
Prisma Health Greenville	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	ACS Activation Approved
Prisma Health Greenville	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	Pending Review
St. Francis Downtown	Tier Two (Low-Acuity Alternate Care Site)	Pending Review

Sincerely
Angie

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Three presenters for Monday morning.

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> **Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday**
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> Logical agenda.
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> > On May 10, 2020, at 12:03 AM, Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org> wrote:
> >
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> > I haven't seen titles for any of the presentations yet, so does this work?
> >
> > Also, are you getting slides from the presenters, and does Zach have their names/titles/organizations so they can do placecards? Thanks.
> >
> > CLS
> >
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> > <(2020-05-11) AccelerateSC - 2nd Protection Agenda (v01).pdf>

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: Bft, COVID-19 cluster, DHEC
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 11:09:38 AM
Attachments: Outlook-1468858385.png

I was inadvertently copied on her response to her constituent. Sharing as an FYI only.
Rick C.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Date:** March 26, 2020 at 4:38:07 PM EDT
> **To:** Shannon Erickson <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>, CW D <dandocw@hotmail.com>, Sarah Hearn <SarahHearn@schouse.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Bft, COVID-19 cluster, DHEC**
>
> Good Afternoon
> If we receive a positive test, we perform a contact investigation by our epi team. As far as testing, a patient must be symptomatic before a healthcare provider orders the test. So if someone was exhibiting a fever, shortness of breath and a cough, the doctor could order a test for COVID-19.
>
> It sounds like **this may be a unique nuance because of the federal component**. We would be glad to discuss if its ok to pass along your contact information to our epi team so you could discuss. Would that be ok?
>
> Thanks!
> Rick C
>
> **Rick Caldwell, II**
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From: Shannon Erickson <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>
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To: CW D[redacted]@hotmail.com>
Cc: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Bft, COVID-19 cluster, DHEC

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I responded to Rick with "I want more info, please." Let's see what I get... I know SCDHEC requires all labs report positive results so I need to know what they do with the data.

I will keep trying & share when I learn more.

Thanks,
S-

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[redacted] mobile

On Mar 26, 2020, at 3:46 PM, CW D <[redacted]@hotmail.com> wrote:

I just saw a news flash that after the 1st announcements of cases that DoD is not providing granular data. At any rate, if there is anything that can be done for employee , perhaps even a call from DHEC, it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you. Chad

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From: Shannon Erickson <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:42:18 PM
To: CW D[redacted]@hotmail.com>
Cc: Rick Caldwell <caldwert@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: Bft, COVID-19 cluster, DHEC

Hi Chad,
Thanks for reaching out on this. I am not completely sure of the step by step procedures but I understand your concerns. I am copying Mr. Rick Caldwell of SCDHEC who I am sure will get you all the info he can.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Keep safe,
S-

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> On Mar 26, 2020, at 12:03 PM, CW D <[redacted]@hotmail.com> wrote:
>
> Hello Shannon,
>
> Chad here. 115 [redacted]. I hope you and your family are staying well. I was wondering if you any insight into the DHEC involvement in the current pandemic . I have three coworkers and one coworker spouse that have tested Positive for COVID-19. All in the same office. What I find strange is that no one has been contacted by DHEC & I thought that this was the process ? Any thoughts on this? Since we have 3 cases (+ 1 spouse) in 1 office, I would think this would be good case for testing everyone in the office. Especially, if they are asymptomatic? I have not heard anything from DHEC.
>
> Keep in mind that my office is on MCRDPI. This is a Fed installation which maybe the reason but I thought states were supposed to have the lead. 2 are Marines and 1 is DoD civilian. Spouse is civilian.
>
> This being said, the ones that are positive seem to be recovering but there is another (civilian) with symptoms that seem to be aligned with COVID19 ; it maybe a battle for her. She tried to get tested this morning but was turned away. I think she has 3 other high risk in her household, which is a concern.
>
> Final note, if there are Not enough tests, I would suggest this be announced for Bft county . I just drove by BMH and there was no one at the testing site being tested. The lady today was denied because she does not have a fever...note I may not have all the details on why she was not able to get tested; needless to say, she is upset.
>
> In summary, I am wondering about the role of DHEC. Does my office

simply fall outside of DHEC's scope since it is a fed installation , even though some are civilians. Final note, is there a shortage of kits in SC ...are they going to NY where thousands are being tested?
>
> Curious. Concerned citizen.
> Chad Dando
> [redacted]
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> Sent from my iPhone

From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Pippin, Zach; Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Blast email to RFE"s
Date:	Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:35:00 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-3lez3uxc.png

FYI. To help clear up any confusion on indoor vs outdoor dining, sharing on social, too. Order applies to both as outlined in our guidance to the 20,000 restaurants earlier today. Thx

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From: "Childers, Elizabeth K." <childeek@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: March 18, 2020 at 3:31:37 PM EDT
To: "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>, Derrec Becker <dbecker@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Blast email to RFE's

Modification below:

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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Derrec Becker <dbecker@emd.sc.gov>; Childers, Elizabeth K. <childeek@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: Blast email to RFE's

Will touch base with you on this in a minute.

From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Pippin, Zach
Cc:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fwd: CareLine script
Date:	Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:08:22 PM
Attachments:	CareLine Script updated 3-18-2020 b.docx ATT00001.htm

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Zach,

Please see attached script used by our CareLine and PIPS teams.

Thanks

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> **From:** "Davidson, Nick" <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Date:** March 18, 2020 at 5:04:15 PM EDT
> **To:** "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: CareLine script**
>
> Jen, see attached.
>
> Thanks,
> Nick
>
> **Nicholas E. Davidson**
> Director of Public Health - Interim
> **S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control**
> Office: (803) 898-1685
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Fwd: Case counts spreadsheet-UPDATED
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:32:54 PM
Attachments: ATT00001.htm
Daily county tally.xlsx
ATT00002.htm

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Date: March 17, 2020 at 12:31:02 PM EDT
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Subject: Fw: Case counts spreadsheet-UPDATED

Here you go.

From: Traxler, Brannon <traxlelb@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 8:30 AM
To: ACC-PublicHealthChief <ACC-PublicHealthChief@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-PublicHealth <ACC-PublicHealth@dhec.sc.gov>; Kacka, Michael J. <kackamj@dhec.sc.gov>; Drociuk, Dan <DROCIUKD@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Case counts spreadsheet-UPDATED

Including cases reported through midnight last night. Brannon

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To: Symmes, Brian; RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV; HARRISCSDHEC.SC.GOV; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points for March 18, 2020
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:51:56 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_18_2020_FINAL.pdf
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To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fwd: CDC COVID-19 Daily Key Points for March 12, 2020
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:31:05 AM
Attachments: CDC_COVID-19_Daily Key Points__3_12_2020_FINAL.pdf
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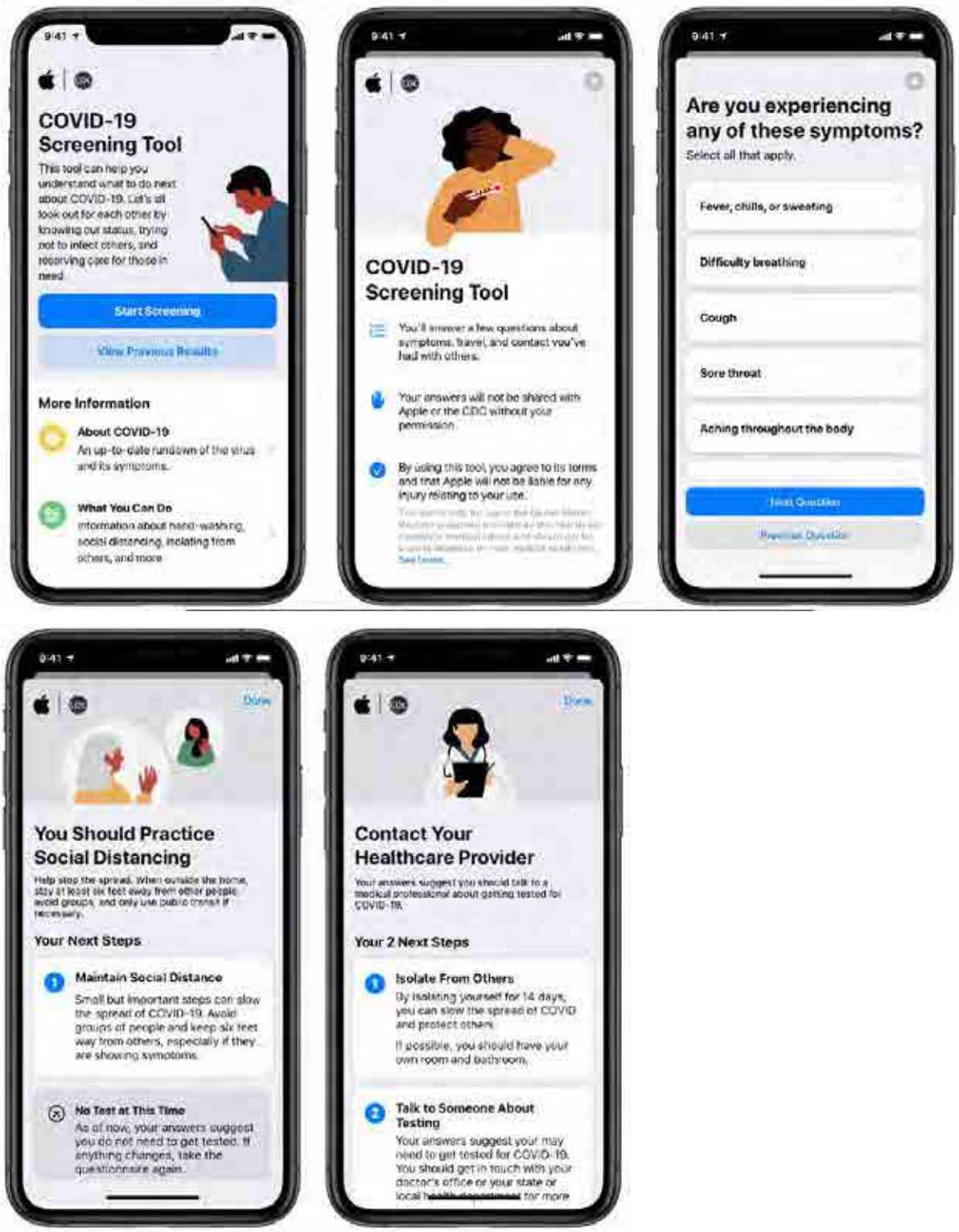
COVID-19 Screening Tool
This tool can help you understand what to do next about COVID-19. Let's all look out for each other by knowing our status, trying not to infect others, and reserving care for those in need.
Start Screening
View Previous Results
More Information
About COVID-19
An up-to-date rundown of the virus and its symptoms.
What You Can Do
Information about hand-washing, social distancing, isolating from others, and more
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You'll answer a few questions about symptoms, travel, and contact you've had with others.
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Are you experiencing any of these symptoms?
Select all that apply.
Fever, chills, or sweating
Difficulty breathing
Cough
Sore throat
Aching throughout the body
Next Question
Previous Question
Done
You Should Practice Social Distancing
Help stop the spread. When outside the home, stay at least six feet away from other people, avoid groups, and only use public transit if necessary.
Your Next Steps
Maintain Social Distance
Small but important steps can slow the spread of COVID-19. Avoid groups of people and keep six feet way from others, especially if they are showing symptoms.
No Test at This Time
As of now, your answers suggest you do not need to get tested. If anything changes, take the questionnaire again.
Done
Contact Your Healthcare Provider
Your answers suggest you should talk to a medical professional about getting tested for COVID-19.
Your 2 Next Steps
Isolate From Others
By isolating yourself for 14 days, you can slow the spread of COVID and protect others.
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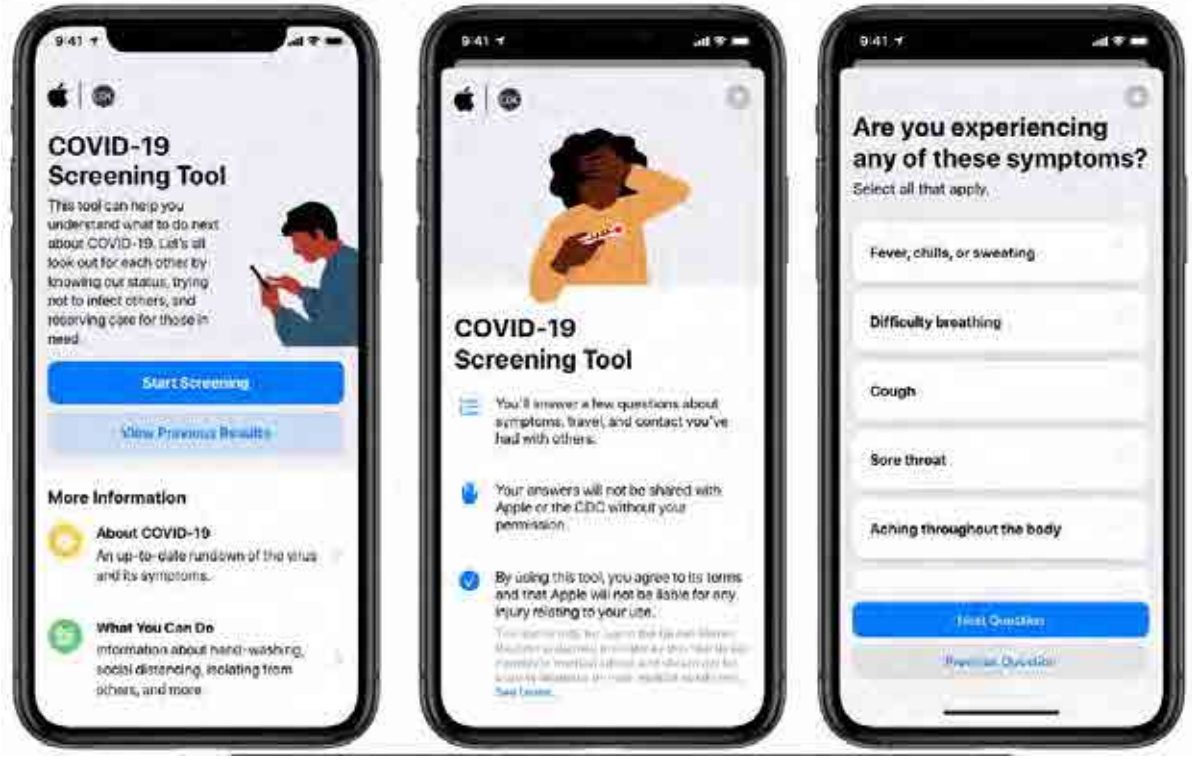
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About COVID-19
An up-to-date rundown of the virus and its symptoms.
What You Can Do
Information about hand-washing, social distancing, isolating from others, and more
COVID-19 Screening Tool
You'll answer a few questions about symptoms, travel, and contact you've had with others.
Your answers will not be shared with Apple or the CDC without your permission.
By using this tool, you agree to its terms and that Apple will not be liable for any injury relating to your use.
Are you experiencing any of these symptoms?
Select all that apply.
Fever, chills, or sweating
Difficulty breathing
Cough
Sore throat
Aching throughout the body

Done
You Should Practice Social Distancing
Help stop the spread. When outside the home, stay at least six feet away from other people, avoid groups, and only use public transit if necessary.
Your Next Steps
Maintain Social Distance
Small but important steps can slow the spread of COVID-19. Avoid groups of people and keep six feet way from others, especially if they are showing symptoms.
No Test at This Time
As of now, your answers suggest you do not need to get tested. If anything changes, take the questionnaire again.
Done
Contact Your Healthcare Provider
Your answers suggest you should talk to a medical professional about getting tested for COVID-19.
Your 2 Next Steps
Isolate From Others
By isolating yourself for 14 days, you can slow the spread of COVID and protect others.
If possible, you should have your own room and bathroom.
Talk to Someone About Testing
Your answers suggest your may need to get tested for COVID-19. You should get in touch with your doctor's office or your state or local

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Date: April 8, 2020 at 11:54:58 AM EDT
To: "Moore, Cristi Y." <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>, "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: clarification

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Rick hope you are well at the Department during this Covid-19 epidemic. Attached to this email is a letter from PFC seeking clarification on the status of abortions clinics in SC.

Thanks,

From:	Reece, Myra
To:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Compliance Assistance/Regulatory Relief during COVID-19 Pandemic
Date:	Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:43:28 PM
Attachments:	EA CA Reg Relief March 26.docx ATT00001.htm

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From: "Reece, Myra" <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 12:31:32 PM EDT
To: "sara@myscma.com" <sara@myscma.com>
Cc: John Wall <Wall@myscma.com>
Subject: Compliance Assistance/Regulatory Relief during COVID-19 Pandemic

DHEC continues to work with federal, state and local partners as it investigates COVID-19 cases in South Carolina. While our top priority remains protecting the public during this national and state emergency, Environmental Affairs staff have also been focused on actions we can take to assist our business partners during this unprecedented time of impact and uncertainty. Attached you will find the details of a new "Regulatory Compliance Assistance" process which includes an email account to receive requests for regulatory relief consideration due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Requests should be directed to environmentalcompliance@dhec.sc.gov . A staff member with the appropriate program area will follow up with you no later than the end of the next business day.

We believe there are many benefits to this approach. The common email address will allow us to track each request

to ensure that you receive a timely and consistent response. It will also allow us to more readily identify trends and common issues where it may be appropriate to provide broad relief. We also want to continue to have direct and frequent communication and will be scheduling webinars soon to share information on requests, trends and areas where we can provide broad relief.

We have already identified some items in the Air and Water Programs where we can offer broad relief now. For the Air Program, the due date for Emissions Inventories will be extended from March 31, 2020, to April 30, 2020; an additional 30 days will be allowed to submit On-Site Implementation Logs (OSIL) which are due on or before April 30, 2020, and extensions have been provided for asbestos personnel licenses that expire before April 29, 2020. For the Wastewater Program, the due date for permit required testing and reports that fall within the next 30 day can be extended to April 30, 2020, and the deadline to submit DMRs to ePermitting is extended from April 2020, to May, 31, 2020, and permittees may submit by paper or by using the ePermitting option.

In closing, communication, both direct and frequent, will be key for us as we work together facing operational and workforce disruptions and challenges that we would have never anticipated. Please know that the Environmental Affairs team is here to assist you. Stay safe and healthy. Talk soon.....#SCStrong

Respectfully,
Myra

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From: Spearman, Molly
To: DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Monitoring and Response Bulletin
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:50:04 PM

FYI. This is information from Greenville County Schools. They are following a higher protocol. Several international companies have asked employees to self isolate (using term self quarantine but no symptoms) and the school district has asked those staff members and students with a family member "quarantined," to not attend school or come to work. Using technology to have those teachers work from home with a substitute in class and will forgive all absences of students.

See below
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> **Date:** March 10, 2020 at 6:29:11 PM EDT
> **To:** "Spearman, Molly" <mspearman@ed.sc.gov>, "Brown, Ramona" <RBrown@ed.sc.gov>, "Royster, Burke" <broyster@greenville.k12.sc.us>, "Brinkman, Teri" <tbrinkma@greenville.k12.sc.us>
> **Subject: FW: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Monitoring and Response Bulletin**

> Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

> https://www.greenville.k12.sc.us/News/main.asp?titleid=2003covid19
>
> Burke asked me to send what we've sent to the public. This is the link to a bulletin on our website about Coronavirus. We are updating it regularly. Last Tuesday we sent a phone message to all parents directing them to this bulletin. We also sent a link to all parents for whom we have an email address.
>
> Tomorrow students will receive a paper copy in English and Spanish, but it is not as up to date as the website.
>
> We have also put screensavers about handwashing and other important preventions into our system's rotation. We are having 2 signs printed to display in schools.

Thanks,
Teri

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Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:57:43 PM
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Subject: COVID-19 Cases by County as of 3/28

Hello,

This message is to inform you that the case counts have been updated to reflect data as of 11:59 p.m. on March 28. This brings the total number of cases in South Carolina to 774. Please see the attached documents for County case counts and zip code data by County for the last 14 days. The new cases identified herein reflect results from specimens reported by both DHEC and private labs yesterday.

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The DHEC Agency Coordination Center Situation Unit will work with our medical professionals to reach out to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] Fwd: COVID-19: Cases by County as of 4/6
Date:	Monday, April 6, 2020 1:17:04 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-1469101470.png ATT00001.htm COVID-19 Cases by County as of 04.06.2020.xlsx ATT00002.htm Covid Zip Code Analysis_EmergencyManagers_4-6-20.pdf ATT00003.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: COVID-19: Cases by County as of 4/6

This message is to inform you that the case counts have been updated to reflect data as of 11:59 PM on April 5. This brings the total number of cases in South Carolina to 2,232. Please see the attached documents for County case counts and zip code data by County for the last 14 days. The new cases identified herein reflect results from specimens reported by both DHEC and private labs yesterday.

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From: Chip Huggins
To: Rick Caldwell; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: COVID-19/Coronavirus Updates
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 1:20:23 PM

Rick & Sym - See Jake Moore's suggestion below about Crafts Farrow - Did not know if any consideration of been given if you know let me know if not just please use that as a suggestion - thanks very much Chip

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jake Moore <jake@mttlaw.com>
Date: March 22, 2020 at 10:41:43 AM EDT
To: Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>
Subject: RE: COVID-19/Coronavirus Updates

Chip just a question. What is crafts farrow hospital being used for? If needed could we use it?

From: Chip [mailto:chiphuggins@schouse.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Jake Moore <jake@mttlaw.com>
Subject: COVID-19/Coronavirus Updates

March 20, 2020
Representative Chip Huggins
District 85
Serving Chapin and Irmo
Chairman, Regulations and

Administrative Procedures
Committee
202 Blatt Building,
Columbia, SC 29201

Free Online COVID-19 Screenings (all use promo code "COVID19")
MUSC- https://campaigns.muschealth.org/virtual-care/index.html
Prisma Health - https://www.prismahealth.org/virtual-visit/
McLeod Health - https://www.mcleodhealth.org/services/care/telehealth/
Roper St. Francis - https://www.rsfh.com/virtualcare/
Self Regional Hospital is offering a COVID-19 Screening Line open M-F 9a to 5p - (864) 725-4200

SC EMD (links to different areas of government and their efforts)
https://scemd.org/

DHEC
https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19

Healthcare
SC DHHS (all bulletins can be found at this link)
https://www.scdhhs.gov/

Department on Aging (scroll down on their home page to find their list of resources)
http://www.aging.sc.gov/

South Carolina Hospital Association (all hospital-related updates)
https://scha.org/initiatives/emergency-preparedness/coronavirus/

MUSC Health
http://www.muschealth.org/coronavirus

Department of Mental Health (list of resources is at top of their home page)
https://scdmh.net/

DSS

https://dss.sc.gov/covid-19-information/

Vocational Rehabilitation Department
https://scvrd.net/community-awareness

PEBA (in addition to sending information via email to employees, retirees, and employers as needed)
Refilling prescriptions through State Health Plan: https://www.peba.sc.gov/latestnews.html#refill
State Health Plan and COVID-19: https://www.peba.sc.gov/latestnews.html#covid-19
BlueCross: https://www.southcarolinablues.com/web/public/brands/sc/members/live-healthy/blog/categories/Health/covid-19-cost-covered-prior-authorization/
Express Scripts: https://www.express-scripts.com/covid19/index.html

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs
https://www.ddsn.sc.gov/providers/emergency-management

Governmental/Education/Regulatory
Department of Education
https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-and-south-carolina-schools/

Commission on Higher Education (contains links to response efforts from all public and private institutions, technical colleges, as well as information on VA guidance for school closures)
https://www.che.sc.gov/HOME/Coronavirus(COVID-19)Information.aspx

Secretary of State's Office for UCC, Business Entity Filings, Charities, Professional Fundraisers and Solicitors, and Raffle filings online as well as additional resources on how to mail in other filings
https://sos.sc.gov/

Court System
https://www.sccourts.org/

Department of Natural Resources (cancellations, closures, and postponements)
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/covid19.html

Election Commission
https://www.scvotes.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates

Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation
https://llr.sc.gov/coronavirusllr/

Department of Insurance
https://www.doi.sc.gov/948/COVID-19

Department of Consumer Affairs (financial protection during the pandemic)
https://consumer.sc.gov/news/2020-03/protecting-your-finances-coronavirus-continues-make-headlines

Human Affairs Commission
Due to the national and state declared emergency, the South Carolina Human Affairs Commission is requesting that individuals complete all paperwork electronically. Please call with questions at (803) 737-7800.

Commission for Minority Affairs
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1002m6zed7WdfY3ph5DI7yi0OQLOnFxTI/view

Department of Motor Vehicles
No road tests will be conducted at #SCDMV branches between March 19, 2020 and April 3, 2020. Saturday branch hours will resume in July 2020.

Public Service Commission (virtual public hearing details)
https://psc.sc.gov/news/2020-03/details-virtual-public-hearing

Businesses
Department of Employment and Workforce
https://dew.sc.gov/covid-hub
https://dew.sc.gov/docs/default-source/default-document-library/coronavirus-and-unemployement-benefits.pdf?sfvrsn=43a3bfd8_0

Small Business Association - disaster assistance loans of up to $2 million for affected businesses
https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources

US Chamber of Commerce - a great one-stop shop of tips for employers and employees
https://www.uschamberfoundation.org/coronavirus

US Chamber of Commerce Coronavirus Response Toolkit
https://www.uschamber.com/coronavirus-response-toolkit

Article on HR. 6201 (Paid Leave) and what it may mean for employers
https://www.nallawreview.com/article/emergency-coronavirus-bill-what-employers-need-to-know-regarding-legislative

FMLA information from Dept. of Labor
https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla/pandemic

Virtual Business Operation Center (SCEMD) (Department of Commerce has a team working this issue with EMD that can be reached with questions at ESF24@emd.sc.gov)
https://www.scemd.org/stay-informed/business-operations/

Information on avoiding Coronavirus scams from FTC
https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/2020/02/coronavirus-scammers-follow-headlines

Criminal Justice
SLED
http://www.sled.sc.gov/documents/COVID/Executive%20Order%20Guidance%20(FINAL).pdf

Department of Public Safety
https://scdps.sc.gov/coronavirus-covid-19

Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services (COVID-19 notice on home page)
https://www.dppps.sc.gov/

Department of Corrections
http://www.doc.sc.gov/scdc_covid-19_action_plan_031620.pdf

Department of Juvenile Justice (visitation suspension notice is at the top of their home page)
https://djj.sc.gov/

Yesterday, March 19, 2020, the House was recalled from a week of furlough to pass the following in response to the COVID-19 Virus:
H. 4014

- Appropriates $45 million from the Contingency Reserve Fund to the Executive Budget Office for use by DHEC:

  - **Staffing ($14,598,760): DHEC needs additional staffing to support COVID-19 disease surveillance and contact investigation, laboratory testing, and information phone lines.**
  - **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ($14,806,800): PPE for DHEC's healthcare workers to prevent spread of infection.**
  - **Staff Support ($5,282,420): Operating costs such as technology, lab supplies and reagents, travel, and facility cleaning.**
  - **Education Campaign ($2,500,000): Support for TV/Radio airtime and printed materials.**
  - **Quarantine ($1,703,580): Cost to quarantine and support indigent patients.**
  - **Transportation ($1,394,958): Cost to courier lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic National Stockpile.**
  - **Contingency ($5,000,000): We have built in about 10% for unanticipated costs or changing assumptions based on disease spread.**

- It instructs DHEC to establish a COVID-19 Response Account that could be added to in the future.
- Requires EBO to provide the General Assembly a detailed accounting of the expenditure of all funds appropriated from the account and post it on their website.
- Allows DHEC to continue to expend funds from other sources for COVID-19.

- Authorizes DHEC to reallocate supplies and employees to meet the demands of hospitals and other medical providers who receive Medicaid or other state funds where COVID-19 infections are concentrated until 30 days after the state of emergency is lifted.
- Exempts state retirees from SCRS and PORS from the earnings cap limitations if they are hired as part of the state's response to COVID-19. This provision expires September 1, 2020.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you in the South Carolina House of Representatives and please feel free to contact me via email at chiphuggins@schouse.gov or my 24-hour phone line at 331-8468.

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DHEC Announces Additional Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating one additional case of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

Preliminary information for new case

- The one new case is a female from Camden who had contact with a known case. She was evaluated at a healthcare facility and is currently isolated at home. DHEC received her positive result from a private lab.

Number of COVID-19 cases to date

- 13 positive cases
- DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 123 tests: 13 positive and 110 negative
- DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has received enough supplies from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to test 2,000 samples. We have the routine capacity to test 80-100 specimens per day with the ability to double or triple that number as needed, however, testing should be reserved for those that meet the clinical criteria for testing. Testing individuals without symptoms is not

recommended.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved some private labs in South Carolina to also conduct CDC-approved testing for COVID-19. These labs are required to report positive cases of the virus to DHEC. Reporting of positive results will be delayed from that of tests performed by DHEC. DHEC will continue to update the public as positive cases are either conducted by the state's Public Health Laboratory or as the cases are reported to DHEC by private labs.

"Although we are not currently seeing widespread transmission in South Carolina, we expect to see more cases and we will continue to monitor CDC guidance and recommendations," **said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist.** "As part of this effort, we are preparing for transition from containment to mitigation.

In order to take precautions for members of South Carolina's vulnerable populations, DHEC is immediately restricting visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with the exception of end-of-life situations.

"We encourage the public to maintain their daily routines of protecting against illness by practicing good hygiene, washing your hands, and covering your cough," **Bell said.** "Individuals with signs of illness are asked to take seriously the recommendation to stay home from school and work and not attend public gatherings."

Residents who are showing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should call their personal doctor or healthcare provider. If an individual doesn't have a primary care physician, MUSC Health is providing free telehealth screening to all South Carolinians. Anyone experiencing symptoms can visit MUSC.care and use the promo code COVID19 and be screened without having to leave your home. Additional telehealth services from other healthcare systems will be made available on the DHEC website.

"Our top priorities remain preventing the spread of the disease and protecting the public health," Bell said. "This includes working to control spread and measures that best protect all individuals."

For more information about COVID-19, visit the DHEC website **scdhec.gov/COVID19** or the CDC website **here.**

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Good afternoon,

The Department of Health and Environmental Control has issued a press release relating to additional possible cases of COVID-19 at https://scdhec.gov/news-releases/dhec-investigating-additional-possible-cases-2019-novel-coronavirus-south-carolina. Additional information will be posted at scdhec.gov/COVID19 as it is available.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (803) 530-5679 or Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073.

Best,

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 1—March 17, 2020

As DHEC works with its federal, state, and local partners to respond to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), we would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on response efforts.

General Information

Illness Severity: The complete clinical picture with regard to COVID-19 is not fully understood. Reported illnesses have ranged from mild to severe, including illness resulting in death. Learn more about the **symptoms associated with COVID-19**.

Prevention: DHEC and the CDC currently recommend avoiding all nonessential travel to China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea, as well as following the **CDC's recommendations regarding travel** to other countries affected by COVID-19. This is a rapidly evolving public health event, and DHEC takes every new infectious disease seriously. DHEC continues to encourage people who are unvaccinated to **get the flu vaccine**. This protects individuals and the public and reduces confusion of more common respiratory illnesses with possible COVID-19 illnesses.

Other steps South Carolinians can take to help stay healthy include:

- washing your hands,
- covering your cough,

staying home when you're sick, and
- appropriately disposing tissues and other items that you've sneezed or coughed into.

Resources & Guidance

DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

Can I get tested for COVID-19?

Testing for COVID-19 requires an evaluation from a health care provider because symptoms of COVID-19 are similar to flu and other common viruses. Your provider will determine whether you should be tested. There is no testing that will identify the illness before someone experiences symptoms. You should not get tested if you are not ill.

What if I have symptoms?

If you develop symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough or shortness of breath) and may have been exposed to someone with the illness, please call your health care provider to seek care. Contacting your health care provider ahead of time will make sure you get the care you need without putting others at risk. Additionally, several South Carolina health systems are offering telehealth options to the public.

What is the treatment for COV ID-19?

Most people with coronavirus infections get better on their own. The CDC recommends anyone with COVID-19 to stay home from work, school, and public places; get rest and stay hydrated; and monitor your symptoms. While there are no specific treatments for COVID-19 patients who are more severely ill can be treated at hospitals. As we learn more about this virus, treatment recommendations may change.

What can the public do to limit the spread of COVID-19?

- Know the **signs and symptoms** of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic
- If you're sick, stay home from work, school, and public events
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Don't share personal items
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Set up a separate room for sick household members
- Check in with family and friends who live alone—especially those who may be in **a high-risk group**

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

Negative tests	**-**	**409**
Positive tests	**-**	**47**

Note: While a test positive for COVID-19 must be reported to DHEC, private laboratories are not required to report negative tests. Therefore, the number above represents the total at the

DHEC Public Health Lab.

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Legislative Update # 17— April 3, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **147 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,700 cases** in **all 46 counties.**

- There were **three additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **34.** The three patients were elderly individuals who also had underlying health conditions. Two were residents of Richland County and one of Greenville County.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	**0**	**6**	**Greenwood**	**1**	**9**
Aiken	**0**	**22**	**Hampton**	**0**	**1**
Allendale	**0**	**1**	**Horry**	**1**	**51**
Anderson	**5**	**62**	**Jasper**	**1**	**8**
Bamberg	**0**	**5**	**Kershaw**	**7**	**136**
Barnwell	**0**	**2**	**Lancaster**	**5**	**31**
Beaufort	**2**	**131**	**Laurens**	**2**	**6**
Berkeley	**9**	**42**	**Lee**	**5**	**13**
Calhoun	**0**	**3**	**Lexington**	**8**	**78**
Charleston	**16**	**247**	**Marion**	**0**	**2**
Cherokee	**0**	**1**	**Marlboro**	**0**	**3**
Chester	**1**	**7**	**McCormick**	**0**	**1**
Chesterfield	**0**	**10**	**Newberry**	**1**	**5**
Clarendon	**3**	**34**	**Oconee**	**0**	**5**
Colleton	**0**	**6**	**Orangeburg**	**1**	**25**
Darlington	**0**	**15**	**Pickens**	**2**	**17**
Dillon	**0**	**1**	**Richland**	**24**	**224**
Dorchester	**1**	**36**	**Saluda**	**0**	**2**
Edgefield	**1**	**5**	**Spartanburg**	**10**	**60**
Fairfield	**0**	**8**	**Sumter**	**9**	**75**
Florence	**3**	**29**	**Union**	**1**	**6**
Georgetown	**1**	**16**	**Williamsburg**	**0**	**6**
Greenville	**20**	**174**	**York**	**7**	**73**
TOTAL— 147 new cases; 1,700 total cases					

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Zip Code Data:** The number of individuals **tested positive by zip code of residence has been published** on the DHEC website. DHEC plans to publish these numbers with estimates of the number of individuals infected residing in the zip code early next week.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Heat Map:** DHEC has updated **the heat map**; the map is now animated to show change over time. The heat map shows the number of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have**

information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19. Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been 8,682 negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 6,487.
    - <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->375 were resulted yesterday. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
    - <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->The PHL supply of reagents is low; however, we hope to receive additional reagent shipments soon.
- **First Responder Priority Testing:** There are now 12 first responder testing sites throughout the state; the newest site was added today in York County. A site was added yesterday in Aiken County.

NEW: FAQ for Coroners

DHEC has published a FAQ **for coroners on our website.** This guidance addresses frequently asked questions related to postmortem activities, testing, and points of contact.

Logistics Information

- **Strategic National Stockpile:** The third wave of PPE received from the Strategic National Stockpile has been delivered to the counties.
- **PPE Request and Distribution Plan:** DHEC is working with the S.C. Emergency Management Division on a Medical PPE Request and Distribution Plan.
    - <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**PPE Requests:** Healthcare facilities/providers seeking assistance with obtaining PPE should work through their **county emergency management office.** These requesting entities are responsible for the costs of any PPE received.
    - <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->**PPE Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:

DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:

DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites
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- There were **six additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **40.** These additional deaths occurred in six individuals who were elderly and also had underlying health conditions. Two were residents of Lexington County, and the other individuals were residents of Beaufort, Georgetown, Richland, and York counties.
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Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	5	141
Barnwell	0	2	Lancaster	8	39
Beaufort	17	148	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	3	45	Lee	3	16
Calhoun	1	4	Lexington	17	95
Charleston	27	274	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	1	2	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	5	12	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	3	13	Newberry	3	8
Clarendon	11	45	Oconee	3	8
Colleton	3	9	Orangeburg	1	26
Darlington	4	19	Pickens	0	17
Dillon	0	1	Richland	18	242
Dorchester	9	45	Saluda	2	4
Edgefield	0	5	Spartanburg	12	72
Fairfield	4	12	Sumter	4	79
Florence	6	35	Union	3	9
Georgetown	1	17	Williamsburg	3	9
Greenville	9	183	York	8	81
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- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available here. In addition, the agency is working to develop estimated cases by ZIP code and anticipates having the data available by Monday, April 5. These estimated counts will represent individuals who are potentially undiagnosed. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to take action to protect themselves and those they love.
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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**18,314**
Total positive tests	**1,917**
Total negative tests	**16,397**
Negative - DHEC PHL	6,211
Negative - private labs	10,186

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been 8,682 negative tests at private labs.

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- <!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]-->530 were resulted yesterday. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
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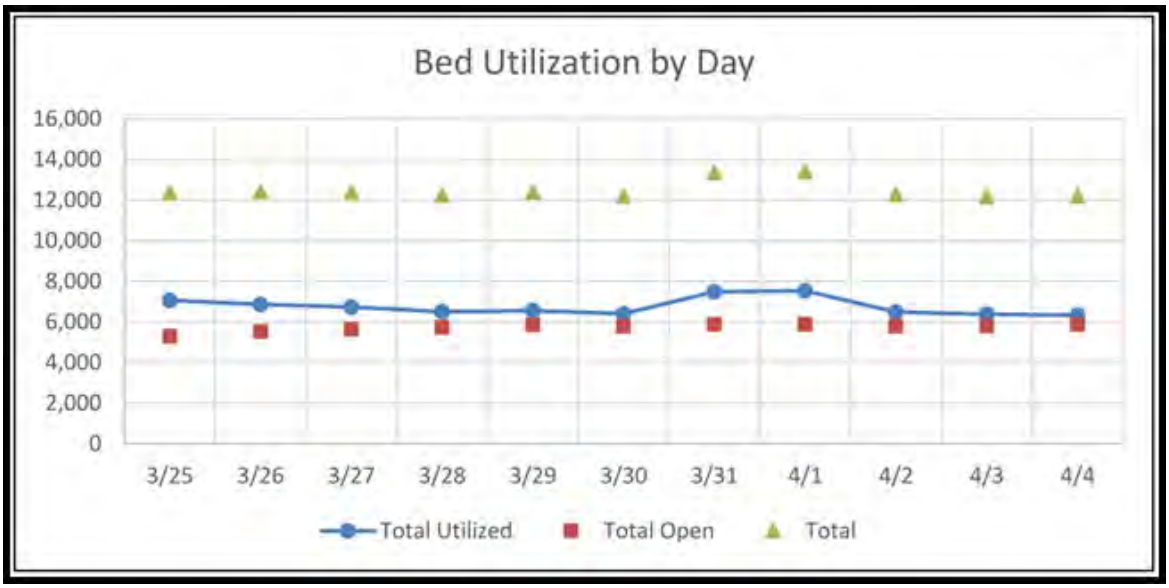

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Indigent Population Guidance

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  - Ambulatory Surgical Facilities
  - Community Residential Care Facilities
  - Day Care Facilities for Adults
  - Facilities that Treat Individuals for Psychoactive Substance Abuse or Dependence
  - Home Health Agencies
  - Hospices

- Hospitals and Institutional General Infirmaries
- Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities
- Nursing Homes
- Renal Dialysis Facilities
- Residential Treatment Facilities for Children and Adolescents

Logistics Information

- **Strategic National Stockpile:** The allocation for the third wave of PPE received from the Strategic National Stockpile delivered to the counties Thursday and Friday of this week **has been published online.**
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  - <!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]-->**PPE Requests:** Healthcare facilities/providers seeking assistance with obtaining PPE should work through their **county emergency management office.** These requesting entities are responsible for the costs of any PPE received.
  - <!--[if !supportLists]-->o <!--[endif]-->**PPE Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

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Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

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General:

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
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FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
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Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
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EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
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Business/Environment:

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CDC Guidance - Businesses
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The purpose of this FEMA page is to help the public distinguish between rumors and facts regarding the response to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Rumors can easily circulate within communities during a crisis, stay informed with our updated myth vs. facts related to the federal (COVID-19) response.

For more information on the coronavirus, please visit coronavirus.gov. You can also visit our coronavirus (COVID-19) response page for more updates on the federal response.

Collapse All Sections

Myth: There Is A National Lockdown And The Entire Country Will Be Quarantined For Two Weeks.

Fact: There is no national lockdown. As with all information online or shared via social media, it is important to verify the source of the information. You can find the latest information as well as links to additional resources at www.coronavirus.gov.

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Updated Guidance for Restaurants

- DHEC has updated its guidance relating to Executive Order No. 2020-10's restrictions on restaurants and has created a **Retail Food Establishment FAQ for COVID-19**.
- To facilitate social distancing, restaurants and bars can no longer provide sit down dining. This applies to both indoor and outdoor dining areas. The Governor is encouraging all affected facilities to provide take out, drive through or delivery service. Patrons may come into the facility to place orders. However, to promote social distancing, we are encouraging that orders be taken via phone, online or at a service window. Retail stores, convenience stores and hotel breakfast service may continue to offer self-service food service such as grab and go, hot dog and pizza or other food pick up; however, any seating areas need to be closed.
- Retail food establishments are not required to notify DHEC or the Division when they become aware of an employee who tests positive for COVID-19. There is also no requirement for public notification by your facility should you have a report of a positive employee. COVID-19 is a reportable disease, but that requirement is the responsibility of the medical provider or the testing laboratory, not the patient or their employer.
- If you choose to temporarily close your facility due to the Governor's Executive Order, you do not need to notify DHEC, and you can reopen without notifying DHEC.
- For the duration of the emergency restrictions and to encourage social distancing practices, DHEC will not be conducting routine inspections. However, we will come and provide a non-graded evaluation and consultation upon request. Requests can be made to the Division of Food and Lead Risk or to your **regional BEHS office**. If a follow-up is scheduled for your facility, DHEC will be contacting you by phone to discuss the processes for conducting the inspection.
- The SC Law Enforcement Division has also provided guidance regarding

enforcement of Executive Order 2020-10.

- If you have questions about the restrictions on service, food sanitation or hygiene practices, please call or email the Division of Food and Lead Risk Assessments at 803-896-0640 / foodsafetyteam@dhec.sc.gov.

DHEC Disclosures

- As cases of COVID-19 expectedly increase, DHEC is prioritizing its efforts in order to best protect public health and limit spread of the virus. When a positive case is known, we work to identify close contacts of that individual and we announce these positive cases publicly by the individual's county of residence. DHEC will always provide the information that helps South Carolinians stay informed about COVID-19, however, DHEC is obligated and required to protect every individual's personal health information. Hospitals and health care facilities have similar restrictions that protect patient privacy. The amount of information DHEC provides is limited, particularly in cases that occur in small or other close-knit communities where even basic pieces of information could identify an individual. DHEC will always provide the information that's necessary for residents to protect themselves. We rely on residents trusting DHEC to not release their personal information so that they are cooperative and forthcoming during our disease investigation activities. Our top priorities remain preventing the spread of the disease and protecting public health. This includes working to control spread and sharing measures that best protect our neighbors, friends and family.

Please see this weekends communications with County Administrators from D**irector Dr. Rick Toomey:**

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Be assured that we are committed to working with you to protect the safety and health of all our residents. A member of our team will be reaching out to you shortly to discuss current and future needs, and to determine the best path forward.

Guidance for First Responders

DHEC's COVID-19 site links to the following for first responders:

- **Interim Guidance for EMS**

Guidance for Law Enforcement
- **State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases**

Water Management & COVID-19

- In an effort to provide South Carolina's water professionals with the most current information and guidance about COVID-19, the Bureau of Water has compiled a listing of guidance and advice for water and wastewater professionals. For insight going forward as more details and guidance about COVID-19 are shared by EPA, CDC, and water research professionals, water professionals can visit our COVID-19 Water Management page.

Visitation Restrictions at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

DHEC has provided administrators of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities a memorandum providing guidance relating to Executive Order No. 2020-08, directing that visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities be restricted with the exception of end-of-life situations. DHEC has provided the following guidelines to nursing homes and CRCFs to assist with the implementation of these restrictions:

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  - Creating/increasing listserv communication to update families, such as advising to not visit.
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Collapse All Sections

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Please see below.

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Anderson	2	21
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Berkeley	3	8
Calhoun	0	1
Charleston	8	60
Cherokee	0	0
Chester	0	1
Chesterfield	0	3
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Colleton	0	1
Darlington	0	8
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Florence	0	5
Georgetown	1	3
Greenville	1	51
Greenwood	0	2

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Lancaster	1	7
Laurens	0	0
Lee	0	2
Lexington	2	20
Marion	0	1
Marlboro	0	1
McCormick	0	0
Newberry	0	1
Oconee	0	2
Orangeburg	2	11
Pickens	0	6
Richland	1	60
Saluda	0	1
Spartanburg	0	9
Sumter	0	10
Union	0	1
Williamsburg	0	1
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TOTAL	32	456

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Environmental Compliance Assistance & Regulatory Relief

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Logistics Update

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Other Resources & Guidance

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ**

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- **SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources**

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Subject:	[External] Fwd: Discovery Village of Sandhills
Date:	Saturday, March 28, 2020 3:25:15 PM
Attachments:	Discovery Village COVID-19 Information.pdf ATT00001.htm Discovery Village Sandhills FAQs.pdf ATT00002.htm

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Hi Rick,

Hate to bother you on a Saturday, but just got this email from Sen. Harpootlian and would like to know how soon you guys can look into this.

Also, what steps will DHEC take to monitor and help ensure that S.C. assisted living and nursing home facilities are at least following the social distancing and visitation protocols to protect our seniors?

Please let me know. Thanks so much!

Mia

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> **Cc:** "Rep. McLeod" <mia@mcleodbutler.com>, Mia McLeod <Mia@scsenate.gov>
> **Subject: Discovery Village of Sandhills**
>
> Deanne
> I have a good friend and former constituent whose grandmother is an independent living resident of the Sandhills facility. I am copying Senator McLeod because the facility is located in her district.
> My friend reports that the facility is providing independent living residents meals in a dining room with other residents and without any concern as to social distancing. Further the residents are being transported on a van or bus for non-essential ”scenic” excursions without any regard as to social distancing.
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> Could you please check with DHEC and see if this is consistent with their strictures and the Governors order?
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Date: March 10, 2020 at 5:23:52 PM EDT
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Cc: "Brinkman, Teri" <tbrinkma@greenville.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Greenville county Schools

Shown below is our current quarantine list, followed by the message we sent to all employees yesterday.

Schools with students/staff currently on self-quarantine. Please know this list is changing by the hour and we have not yet told the media about Hillcrest Middle because the parent message is just being sent. In short, this is a fluid situation. We also had two additional schools on this list this morning, but in both cases after further conversation with the employer of the spouse (our employee) we determined they were being allowed to work at home, but had not actually been put on what local companies are calling a "work quarantine."

Mauldin Elementary
Chandler Creek
Rudolph Gordon School
Blue Ridge Middle School
Tigerville Elementary
Mauldin Middle
Hillcrest High
Hillcrest Middle

Here is the message we sent all staff yesterday. We followed this up an hour or so later with a phone message to all parents.

GCS Employees,

We are staying in close contact with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Our State's public health entity is investigating six presumptive cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus across the state. Following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), DHEC does not recommend closing schools or canceling public events at this time.

You may have seen in the news that some local international companies are quarantining select employees based on either a confirmed coronavirus case, exposure to a confirmed coronavirus case, or recent travel to areas with severe coronavirus outbreaks (i.e. Italy, South Korea, Japan, China). In keeping with the district's emergency response plan, we are stepping up our response to this potential outbreak as cases are confirmed in our state and region. As a result, we are asking each of you to self-report (to your principal or supervisor) if any member of your immediate family is quarantined by a company or medical professional. If a family member who resides in your home is quarantined by a company or a health professional due to COVID-19, you will be required to stay off the school premises until the incubation period is complete and you remain free of symptoms. Employees will be required to use available leave (sick, personal, vacation) for this quarantine.

There will be similar requirements for students living in homes with a quarantined individual. The following information will be shared with all families via phone message later today:

If a family member who resides in your home has been quarantined by a company or a health professional due to potential or known exposure to the coronavirus known as COVID-19, please notify your principal as soon as possible. Family members of quarantined individuals should not attend school during the quarantine period. Incubation of COVID-19 is believed to be about 14 days. Please work with your principal to provide information on the quarantine and to develop plans to make up missed school work. Absences will be noted as Administrative in nature and will not count toward state seat time requirements, which are in place for high school-level classes granting Carnegie units of credit.

We are taking this step as a purely precautionary measure. Please remember that according to public health professionals, the risk to South Carolinians remains low and most respiratory illnesses are not linked to COVID-19. Thank you for your time and attention as we work to keep our students, staff, and community healthy.

In addition to this new precaution, last week, we sent a coronavirus-specific enrollment form for use during the period of time COVID-19 is active around the globe. It asks families of enrolling students about their former area of residence as well as both foreign and domestic travel over the last 30 days. Enrolling students whose family members have recently resided in or spent significant time in an area (city or county) experiencing a true outbreak will be asked to quarantine before attending GCS.

We will continue to work closely with public health officials to protect your health and well-being.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do. I know we are in the middle of the long march toward spring break. Hang in there!

Teri

Teri Brinkman
Executive Director of Communications and Engagement

Greenville County Schools

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From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	RYBROWNED.SC.GOV
Cc:	Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Guidance for School Closures
Date:	Friday, March 13, 2020 10:52:44 AM
Attachments:	considerations-for-school-closure.pdf ATT00001.htm

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Please see CDC guidance on school closures attached.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bell, Linda J." <BELLLW@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: March 13, 2020 at 12:13:24 AM EDT
To: "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: Guidance for School Closures

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Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 12:10 AM
To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Wilson, Buck L. <wilsonbl@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Guidance for School Closures

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Subject: [External] Fwd: Guidance for School Closures
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:52:45 AM
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From: Chip Huggins
To: Singh, Sym; Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Fwd: Hands-free hand sanitizer dispensers ~ Website email from Nancy Rhodes
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:31:14 AM

Rick & Sym - see Ms. Rhodes suggestion & recommendation below - any help you could Lynwood this would be appreciated greatly thank you very much Sincerely Chip Huggins

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "nrhodes@em-columbia.com" <nrhodes@em-columbia.com>
> **Date:** April 30, 2020 at 11:04:22 AM EDT
> **Subject: Hands-free hand sanitizer dispensers ~ Website email from Nancy Rhodes**
>
> As a small business owner of a health and safety company that supports many restaurants in the Midlands, it is not possible to get hands-free hand sanitizer dispensers at this time. Please remove this requirement from restaurants. We can provide other types of hand sanitizer dispensers and have a source for the hand sanitizer. Thank you, Nancy Rhodes Owner and President Enviro-Master Services Columbia-Augusta
>
> Nancy Rhodes
> [redacted]
> Chapin, SC 29036

From: Taylor, W. Marshall
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: Health Care Workers
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:16:55 AM

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From: Thornton Kirby <tkirby@scha.org>
Date: March 30, 2020 at 10:09:34 AM EDT
To: "Stenson, Kim" <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>, "Taylor, W. Marshall" <taylorwm@dhec.sc.gov>, "Davidson, Nick" <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Health Care Workers

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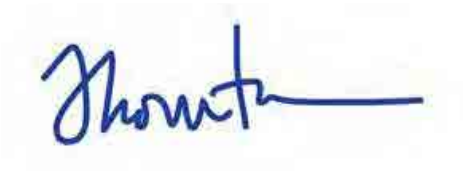
Kim, Marshall, and Nick,

I just received this from my counterpart in New York State. It's not an immediate problem, but it suggests there will continue to be recruiters reaching out to nurses in our region with enticements. Hospitals are trying not to furlough clinical staff, but because of the obvious sensitivities I wanted you to be aware of New York's desperate calls for healthcare workers.



From: SHAEF <SHAEF@LISTSERV.WVHA.ORG> **On Behalf Of** Bea Grause
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:54 AM
To: SHAEF@LISTSERV.WVHA.ORG
Subject: Health Care Workers

Hi all,

Things in NYS are really bad. Can any of you think of a way to fly in more HCWs? I am getting desperate calls for staff from many hospitals. We are trying everything. Some bigger systems are flying in travelers, but don't know if any of you have heard of any new or novel ideas for getting staff??

Thanks so much, Bea

Bea Grause, RN, JD
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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: HHS announces shipments of donated remdesivir for hospitalized patients with COVID-19
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 5:34:38 PM

Think Jordan passed along. But a little more info.

Rick T.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA)" <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
Date: May 9, 2020 at 4:15:13 PM EDT
To: "Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA)" <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>, "Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA)" <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
Subject: HHS announces shipments of donated remdesivir for hospitalized patients with COVID-19

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Saturday, May 9, 2020

HHS announces shipments of donated remdesivir for hospitalized patients with COVID-19

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR) announced the allocation plan for the drug remdesivir. The allocation is from a donation by Gilead Sciences, Inc. to the United States which was finalized on May 3, 2020. The donated doses of the treatment, which received an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will be used to treat hospitalized COVID-19 patients in areas of the country hardest hit by the pandemic.

Beginning on the evening of May 7, 2020, the process was initiated to deliver cases of the drug to the following states: Connecticut (30 cases), Illinois (140 cases), Iowa (10 cases), Maryland (30 cases), Michigan (40 cases) and New Jersey (110 cases). Each case contains 40 vials of the donated drug.

State health departments will distribute the doses to appropriate hospitals in their states because state and local health departments have the greatest insight into community-level needs in the COVID-19 response, including appropriate distribution of a treatment in limited supply. Healthcare providers interested in administering the donated experimental drug should contact their state health department. Candidates for the donated doses must be patients on ventilators or on extracorporeal membrane oxygenation or who require supplemental oxygen due to room-air blood oxygen levels at or below 94 percent. Public health experts from the federal government have been in contact with state health departments regarding these allocations.

Gilead Sciences, Inc. committed to supplying approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks to treat an estimated 78,000 hospitalized COVID-19 patients under the EUA granted by the FDA. The donation to the United States is part of 1.5 million vials of remdesivir the company is donating worldwide.

The National Institutes of Health and Gilead Sciences worked together to conduct a randomized controlled clinical trial of the investigational drug in hospitalized patients. Preliminary results suggested that remdesivir was associated with faster recovery, although the data was not sufficient to determine if the drug was associated with lower mortality.

Earlier this week, an initial allocation was sent to the following seven states: Indiana (38 cases), Massachusetts (117 cases), New Jersey (94 cases), New York (565 cases), Rhode Island (30 cases), Tennessee (7 cases) and Virginia (33 cases).

ASPR expects cases to be delivered to all 50 states as well as territories and the Veterans Health Administration and the Indian Health Service for distribution within those health systems.

In addition to the donated doses for hospitalized patients in the United States and other countries, remdesivir also is available in the U.S. through clinical trials.

The FDA granted the EUA on May 1 allowing remdesivir to be administered by healthcare providers to treat suspected or laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 in adults and children hospitalized with severe disease. Severe disease is defined as patients with low blood oxygen levels or needing oxygen therapy or more intensive breathing support such as a mechanical ventilator. Accompanying the authorization, the FDA provided a fact sheet for healthcare providers administering the drug to patients and a separate fact sheet for patients and caregivers.

Darcie Johnston, Director
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
(202) 853-0582

From: Chip Huggins
To: Singh, Sym; Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Fwd: Idea for the pandemic
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:31:18 PM

Sym & Rick - just wanted to share this from my Constituent Sean Cripe thanks very much for all your doing - Sincerely Chip Huggins

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Sean Cripe [redacted]@hotmail.com>
> **Date:** March 19, 2020 at 2:16:02 PM EDT
> **To:** Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>
> **Subject: Idea for the pandemic**
>
> Hi Chip,
>
> Not sure if you could pass my idea to help during the pandemic up the chain, but it's just a thought. There is shortage of hospital space and demand is expected to soar in every city. I just saw one city setting up beds in a soccer field. With the big hit the tourism industry is taking, what if they looked at using hotels in these cities to help with the hospitals. It's a controlled environment, they've got the infrastructure, beds, rooms, washing machine capacity, cooking facilities, parking, they are laid out by floors for monitoring by nurses, and so much more... plus, these hotels are losing money so the Gov't could rent the hotel for 12 months to help provide some revenue. Just a thought.
>
> Hope you are doing okay? Take Care, Sean

From:	Stenson, Kim
To:	Rick Toomey
Cc:	Plowden, Mark; Batson, Steven; Bundy, Chuck
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Invitation for White House and Region IV State Calls to Discuss COVID-19 Testing - Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25
Date:	Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:06:22 PM
Attachments:	R4 State Testing Call Schedule.xlsx State Testing Call Agenda.docx

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Dr. Toomey, sounds like you may have already seen this but forwarding anyway.

Mark and Chuck, please note they would like names of GO and Commerce reps.

Regards,

Kim

Kim Stenson
Director, SCEMD

From: Samaan, Robert <Robert.Samaan@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:22:14 PM
To: Hastings, Brian <brian.hastings@ema.alabama.gov>; gmichel@mema.ms.gov <gmichel@mema.ms.gov>; homer.bryson@gema.ga.gov <homer.bryson@gema.ga.gov>; Kentucky-Mike Dosset, Director KYEM <michael.e.dossett@ky.gov>; kevin.guthrie@em.myflorida.com <kevin.guthrie@em.myflorida.com>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Melisa Hucks <Melisa.Hucks@tn.gov>; Sprayberry, Mike A <mike.sprayberry@ncdps.gov>; Moskowitz, Jared <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>; Patrick.Sheehan@tn.gov <Patrick.Sheehan@tn.gov>; Ray, William C. (Will) <will.ray@ncdps.gov>; Batson, Steven <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>; Stephen McCraney (MEMA) <smccraney@mema.ms.gov>
Cc: Szczech, Gracia <Gracia.Szczech@fema.dhs.gov>; Hudak, Mary <Mary.Hudak@fema.dhs.gov>; Toro, Manny J <Manny.Toro@fema.dhs.gov>; Eckes, Jeanne <Jeanne.Eckes@hhs.gov>; Bowman, Thomas (OGA) <thomas.bowman@hhs.gov>; Morgan, Randolph <randolph.m.morgan.mil@mail.mil>; Swoopes, Karyn <karyn.swoopes@fema.dhs.gov>
Subject: Invitation for White House and Region IV State Calls to Discuss COVID-19 Testing - Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25

State Directors,

As discussed on our 3pm call, FEMA Region IV has been asked by White House Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Office of Policy Coordination to schedule individual state calls to discuss COVID testing. The key output of these calls is to help your state understand testing capacity and to assist in developing a plan to move the state forward based on available resources.

These calls will take place on **Friday, April 24**, and **Saturday, April 25**. I've attached a schedule with your state's date and time, and you will also receive a calendar invite with the conference line and pin# for your call. The agenda is also included in the attachments.

Included on these calls will be White House IGA, and a White Task Force Representative, FEMA, HHS, CDC, State Health Officers, Epidemiologists, and Lab Directors. The White House asks that we include the Governor's office and a member of your state economic development agency on the calls.

We have the POCs for public health, state labs and epidemiologists ***but need your help to identify a representative from the Governor's office and a member of your state economic development agency.*** You can forward this information to Karyn Swoopes at karyn.swoopes@fema.dhs.gov, and she will make sure they are included in the invite.

Thanks

From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: Lab Testing
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:55:33 PM
Attachments: Outlook-http www.png

As info. Will call him.

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Coleman, Alvin" <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Date:** March 19, 2020 at 1:48:07 PM EDT
> **To:** "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Lab Testing**
>
> Hospitals have their own suppliers for collection material. If a hospital has instrumentation to perform begin testing for COVID the reagents for those machines would come from the manufacturer (Roche instrument uses Roche reagents only).
>
> **A. Atwell Coleman III MD**
> **Director of Public Health Laboratory**
> **S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control**
> Office: (803) 896-0965
> Mobile: (803) 603-8223
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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: LE Conference Call with DHEC/Dr. Traxler @ 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 1:29:14 PM
Attachments: Outlook-ruyj0bvh.png

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Date: March 24, 2020 at 1:28:34 PM EDT
To: "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: "Renwick, Laura A." <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: LE Conference Call with DHEC/Dr. Traxler @ 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020

Please see below. Brannon

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From: Hunton, Richard <rhunton@sled.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:00
To: Keel, Mark <MKeel@sled.sc.gov>; Adger, Jerry B (SC PPP) <jerry.adger@ppp.sc.gov>; Alphin, Ryan (Executive Director) <ryan@scleoa.org>; boylesr@dnr.sc.gov <boylesr@dnr.sc.gov>; Sheriff Association

<jbruder@sheriffsc.com>; Frampton, Alexander C (SC Dept of Natural Resources) <framptonc@dnr.sc.gov>; 'stirling.bryan@doc.sc.gov' <stirling.bryan@doc.sc.gov>; Traxler, Brannon <traxlelb@dhec.sc.gov>; Woods IV,Robert G (SC DPS) <rgwoods@scdps.gov>
Subject: LE Conference Call with DHEC/Dr. Traxler @ 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2020

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Conference Call Invitation Sent on Behalf of Chief Keel (Also Sent via Outlook Invitation)

All,

Chief Keel has asked that you participate in this afternoon's conference call at 2:30 p.m. with Dr. Brannon Traxler (DHEC Physician) re. COVID-19. Following are the call-in instructions:

- Dial 1-800-753-1965
- Enter [redacted] when prompted for your 7-digit access code
- Please mute your phone until ready to speak, thank you

Thanks, and if you have further questions, please call Chief Keel at 803.360.9805.

Richard

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NPS CHDS (0302)

From: Read Jennifer
To: MACPHADCDHEC SC.GOV; Plowden, Mark; ANDREWEDHEC.SC.GOV; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Fwd: Legislative Alert: President Signs Second COVID Funding Package
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 9:41:33 AM

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: "ASTHO" <pr@astho.org>
Date: March 19, 2020 at 9:29:03 AM EDT
To: readjh@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Legislative Alert: President Signs Second COVID Funding Package
Reply-To: pr@astho.org

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Association of State and Territorial Health Officials

March 19, 2020

On Wednesday, March 18, the President signed the "Families First Coronavirus Response Act" shortly after the Senate approved the legislation with a 90-8 vote. Last week, the House of Representatives approved a version of the bill which incorporated bipartisan technical changes, including paid sick leave and changes to the temporary increase of federal medical assistance percentages for Medicaid.
The bill text can be found here. Below is a high-level analysis of key public health provisions in the legislation. For additional information, please contact Jeffrey Ekoma, ASTHO's director of government affairs.

Public Health Provisions

- Requires private health plans to provide coverage for COVID-19 diagnostic testing at no cost to the consumer.
- Mandates that personal respiratory protective devices be treated as covered countermeasures under the PREP Act declaration.
- Provides a temporary increase to the federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) of 6.2% to each state, including the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. The increase will remain in effect until the close of the fiscal quarter during which the public health emergency ends.

Domestic Nutrition Assistance Programs

- Provides an additional $500 million for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- Grants an additional $400 million to the Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP).
- Permits the Department of Agriculture to approve new state SNAP plans in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Provides $100 million in nutrition assistance grants for the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico, America Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
- Releases $250 million for the senior nutrition program in the Administration for Community Living. Funding will provide meals to low-income seniors who:
  - Are home-bound
  - Have disabilities
  - Have multiple chronic illnesses
- Permits the Secretary of Agriculture to issue new nationwide school meal waivers.

Paid Sick Leave

- Grants $5 million to the Department of Labor to administer emergency paid sick leave.
- Requires employers with fewer than 500 employees and government employers to provide employees with two weeks of paid sick leave.
- Amends the Family and Medical Leave Act to grant the aforementioned groups the right to take up to 12 weeks of job-protected leave.

Other Provisions

- Requires OSHA to issue an emergency temporary standard within 30 days requiring healthcare employers to develop and implement a comprehensive infectious disease exposure control plan to protect healthcare workers from COVID-19.
- Releases an additional $1 billion in FY2020 emergency grants to states to process and pay unemployment insurance benefits.
- Mandates that state emergency operations centers receive real-time reporting on aggregated COVID-19 testing data as well as results from state and local public health departments. This data is also required to be shared with the CDC.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: HARRISCSDHEC.SC.GOV; Moore, Cristi Y.
Cc: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Fwd: Media Advisory: CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19 today (Friday) - 1:00 pm EDT
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:41:44 AM

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Date: March 13, 2020 at 10:39:11 AM EDT
To: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Cc: Robert Jennings <rjennings@nphic.org>, Kris Smith <ksmith@nphic.org>
Subject: Media Advisory: CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19 today (Friday) - 1:00 pm EDT

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Media Advisory

For Immediate Release
Friday, March 13, 2020

Contact: CDC Media Relations
(404) 639-3286

CDC Media Telebriefing: Update on COVID-19

What The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will provide an update to media on the COVID-19 response.

Who Nancy Messonnier, M.D., Director,
National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases

When 1:00 p.m. ET Friday, March 13, 2020

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To: Plowden, Mark; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Fwd: NHSN Data for 5/10/2020
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:39:46 AM
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Report from DHEC

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Subject: NHSN Data for 5/10/2020

NHSN Patient Impact and Hospital Capacity Module as of 5/10/2020

All Hospitals		
Hospitals reporting:	78	
All hospital beds:	11,966	Staffed inpatient and outpatient
Inpatient beds:	9,974	
Occupied inpatient beds:	6,354	63.71% utilization rate

ICU beds:	1,305	
Occupied ICU beds:	826	63.30% utilization rate
Ventilators:	2,006	
Ventilators in use:	322	16.05% utilization rate
COVID patients hospitalized:	446	7.02% of inpatients are COVID
COVID patients ventilated:	61	13.68% of COVIDs are ventilated

Acute Care Hospitals		
Hospitals reporting:	66	
All hospital beds:	11,345	Staffed inpatient and outpatient
Inpatient beds:	9,367	
Occupied inpatient beds:	5,943	63.45% utilization rate
ICU beds:	1,302	
Occupied ICU beds:	823	63.21% utilization rate
Ventilators:	1,951	
Ventilators in use:	300	15.38% utilization rate
COVID patients hospitalized:	439	7.39% of inpatients are COVID
COVID patients ventilated:	61	13.90% of COVIDs are ventilated

Other Hospitals		
Hospitals reporting:	12	
All hospital beds:	621	Staffed inpatient and outpatient
Inpatient beds:	607	
Occupied inpatient beds:	411	67.71% utilization rate
ICU beds:	3	
Occupied ICU beds:	3	100.00% utilization rate
Ventilators:	55	
Ventilators in use:	22	40.00% utilization rate
COVID patients hospitalized:	7	1.70% of inpatients are COVID
COVID patients ventilated:	0	0.00% of COVIDs are ventilated

All Hospitals Inpatient Utilization Rate by Region			
Region	**Inpatient Beds**	**Occupied Inpatient Beds**	**Utilization Rate**
Lowcountry:	2,662	1,681	63.15%
Midlands:	2,218	1,507	67.94%
Pee Dee:	2,297	1,403	61.08%
Upstate:	2,797	1,763	63.03%

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From: Jason Elliott
To: Ellen Andrews-Morgan
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: Pest Control - Essential in SC
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 5:35:13 PM

Ellen:

I received the email below. Please convey to the appropriate staff at your agency and/or send to other state agency as needed.

Thanks and please update me as the disposition of this request. Not sure is this is an issue for LLR?

Jason

Jason Elliott
SC House of Representatives
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(803) 212-6877 Statehouse
[redacted] cell

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> **From:** Laura Corbin <laura.corbin@spencerpest.com>
> **Date:** March 19, 2020 at 12:51:03 PM EDT
> **To:** Jason Elliott <jasonelliott@schouse.gov>
> **Subject: Pest Control - Essential in SC!**
>
> Dear Representative Elliott,
>
> The professional pest control industry is an essential service industry. We need continue servicing the nation's food production facilities, grocery stores, medical institutions, multifamily housing units, warehouses, homes and businesses. We cannot afford to have our medical facilities, groceries stores or homes uninhabitable due to pests and pest related diseases, particularly as we tell citizens to stay home. There is not a segment of the food industry that could comply with federal sanitation and health regulations without an adequate pest control program.
>
> As you consider next steps regarding emergency response and potential restrictions on business operations in your state, we respectfully REQUEST that the PEST CONTROL INDUSTRY be recognized as an ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY, providing a service that is indispensable in the effort to protect

public health and our nation's food supply.

Sincerely,

Laura Corbin
734 Wade Hampton Blvd
Greenville, SC 29609
laura.corbin@spencerpest.com

From: Chip Huggins
To: Singh, Sym; Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Fwd: Please Act Now -Shelter in Place ~ Website email from Brian Linder
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 4:35:11 PM

Sym & Rick - just wanted to share this email I received from another Constituent with you all thanks very much for all your doing - Sincerely Chip Huggins

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** brian <brian@linder.net>
> **Date:** March 20, 2020 at 4:28:10 PM EDT
> **To:** Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Please Act Now -Shelter in Place ~ Website email from Brian Linder**
> **Reply-To:** brian <brian@linder.net>
>
> Thank you, Rep. Huggins. I've been studying some data from Kinsa Health, the makers of smart thermometers who upload their readings to the internet, and the picture looks alarming for South Carolina.
>
> https://healthweather.us/
>
> As you can see, South Carolina has a large percentage of higher than typical readings for this time of year, with what looks like a hotspot in the Midlands.
>
> This does not necessarily reflect COVID-19 activity. However, the Kinsa team believes this data may be a helpful early indicator of where and how quickly the virus is spreading. And the bottom line is, even if it's not Coronavirus, these are people reflected in this data and they are sick and at even greater risk as it quickly spreads across the state.
>
> I don't know if we're in agreement on what should be done, but I would just beg you to advocate for taking the most extreme action possible at this time. I'm scared to death about what this all means for the economy, and I'm sure that's a huge concern for someone in your position, but I'm even more frightened about what it will mean if we lose so many lives. If we don't act now, we will look back in our grief with regret.
>
> Please ask Gov. McMaster to consider a statewide shelter-in-place order and at the very least to order all large gatherings banned immediately. We can't go into another weekend like this. It's a death sentence for so many of our citizens.
>
> Thank you for your time and attention.
>
> Brian Linder
> Chapin, SC

On March 16, 2020 6:22 PM Chip Huggins
<chiphuggins@schouse.gov> wrote:

Mr. Linder - Thanks very much for sharing & we all so very concerned about the COVID-19/Coronavirus shelters - I am forwarding this now to the Governors office and I appreciate you taking the time to email me thank you for letting me represent you at the statehouse - Sincerely Chip Huggins

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 16, 2020, at 5:15 PM, "brian@linder.net"
> <brian@linder.net> wrote:
>
> Please consider a shelter in place order for all citizens except for non-essential workers. We have to stay indoors to stop the spread. It's the only thing that will save us from the kind of crisis we are seeing in Italy. As Americans and South Carolinians, we are individualistic and love our freedoms, but they will mean nothing if we don't do everything we can to save ourselves. Please act now.
>
> Brian Linder
>
> [redacted]
>
> Chapin, SC 29036
>
> [redacted]

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: PPE Inquiry
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 8:56:03 AM
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From: "Donofrio, Joe" <jdonofrio@sherman.edu>
Date: April 29, 2020 at 11:38:46 AM EDT
To: "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: PPE Inquiry

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Rick,

Thank you very much. Under normal circumstances we would not utilize this equipment, so we don't have typical channels that we would rely on to acquire them.

Joe

Joe J. Donofrio, D.C., A.C.P.
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From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Donofrio, Joe <jdonofrio@sherman.edu>
Cc: SSingh@governor.sc.gov; Representative Steven Long (StevenLong@schouse.gov) <StevenLong@schouse.gov>
Subject: PPE Inquiry

Good Morning Dr Donofrio

I was forwarded your information from Representative Long. Entities that have a request for PPE can contact their local Emergency Management Director and make what is called a "resource request." The local EMD will work with their process, to include the State's EMD to assist in obtaining the requested resource.

Spartanburg County OEM

9039 Fairforest Rd

Spartanburg, SC 29301

864-595-5368

Director - Doug Bryson

864-595-5366

Assistant Director - Robbie Swofford

864-595-5368

Have a Great Day!

Rick C.

From: "jdonofrio@sherman.edu" <jdonofrio@sherman.edu>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 11:52:47 AM EDT
Subject: Website email from Dr. Joe Donofrio

Dear Senator, I oversee our Chiropractic Health Center on campus. We see approxomimately 800 to 1000 patient visits per week and most of our patients are low income patients. Our clinic is not a high risk site, but we have not been able to open for patients due to the inability lo acquire ppe for staff. Is there any way you can help us out? Thank You, Joe Donofrio DC VPAA - Sherman College of Chiropractic

Dr. Joe Donofrio
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Inman, SC 29349
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Marsh, Jordan; BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Fwd: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:02:45 PM

Jordan and Will, can y'all connect on the request below and advise. Thx

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> **From:** Oliverio Robert <Robert.Oliverio@rsfh.com>
> **Date:** March 12, 2020 at 3:48:25 PM EDT
> **To:** "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: Re: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston**
>
> *** Caution. This is an EXTERNAL email. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email. ***
> Ms Read, Mr. Plowden,
>
> Our legal Department recommends getting the Governor's approval to provide free Telemedicine screening. I would like to make sure we are in compliance and not violating any anti-kickback laws. I've copied our legal team, Greg Edwards and Lori Roberts. Thank you in advance for your consideration.
>
> Robert Oliverio, MD
> Robert.Oliverio@rsfh.com
> [redacted]
>
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> ---
>
> **From:** Oliverio Robert
> **Sent:** Wednesday, March 11, 2020 7:16:26 AM
> **To:** Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject:** Re: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
>
> Jennifer,
>
> I look forward to speaking with you. Feel free to use my cell number 843-789-9319.
>
> Thanks,
> Bob Oliverio
>
> > On Mar 10, 2020, at 9:03 PM, Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:
> >

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>
> Dr. Oliverio,
>
> We will be in touch tomorrow to discuss. Thank you for providing such a wonderful service for more South Carolinians to utilize.
>
> Thank you,
> Jennifer Read
>
>> On Mar 10, 2020, at 6:47 PM, Oliverio Robert <Robert.Oliverio@rsfh.com> wrote:
>>
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>>
>> Mr. Plowden,
>>
>> I appreciate your consideration. I will look to DHEC for guidance.
>>
>> Thanks,
>> Bob Oliverio
>>
>>>> On Mar 10, 2020, at 4:23 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:
>>>
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>>>
>>> Dr. Oliverio -- Thank you and Roper St. Francis for establishing this option for citizens in our state. By way of copy, I am both informing DHEC of this development, and making them aware of your concern for future funding. Perhaps they have a suggestion from their perspective.
>>>
>>> Mark
>>>
>>> Mark Plowden
>>>
>>> Deputy Chief of Staff
>>> Office of Governor Henry McMaster
>>> mplowden@governor.sc.gov
>>> (803) 734-0522
>>>
>>>
>>>
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
>>> Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:13 PM
>>> To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>

>>> Subject: FW: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
>>>
>>> Please see below regarding this request from a doctor at Roper St. Francis. Please advise at your convenience.
>>>
>>> Thank you,
>>> Leigh
>>>
>>> -----Original Message-----
>>> From: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
>>> Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:28 PM
>>> To: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com
>>> Subject: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
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>>> <APP>CUSTOM
>>> <PREFIX>Dr</PREFIX>
>>> <FIRST>Robert</FIRST>
>>> <MIDDLE></MIDDLE>
>>> <LAST>Oliverio</LAST>
>>> <ADDR1>125 Doughty Street</ADDR1>
>>> <ADDR2>Suite 760</ADDR2>
>>> <CITY>Charleston</CITY>
>>> <STATE>SC</STATE>
>>> <ZIP>29403</ZIP>
>>> <EMAIL>robert.oliverio@rsfh.com</EMAIL>
>>> <PHONE_H>843-724-2903</PHONE_H>
>>> <ISSUE>HEALTH</ISSUE>
>>> <SUBJECT>Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston</SUBJECT> <MSG> Dear Governor McMaster,
>>>
>>> My name is Robert Oliverio and I am a practicing internist and Chief Medical Officer for Ambulatory Care and Population Health with Roper St. Francis Healthcare in Charleston. As of noon today, we are offering free telehealth visits from 8 am to 8 pm on our telehealth platform, RSF Virtual Care. As a private, not-for-profit hospital system in the Lowcountry, we see this as our duty to our neighbors, friends and family and in keeping with our mission, "Healing all people with compassion, faith and excellence". However, we are concerned about the sustainability of this effort, particularly if the COVID-19 outbreak hits us hard. Are there state or federal funds earmarked for this effort and, if so, could you have your office direct us to someone who may be able to help.
>>>
>>> Respectfully submitted,
>>>
>>> Bob Oliverio, MD
>>> </MSG>
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>>> </APP>
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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Plowden, Mark; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: Saturday Call
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 6:30:19 PM
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Mark and Sym
I apologize for not originally sending this to you. Please see call in information for Kershaw call.
Best Regards
Rick C.

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> **From:** "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Date:** March 13, 2020 at 5:33:00 PM EDT
> **To:** "vic.carpenter@kershaw.sc.gov" <vic.carpenter@kershaw.sc.gov>
> **Cc:** Vincent Sheheen <vincentsheheen@gmail.com>, "Representative Laurie Funderburk (camdenlaw@bellsouth.net)" <camdenlaw@bellsouth.net>, "Davidson, Nick" <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>, "Renwick, Laura A." <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>, "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>, "Taylor, W. Marshall" <taylorwm@dhec.sc.gov>, "Wilson, Buck L." <wilsonbl@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: Saturday Call**
>
> Good Afternoon
> We will have a planning conference call tomorrow at **11 am** with Kershaw County Leadership.
>
> Vic – Based on our conversation, you will send call information to others as we discussed (SCARNG and others).
>
> **Please use the below:**
> **Call In Number: 1-800-753-1965**
> **Access Code:** [redacted]
>
> Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need anything before tomorrow.
>
> Best Regards
> Rick C.

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From: Tim Winslow
To: Rick Toomey
Cc: Plowden, Mark; Taylor, Marshall; Josh Rhodes; Anna Berger
Subject: [External] Fwd: SC DHEC Response to SCAC"s Request of Governor McMaster
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:59:26 AM

Dr. Toomey,

I want to personally thank you and your staff for your quick response to this emerging first responder issue.

SCAC appreciates the difficult work that has fallen upon DHEC during this pandemic, and we believe resolving this issue will ensure the safety of the people of our state.

Be assured, county government and SCAC are resolved to fight this battle with you and your team. South Carolina is fortunate to have leaders like you and Governor McMaster during this crisis.

Feel free to reach out to me at any time should you need anything. Again, thank you for your response, and for all that you do for the counties and State of South Carolina.

Tim Winslow
Executive Director
South Carolina Association of Counties
[redacted] (cell)

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> **From:** SCAC Staff <scac@scac.sc>
> **Date:** March 25, 2020 at 9:35:42 AM EDT
> **To:** Tim Winslow <TWinslow@scac.sc>
> **Subject: SC DHEC Response to SCAC's Request of Governor McMaster**
> **Reply-To:** scac@scac.sc

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March 25, 2020

To: County Council Chairmen, Chief Administrative Officers, County Emergency Management Officials, and SCAC Board Members

Re: SC DHEC Response to SCAC's Request of Governor McMaster

SCAC received this letter from S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SC DHEC) Director Rick Toomey in response to our letter to the Governor yesterday outlining concerns among first responders. It appears as though SC DHEC is taking measures to address our concerns. Thank you to Governor McMaster, Director Toomey, and SC DHEC staff for their quick response to these issues. We also thank them for their leadership during this crisis.

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To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
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Date: March 12, 2020 at 5:40:51 PM EDT
To: "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: "Davidson, Nick" <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: School closure points

There have been no cases in children in either county or elsewhere in the state.
None of the cases to date in Kershaw or Lancaster Counties have any link to any of the schools.
Per CDC recommendations, even a single case in a school would not result in school closure.

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Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology &
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> **From:** "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Date:** May 4, 2020 at 11:51:18 AM EDT
> **To:** "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: Senate Appointees**

Senator Peeler has appointed a Select Committee to Re-Open SC.
Members of the Select Committee include Sen. Alexander, Chairman, and Sens. Sheheen, Malloy, Davis, Johnson, Shealy, and Turner

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To:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county
Date:	Friday, April 10, 2020 1:26:13 PM
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Date: April 10, 2020 at 1:23:48 PM EDT
To: "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: ACC-Log <ACC-Log@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: SNS Allocation amounts by county

All three are available here.
https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/county-officials-covid-19

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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: St Patricks Day Festival
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:52:18 AM

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> **From:** "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Date:** March 11, 2020 at 9:26:14 AM EDT
> **To:** Steven Cook <steve@saludas.com>
> **Subject: Re: St Patricks Day Festival**
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> Hey Steve
> Please see document as discussed:
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> https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/mass-gatherings-ready-for-covid-19.html
>
> Please let me know if you have any additional questions.
>
> Best Regards
> Rick C.
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> > On Mar 11, 2020, at 8:26 AM, Steven Cook <steve@saludas.com> wrote:
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> > *** Caution. This is an EXTERNAL email. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email. ***
> > Rick
> > Seth Rose gave me your contact info and suggested I reach out to you. I am the President of the Five Points Association and we are responsible for putting on the St. Patricks Day Festival on March 21. Obviously there is a lot of chatter about how to best conduct an event like this so I wanted to see if

DHEC could provide some guidance whether that's best practices, things we can share to festival goers or any general advice you can pass along. Feel free to call me directly at the number below or let me know if there is someone else I should contact for this kind of guidance.

Thanks

Steven Cook
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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Marsh, Jordan
Subject:	[External] Fwd: State of South Carolina Reports Two COVID-19 Related Deaths
Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:53:33 AM

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 20, 2020

Contact:
covid19news@emd.sc.gov
803-737-8515

State of South Carolina Reports Two COVID-19 Related Deaths

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has reported the state's second and third deaths related to COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the state's total number of deaths to three.

“Sadly, our state has suffered the loss of two of our own,” **said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist.** “In the case of both deaths, the patients had recently been reported to have been diagnosed with COVID-19. On behalf of all South Carolinians, we want to express our deepest sympathy for the families and loved ones of these two individuals.”

One patient was an elderly person with an underlying health condition from Florence County. The other patient was an elderly person with an underlying health condition from Charleston County and was a resident of Harmony Assisted Living Facility. DHEC is working with the facility to identify all contacts and is providing guidance about infection control measures to prevent spread.

“It is never easy to have to report on the deaths of fellow members of our community,” **Bell said.** “We must continue to do all that we can to protect ourselves and those around us from illness by taking precautions to limit the spread of germs. This is especially important for those at higher risk, like the elderly and people with serious underlying health conditions.”

DHEC emphasizes the importance of practicing disease prevention measures and following recommendations for social distancing to protect the health and safety of all South Carolinians. This includes:

- Washing your hands often,
- covering your cough,
- staying home when you’re sick, and
- appropriately disposing tissues and other items that you've sneezed or coughed into.

DHEC will alert the public on all COVID-19-related deaths. For the latest information about DHEC’s COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Fwd: Summary of $45M Resource Needs
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:15:26 AM

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To: "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Summary of $45M Resource Needs

COVID-19 Budget Request Summary

	Request
PPE	$14,806,800
Staffing	$14,598,760
Staff Support	$5,282,420
Education Campaign	$2,500,000
Quarantine	$1,703,580
Transportation	$1,394,958
Contingency	$5,000,000
Grand Total	**$45,286,518**

Category Descriptions

PPE - Personal Protective Equipment for DHEC staff

Staffing - Additional staffing needed to support epidemiology, lab, facility inspections, phone lines, etc.

Staff Support - Technology, lab supplies, travel, facility cleaning, etc to support DHEC staff

Education Campaign - TV/Radio air time and printed materials

Quarantine - Cost to quarantine and support 150 indigent patients for 28 days

Transportation - Transportation for lab samples, distribution from national stockpile

Contingency - Allotment for unanticipated expenses

From: Caldwell, Rick
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Subject: [External] Fwd: Update from DHEC on COVID-19 (March 31, 2020)
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:50:43 PM
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Date: March 31, 2020 at 6:33:29 PM EDT
Cc: "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Update from DHEC on COVID-19 (March 31, 2020)

DHEC LEgISLat IVE UpDat ES: 2019 NOVEL COr ONa VIr US (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 15— March 31, 2020

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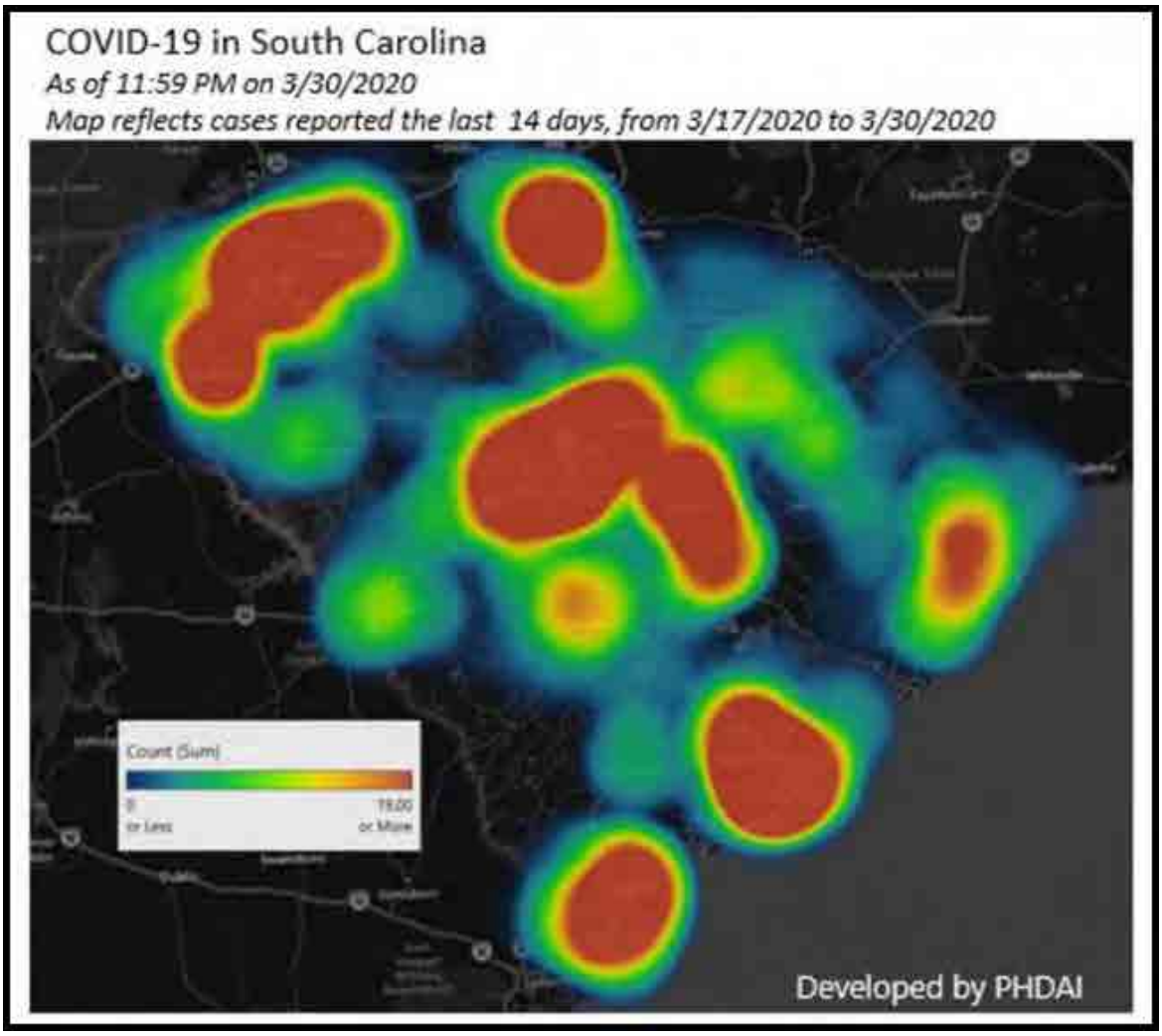
COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **158 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,083 cases** in **42 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **22.** Both patients were elderly individuals who had underlying health conditions. Three patients were elderly individuals who also had underlying health conditions, and one patient was a middle-aged individual who did not have underlying health conditions. They were residents of Aiken, Calhoun, Marion, and York counties.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly (on Wednesdays).

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases

Abbeville	**1**	**4**	**Greenwood**	**2**	**5**
Aiken	**4**	**13**	**Hampton**	**0**	**0**
Allendale	**0**	**0**	**Horry**	**5**	**37**
Anderson	**8**	**39**	**Jasper**	**0**	**3**
Bamberg	**2**	**2**	**Kershaw**	**6**	**105**
Barnwell	**0**	**1**	**Lancaster**	**1**	**15**
Beaufort	**17**	**91**	**Laurens**	**0**	**3**
Berkeley	**1**	**15**	**Lee**	**0**	**5**
Calhoun	**1**	**3**	**Lexington**	**13**	**54**
Charleston	**19**	**142**	**Marion**	**0**	**2**
Cherokee	**0**	**0**	**Marlboro**	**0**	**2**
Chester	**0**	**2**	**McCormick**	**0**	**0**
Chesterfield	**0**	**6**	**Newberry**	**0**	**2**
Clarendon	**7**	**25**	**Oconee**	**1**	**5**
Colleton	**0**	**5**	**Orangeburg**	**1**	**22**
Darlington	**0**	**11**	**Pickens**	**1**	**14**
Dillon	**0**	**1**	**Richland**	**13**	**148**
Dorchester	**5**	**17**	**Saluda**	**0**	**1**
Edgefield	**0**	**2**	**Spartanburg**	**7**	**37**
Fairfield	**1**	**6**	**Sumter**	**5**	**39**
Florence	**4**	**19**	**Union**	**0**	**3**
Georgetown	**2**	**13**	**Williamsburg**	**0**	**2**
Greenville	**18**	**106**	**York**	**13**	**56**
TOTAL— 158 new cases, 1,083 total cases					

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Heat Map:** The **heat map** shows reported cases for the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.



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Public Health Laboratory Update

- As of 10 AM this morning, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 5,170. Of those, 4,616 were negative.
- 553 tests were resulted yesterday at the PHL.
- Additional reagents were received this morning. Late last week, DHEC reported a backlog of specimens to be tested that had developed at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory due to a nationwide shortage in the reagents (chemicals) required to perform testing. DHEC's Laboratory now has the necessary reagents and has eliminated the backlog. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week, and it has returned to its regular timeframe of 24 to 48 hours after specimen arrival for providing testing results to health care providers.

Logistics Update

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CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Guidance for Restaurants/Retail Food Service
SLED Guidance on Executive Order 2020-10
DHEC Guidance for Water Management
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Date:	Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:28:44 AM
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Date: April 1, 2020 at 7:16:35 PM EDT
Cc: "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Update on COVID-10 from DHEC (April 1, 2020)

DHEC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 16— April 1, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **210 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,293 cases** in **43 counties.**

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **26.** The four patients were elderly individuals who also had underlying health conditions. They were residents of Anderson, Beaufort, Lee, and Richland counties.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

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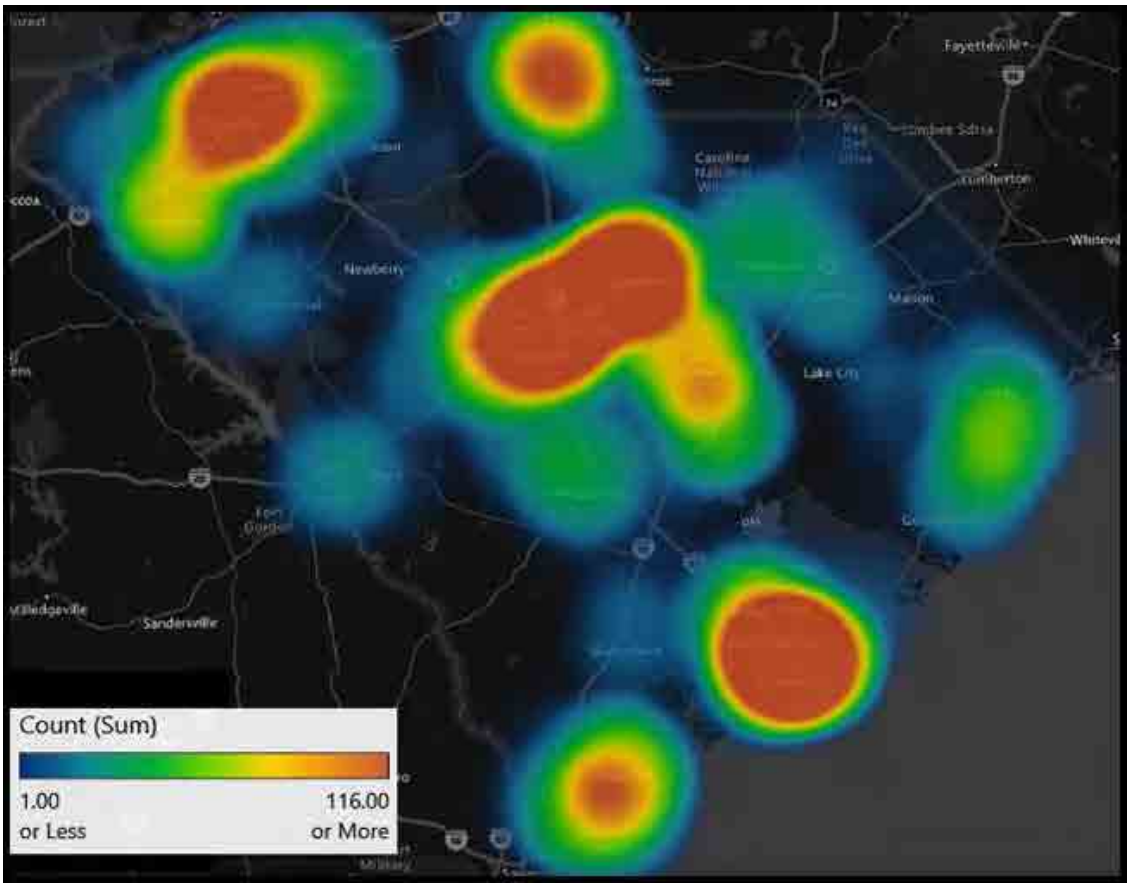
Aiken	5	18	Hampton	0	0
Allendale	1	1	Horry	5	42
Anderson	8	47	Jasper	1	4
Bamberg	2	4	Kershaw	11	116
Barnwell	1	2	Lancaster	2	17
Beaufort	10	101	Laurens	1	4
Berkeley	3	18	Lee	0	5
Calhoun	0	3	Lexington	7	61
Charleston	48	190	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	0	0	Marlboro	0	2
Chester	1	3	McCormick	0	0
Chesterfield	3	9	Newberry	0	2
Clarendon	3	28	Oconee	0	5
Colleton	0	5	Orangeburg	2	24
Darlington	0	11	Pickens	0	14
Dillon	0	1	Richland	28	176
Dorchester	10	27	Saluda	0	1
Edgefield	2	4	Spartanburg	8	45
Fairfield	1	7	Sumter	9	48
Florence	2	21	Union	0	3
Georgetown	1	14	Williamsburg	1	3
Greenville	23	129	York	10	66
TOTAL— 210 new cases, 1,293 total cases					

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**UPDATED Heat Map:** DHEC has updated **the heat map**; the map is now animated to show change over time. The heat map shows reported cases for the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.



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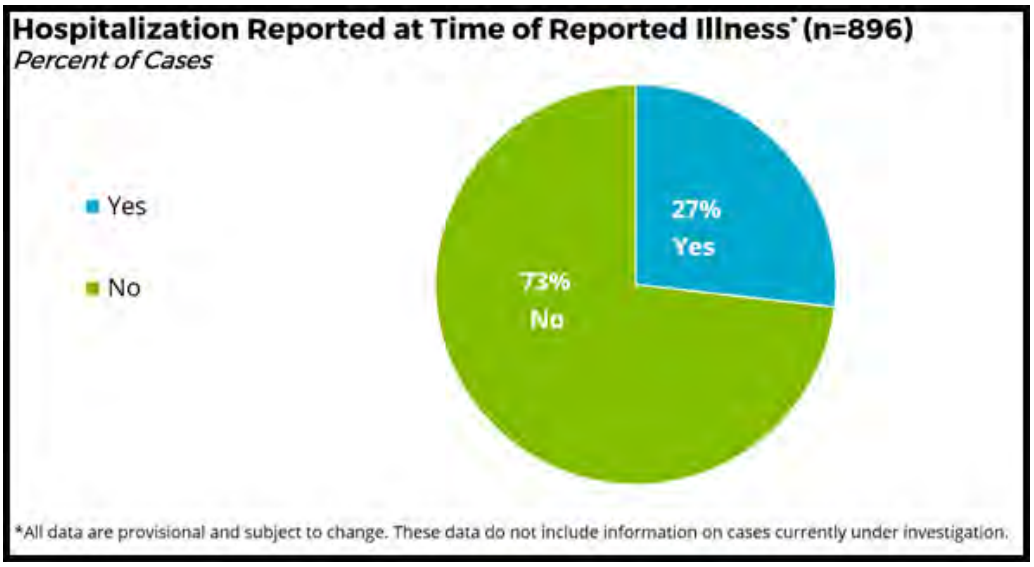

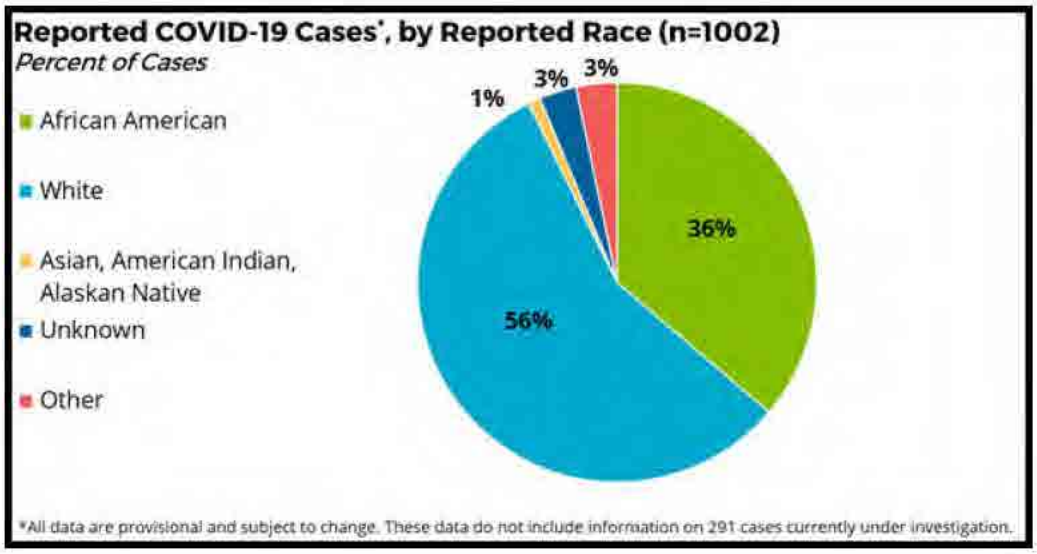

Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL was 5,653.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->569 tests were resulted yesterday at the PHL. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted out this evening.

COVID-19 Response Fund Spending Report Published

Act 116 of 2020 (COVID-19 Response Fund) requires a detailed accounting of the expenditure of all funds appropriated pursuant to the Act. Updated reports will be published monthly by the Executive Budget Office. The full report is available on the Department of Administration website, with a preview below.

Category	Previously Reported	March 2020	Encumbered*	Total
Personnel				$0.00
Contractual		$5,847.40	$105,052.16	$110,899.56
Supplies		$838,294.70	$6,872,831.43	$7,711,126.13
Fixed Charges				$0.00
Travel				$0.00
Capital Equipment				$0.00
Case Services			$313,303.24	$313,303.24
Utilities				$0.00
Allocations				$0.00
Fixed Assets				$0.00
TOTAL	$0.00	$844,142.10	$7,291,186.83	$8,135,328.93

Total Budget: $45,000,000.00

Balance: $36,864,671.07

***Note**: figures do not include purchases made on Pcard or payroll expenses, which follow a delayed*

payment cycle.

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Logistics Information

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Strategic National Stockpile:** Shipments are being prepared for the counties and are expected to take place at the end of this week.

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Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9 06:37 PM

Please see today's update

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Subject: Update on COVID-19 from DHEC (April 2, 2020)

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->There were **five additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **31.** The deaths occurred in elderly individuals who all had underlying health conditions Two were residents of Florence County, one of Anderson County, one of Horry County, and one of Sumter County

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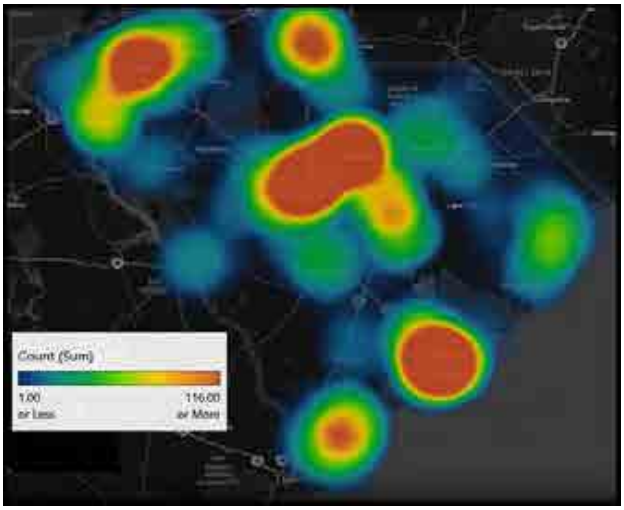
Aiken	4	22	Hampton	1	1
Allendale	0	1	Horry	8	50
Anderson	10	57	Jasper	3	7
Bamberg	1	5	Kershaw	13	129
Barnwell	1	2	Lancaster	9	26
Beaufort	29	130	Laurens	1	4
Berkeley	15	33	Lee	3	8
Calhoun	0	3	Lexington	9	70
Charleston	41	231	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	1	1	Marlboro	1	3
Chester	3	6	McCormick	1	1
Chesterfield	1	10	Newberry	2	4
Clarendon	3	31	Oconee	0	5
Colleton	1	6	Orangeburg	2	24
Darlington	4	15	Pickens	1	15
Dillon	0	1	Richland	24	200
Dorchester	8	35	Saluda	1	2
Edgefield	2	4	Spartanburg	5	50
Fairfield	1	8	Sumter	18	66
Florence	5	26	Union	2	5
Georgetown	1	15	Williamsburg	3	6
Greenville	25	154	York	10	66
TOTAL— 261 new cases, 1,554 total cases					

- **Heat Map:** DHEC has updated the heat map; the map is now animated to show time lapse over the past four days. The heat map shows reported

cases for the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.



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Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

- As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL was 6,112.
- 671 tests were resulted yesterday. There is currently no backlog of samples at the PHL. Results are being returned within 24 to 48 hours from receipt; most are returned the same day the sample is received.
- Watch to learn more about the DHEC PHL : https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7VsEGtOu9k

Hospital Bed Utilization Information

- DHEC, in conjunction with our SC Healthcare Coalitions, currently track bed utilization across the state Our current utilization rate is 52 9%, a 1% decrease from yesterday

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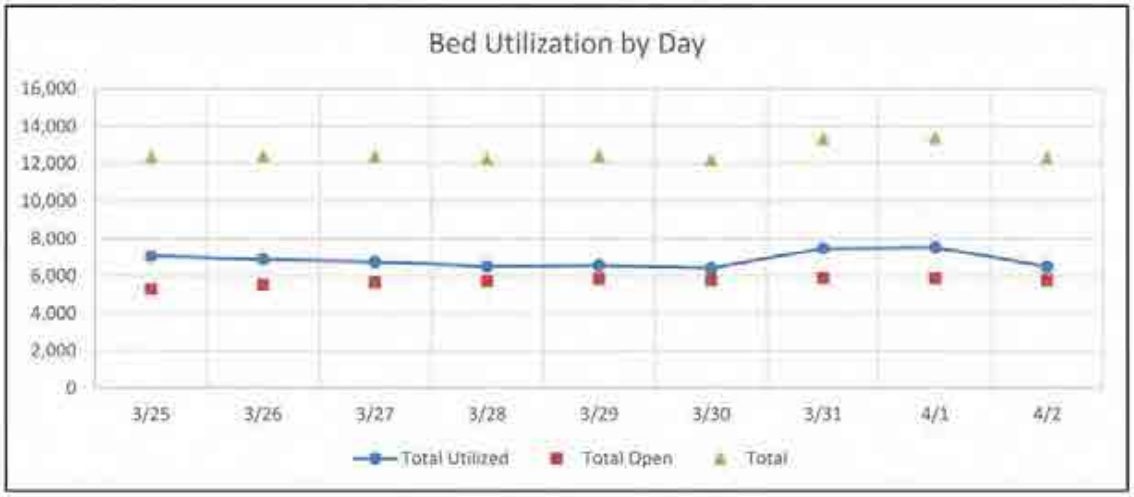

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Logistics Information

- **Strategic National Stockpile:** The third set of SNS shipments will begin today to the counties and are expected to be completed at the end of this week.
- **PPE Request and Distribution Plan:** DHEC is working with the S.C. Emergency Management Division on a Medical PPE Request and Distribution Plan.
  - **Status:** Procured PPE and supplies are beginning to arrive at the SCEMD warehouse for the fulfillment of resource requests supporting county and private facilities.
  - **PPE Requests:** Healthcare facilities/providers seeking assistance with obtaining PPE should work through their **county emergency management office.** These requesting entities are responsible for the costs of any PPE received.
  - **PPE Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

DHEC Food Inspection Social Distancing

- As new and existing restaurants are still open, DHEC has come up with innovative ways to permit and inspect those restaurants. Using technology (click for video) we are able to meet our customers' needs to continue operation during this time of social distancing.

Helpful Links Resources and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources

Healthcare:

DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:
DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement

DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses

DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:
DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites
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From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Plowden, Mark; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; HARRISCSDHEC.SC.GOV; RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Updated - CDC Mass Gathering Guidance and COVID-19 bit.ly Shortcuts
Date:	Monday, March 16, 2020 9:36:26 AM
Attachments:	image001.png ATT00001.htm bitly_links_COVID-19.docx ATT00002.htm

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Date: March 16, 2020 at 9:07:20 AM EDT
To: Laura Espino <lespino@nphic.org>
Cc: Robert Jennings <rjennings@nphic.org>, "Joseph G. Rebele" <jrebele@nphic.org>, Kris Smith <ksmith@nphic.org>
Subject: Updated - CDC Mass Gathering Guidance and COVID-19 bit.ly Shortcuts

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Dear NPHIC Members

Two updates below: – Updated CDC Mass Gathering Guidance and COVID-19 bit.ly Shortcuts:

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Due to the current situation CDC is recommending the following application of our mass gathering guidance nationwide:

Large events and mass gatherings can contribute to the spread of COVID-19 in the United States via travelers who attend these events and introduce the virus to new communities. Examples of large events and mass gatherings include conferences, festivals, parades, concerts, sporting events, weddings, and other types of assemblies. These events can be planned not only by organizations and communities but also by individuals.

*Therefore, CDC, in accordance with its guidance for large events and mass gatherings, recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers (whether groups or individuals) cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of **50 people** or more throughout the United States.*

Events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene, and social distancing. When feasible, organizers could modify events to be virtual.

Additionally, please find attached a document developed by fellow NPHIC member, Jaci

McReynolds, that includes bit.ly shortcuts links to the CDC's webpages. These are easier to share on social media and memorable for the public. Capitalization is important! If anyone adds to the list, it would be helpful to share back to me so we can keep it updated and consistent.

Laura Espino
NPHIC
770-509-5555
678.275.8232 (Direct)

From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Cc: Davidson, Nick; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Fwd: VESper Ventilator Splitting Device for Emergency Use
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:45:55 PM

Answer to Governor's Ventilator question.

Rick.

Sent from my iPhone

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On Apr 15, 2020, at 12:52 PM, Thornton Kirby <tkirby@scha.org> wrote:

> *** Caution. This is an EXTERNAL email. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email. ***
> Rick,
>
> Just heard the Governor's question about the vent splitter. Here's the latest. I don't know if it has been used anywhere yet.
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>
> **From:** Thornton Kirby <tkirby@scha.org>
> **Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 4:44 PM
> **To:** SHAEF <SHAEF@LISTSERV.WVHA.ORG>
> **Subject:** VESper Ventilator Splitting Device for Emergency Use
>
> Colleagues,
>
> Thank you for your valuable questions, ideas, and resources. I have one to share today.
>
> Prisma Health in South Carolina recently developed a vent-splitting device that was approved by the FDA for emergency use with COVID-19 patients. I shared this information a week ago with a few of you whose states have struggled to secure adequate numbers of ventilators.
> Since that time Prisma Health has partnered with Johnson & Johnson to mass-produce the device at no cost to U.S. hospitals that need it.
>
> *"Our goal is to provide healthcare providers with an emergency use device for critical patients in rapid time at no cost," said Mark O'Halla, Prisma Health president and chief executive officer. "We are pleased to announce this collaboration with Ethicon which*

brings nation-wide scale and expertise for the manufacturing and distribution of VESper by a top-tier medical device company."

If you have not researched the practice of using one ventilator for multiple patients, you should be aware there are multiple professional groups who have spoken out against the practice. But their objections are grounded in the efficacy of using one ventilator to support multiple patients, and they do not attempt to answer the very difficult ethical question of whether it is better for clinicians to split a vent between two patients or to select the one most likely to benefit from it and deny ventilatory support to the other. This very real dilemma must be confronted by front line clinicians, and my colleagues at Prisma simply want you and your members to be aware of this tool in the event your states face overwhelming demand for ventilators. I sincerely hope no patients in your states will need this device.

Best wishes to all for a blessed holiday weekend.

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From:	Read, Jennifer
To:	Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Fwd: Visitation Restrictions at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities
Date:	Friday, March 13, 2020 5:11:19 PM
Attachments:	2020-03-13 FINAL Executive Order No. 2020-08 - State of Emergency Due to Coronavirus.pdf ATT00001.htm

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FYSA. This was sent to all nursing and assisted living facilities. 703 facilities in total.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "White, Bentley" <whitebp@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: March 13, 2020 at 5:09:43 PM EDT
To: "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>, "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Visitation Restrictions at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

FYI

From: ACC-HealthReg <ACC-HealthReg@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:09 PM
To: ACC-HealthReg <ACC-HealthReg@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Visitation Restrictions at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities
Importance: High

Good afternoon,

Governor McMaster has declared a state of emergency throughout South Carolina in order to enhance the state's efforts to reduce the impact of COVID-19. The Governor's Order is attached to this email and available here. We ask all facilities to please review the Order.

The Governor has directed DHEC to restrict visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities in the state, with the exception of end of life situations.

We will continue to update our website at scdhec.gov/COVID19, including the below CDC guidance for healthcare facilities.

For Healthcare Facilities

- CDC Long-Term Care Facilities: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19s
- CDC Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed 2019-nCoV
- CDC Information for Laboratories on 2019-nCoV
- CDC Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Under Investigation for 2019-nCoV in a Healthcare Setting

Medicare/Medicaid certified providers and suppliers should continue to refer to CMS' website for COVID-19 updates and guidance on infection control.

To receive health alerts, please join the South Carolina Health Alert Network by emailing your contact information to SCHAN@dhec.sc.gov.

Please reach out via acc-healthreg@dhec.sc.gov if you have any questions regarding the Governor's Order.

Thank you,

Health Regulation

ACC-HealthReg@DHEC.SC.GOV
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control

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From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Moore, Cristi Y.; Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] FYI- Press Release on Contact Tracing
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 3:51:09 PM
Attachments: 05.11.2020 Contact Tracing .docx

Hi Brian,

As an FYI, please see attached release that will be going out shortly.

Thanks,
Cassie

Cassandra S. Harris
Director of Strategy and Engagement
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
Office: (803) 898-3947
Connect: www.scdhec.gov Facebook Twitter

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] FYI
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:16:29 PM

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] FYSA
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 10:50:30 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

Please see attached as of 10 AM today.

From: Moore, Cristi Y.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Gov."s Press List
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:06:44 AM

Good morning, Brian.

When you get a chance, please add me to the Governor's press list.

Thanks,

Cristi Y. Moore
Chief Communications Officer
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
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Mobile: (803) 622-8402
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Guidance for nursing homes
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:01:24 PM

We follow federal guidance, the primary document providing their guidance is found here. We've done email push-thrus to all of our licensed nursing homes and assisted living facilities with this info.

We also have additional resources for these facilities on our COVID website:

CDC Long-Term Care Facilities: Preventing the Spread of COVID-19s
CDC Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed 2019-nCoV
CDC Information for Laboratories on 2019-nCoV
CDC Interim Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Known or Under Investigation for 2019-nCoV in a Healthcare Setting
Hospitals ONLY: Alternate Care Site Assessment Form

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From: Emily Farr
To: Richard (Rick) Toomey (rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov)
Cc: Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Guidelines for Cosmetology/Barber
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:42:58 PM
Attachments: Cosmo Re-Opening.docx

Rick,

Attached is a first draft of considerations for hair stylists, barbers and other close contact businesses in reopening. If there is additional input from DHEC or considerations that need to be made, I would appreciate your team reaching out so we can finalize these. The feedback we received from DHEC at the time these were drafted was that it did not recommend opening them at all yet because of the inability to social distance.

Emily H. Farr
Director
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www.llr.sc.gov

Making South Carolina a Safe Place to Work and Live

From: Alisa Painter
To: Singh, Sym; CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Hospice Concerns from Constituent
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:59:28 AM

Senator Hutto has received a call from the below individual as it relates to Hospice care - both inpatient and outpatient. He indicates that he has seen nothing about protections for hospice patients in light of Coronavirus. He has witnessed nurses with no gloves, no masks, etc.

Harry Link
[redacted]
Williston, SC 29853

[redacted]

He may be calling the Governor's Office, and I wanted to forward this to both of you as we received this information.

Alisa

Alisa W. Painter
Office of Senator Brad Hutto
803-212-6140

From: sbatson@emd.sc.gov on behalf of Phillips_Andrew
To: bellhv@dhec.sc.gov; Stenson_Kim; Plowden_Mark; Owens_Stephen B; tkirby@scha.org; Simpson_Cody; N ck Davidson; Perry_David; Farr_Emily; Potter_Mel ssa; Walker_Trey
Subject: [External] Hospital Surge Capacity Briefing Rehearsal - 3pm Sunday
Attachments: Webex_Meeting.cs

Attached is a meeting in tation for the Hosp tal Surge Capacity Briefing Rehearsal taking place at SCEMD at 3pm on Sunday.

Agencies Part cipants n attendance at
SCEMD or ia WebEx Teleconference

-Go ernor's Office
-OTAG McCarty
-SCEMD Stenson Batson Po ter Perry
-DHEC Taylor Da idson Bell
-LLR Farr
-Hosp tal Association Ki by
-Hosp tals Adams Colley Ozmint - K rby to forward in itation)

Sincerely

Ste en Batson
SCEMD Chief of Staff
(803) 201.3 0

From Andrew Ph llips
Sent Saturday April 2020 26 31 PM
To Andrew Ph llips <aphill ps@emd.sc.go > Ba son S e en <sbatson@emd.sc.go >
Subject Webex meet ng in i at on Hospital Surge Capac ty Brief ng Rehearsal
When Sunday April 5 2020 3 00 PM- 00 PM
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Andrew Phi lips in ites you to join this Webex meeting.

Mee ing number (access code) [redacted]
Mee ing password [redacted]

Sunday April 5 2020
3 00 pm | (UTC-0 00) Eastern Time (US & Canada) | 1 hr

Join meeting [redacted]

Join by phone
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Global call in number [redacted]

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Dia [redacted]
You can also dial 1 3 2 3 2 08 and ca et your mee ing number.

Join us ng Microsoft Lync or Microsoft Skype for Business
Dia [redacted]

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From: Alec Sims
To: Caldwert@dhec.sc.gov; wcox@coxandcole.com; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] How to slow the spread of the coronavirus
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:54:39 AM

Good morning Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Singh, and Mr. Cox,

As we reopen for business in South Carolina and people begin to resume their normal activities, consequently there will be an increase in the spread of SARS-CoV-2 and ultimately a bump in our Covid-19 cases, hospitalizations, deaths, etc. Personally, I hope to see the economy restored, but I hope to see this done without compromising public safety. It is possible to resume some of our normal activities while flattening the curve at the same time. Here is a link to a short video clip created by Dr. Chris Martenson regarding the importance of wearing masks How We'll Beat The Coronavirus: EVERYONE Should Wear A Mask. It was created as a short educational video so that people are able to understand a logical approach to slowing the spread of this disease.

Additional evidence supporting the effectiveness of wearing masks can be found at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Doctor Michael Klompas, an epidemiologist, at the hospital suggests that wearing masks may be very effective in controlling the spread of the disease. On March 25 the hospital mandated that all staff members wear masks. At the time they instituted the universal masking policy they had 12 - 14 new infections per day among health care workers. After masking only hospital employees the infection rate dropped to approximately 8 new infections per day. Given the success of the universal masking policy, the hospital decided to require the patients to wear masks as well. Consequently, the infection rate among hospital staff dropped to around 6 new infections per day. Sensibly, Dr. Klompas admits that this trend may not be due to the masking policy alone, but it is likely that the policy influenced the drop in the infection rate at this hospital.

Dr. Martenson has provided the logic to slow the spread, and Dr. Klompas has provided anecdotal evidence that this logical approach may help. Please disregard the mixed messages being sent from sources around the globe regarding the effectiveness of universal masking. In the healthcare world it is considered common sense to wear a mask when you are dealing with an infectious respiratory illness.

Universal masking should be pressed into the South Carolina culture until we are able to distribute vaccines or reach herd immunity. It should be promoted/recommended to the public and business from every available platform. Every government official in our state who is addressing the public on television should be wearing masks and setting an example for the people who look to them for answers. Please consider this a very strong recommendation from one of your state's health care providers who has been following the spread of this virus since early January.

In summary, I do not believe that universal masking is the only solution to slowing the spread of this disease, but it is one that will help us reduce the number of new infections and most importantly deaths, as we reopen for business across the state.

We can slow the spread and show the rest of the country how to reopen safely through universal masking.

Sincerely,
Alec Sims

PA-C
Anderson Skin and Cancer Clinic

From:	Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO
To:	[redacted]@gmail.com"; Walker, Trey; Marsh, Jordan; "kstenson@emd.sc.gov"; "higgint@dhec.sc.gov"
Cc:	Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO; Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO
Subject:	[External] Important Role of FEMA in COVID-19 Preparedness, Response, & Mitigation
Date:	Sunday, March 22, 2020 1:55:27 PM
Attachments:	image001.png FEMA Regional Administrators Contact Information.pdf

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Governor and Senior Staff,

Thank you for all of your hard work and partnership regarding the All-of-America effort to respond to, prepare for, and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. I wanted to follow-up on a few things from Thursday's briefing between the President, Vice President, and Governors.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7, and they are engaging 50+ teams to deploy across the U.S. to activate their emergency operations centers and address the threat of COVID-19. FEMA regional directors have been actively working the phones.

- **Action Request**: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7 and is now the lead agency to make formal Federal requests. Your State's strong leadership is needed to provide effective emergency management that is: (1) Locally-executed, (2) State-managed, and (3) Federally-supported.
    - Local leaders are the "boots on the ground" and are best suited to **quickly identify innovative solutions** for the majority of issues.
    - State officials are best situated to **help coordinate these solutions** both across the state and with the Federal government.
    - The Federal government helps scale best practices, coordinates key priorities, and provides regulatory flexibilities and key resources to **support these solutions**.

- **What This Means**: All requests to the Federal government ***must be formally communicated*** by your **State emergency manager** to your **FEMA Regional Administrator.** This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.). Reminding your team that if they are not

utilizing the connectivity between the state operations center and the FEMA team, they aren't doing right – the good news most folks are now utilizing this path and with your help, we can all ensure effective processes elevate key priorities and questions. In particular, please ensure good connectivity between your state public health director and your state emergency manager.

- **Contact Information**: Contact information for your FEMA Regional Administrator is attached – we imagine your emergency manager has them on speed dial.
- **Testing**: If you have not yet connected with the representatives from Roche, Thermo Fisher, and other private sector testing platforms, I would encourage you to do so as that is where the high-speed testing solution is moving forward.

Sound emergency management discipline will allow all of us to have unity of effort and have a real-time understanding of all the key resources in each community and across each State.

Thanks,

White House Office Intergovernmental Affairs

Sent on behalf of:

Douglas L. Hoelscher

Deputy Assistant to the President & Director

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

O: 202-456-4247| C: [redacted] | E: Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov

and

Nicholas D. Pottebaum

Special Assistant to the President & Deputy Director

White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

O: 202-456-2132 | C: [redacted] | E: Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov

15 Days to Slow the Spread

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym; Harvey Peeler Jr.
Subject: [External] Influenza Numbers
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:35:10 PM

Good Afternoon Mr President and Sym,

Last week you had asked about flu data. Below is this years data, last years data and previous 5 year average.

So far this year - 126
Last years season was 105

5 Year Average - 129

Rick Caldwell, II
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office: (803) 898-2786
Mobile: (803) 508-9073

From: info, info
To: Will Kaye; Quattrone, Kristy
Subject: [External] INFO # 822290-Re: Please Close Down Grand Strand Tourism
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:07:54 PM

Thank you for contacting the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

While the Governor did not mandate the closure of private facilities at this time, he did mandate that gatherings of more than 10 people be postponed or canceled. Please see https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/2020-03-17%20eFILED%20Executive%20Order%20No.%202020-10%20-%20Directing%20Additional%20Emergency%20Measures%20Due%20to%20COVID-19.pdfof order.

At this time, facilities may consider their local situation and choose to alter their operations, as they see fit.

We hope you find this information helpful. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,
Kristen Keller
Constituent Services
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
Office: (803) 898-3301
Connect: www.scdhec.gov Facebook Twitter

From: Will Kaye [redacted]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 8:53 AM
To: kquattrone@governor.sc.gov <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Please Close Down Grand Strand Tourism

*** Caution. This is an EXTERNAL email. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email. ***

Governor McMaster:

I believe you hold the ultimate authority (the legal mechanism) to close The Grand Strand for tourism. That must be done Governor McMaster. More below...

It goes without saying what tourism means to our region. But things have changed. For now. The Grand Strand remains "open for business" with regard to travel and tourism. Wide open for residents to escape the dangers that lurk in their "hot spot" backyards (NJ, NY, MA, IL, MI, OH, DC, others). To come here. Who can blame them? We are beautiful. Our C-19 cases are low. We are wide open for tourism business. **What could these good folks unknowingly bring with them besides**

money and smiles?

Tourists will naturally behave **here** with a different routine than they would at their hometown residence (during C-19). They will mingle, move about. See things. Interact. Visit. Explore. Play. Shop. **They will NOT stay or remain in their rental accommodations.** That's normal. Understandable. Encouraged! ***Normally.*** **But not at this time please. Things are not normal. Fighting C-19 is all about boundaries & borders so to speak. Period.**

We Grand Strander's are doing our painful part to idle our routines. Our schools. Our work. Our businesses. Taking precautions. Limiting activities. Our movements.

We have the absolute right to expect that others STAY HOME and do their part in their hometown communities. To Our Valued Tourists: Please check back with us after WE GRAND STRANDER'S DO OUR PART...everything our leaders ask of us to help kick C-19 in the butt! Our Home. Our region. Our responsibility. Our decisions. Our part.

We must close our tourism doors. Not to do so is *Risky. Dangerous. Reckless.* Let us not rely on a false sense of security. We must all bear the tremendous pain of a difficult decision. For the health and safety of ALL. There comes a point in time. Regardless of the economic pain.

The pain will hurt bad. But the pain will subside. We can again begin to thrive.

Essentially I mean close the "resort hotels". Plus licensed "rental agencies" should be prohibited from leasing daily, weekly or monthly through April 30. Existing reservations should be cancelled and refunded at once (for reservations of occupancy thru 4/30). Revisit the situation in mid April (for future occupancy).

Gods strength to you and family Governor McMaster. MAY GOD BLESS US ALL.

Respectfully,

William Krzyk
Grand Strander

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Laurie Funderburk
Cc: vic.carpenter@kershaw.sc.gov; ericb2468@cs.com; Vincent Sheheen; william.robbins@kcsdschools.net; sshugart@kershawhealth.org; Mel Pearson; Singh, Sym; Holmstrom@kershawhealth.org; READJHDHEC.SC.GOV; RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV; DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV; BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Information
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 11:39:49 AM

Good Morning
In an effort to share information as quickly as possible, we have 3 new cases that will be reported for Kershaw county. I do not have additional information but when the press release is available, I will forward to this group.
Best Regards
Rick C.

Rick Caldwell, II
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Director of Legislative Affairs
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Mobile: (803) 508-9073

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Vincent Sheheen
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Information
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:30:38 AM

Senator
Please see below:

COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation. The exact costs will depend on how successful our efforts at containment and mitigation are, as well as direction from the Federal level (CDC, etc). At this time, we estimate a need of $45,000,000 for DHEC protocols and procedures to prepare for a variety of contingencies and situations for COVID-19. Costs for coordination of DHEC's public health response include the following:

Staffing: DHEC needs additional staffing to support COVID-19 disease surveillance and contact investigation, laboratory testing, and information phone lines.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): PPE for DHEC's healthcare workers to prevent spread of infection.

Staff Support: Operating costs such as technology, lab supplies and reagents, travel, and facility cleaning.

Education Campaign: Support for TV/Radio airtime and printed materials.

Quarantine: Cost to quarantine and support indigent patients.

Transportation: Cost to courier lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic National Stockpile.

Contingency: We have built in about 10% for unanticipated costs or changing assumptions based on disease spread.

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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Inquiry
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:36:44 PM

Beth
We sent the CDC guidance below to all ambulatory surgical facilities and outpatient facilities (which includes PPE recommendations) and posted it on the COVID section of the DHEC website under Healthcare Facilities (also below).

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ambulatory-care-settings.html

https://www.scdhec.gov/healthcare-facilities-new-19

Hope this helps!
Rick C.

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From: Kamp, Jon
To: Symmes, Brian; Media
Cc: Talal Ansari; Jon Kamp
Subject: [External] Inquiry from The Wall Street Journal - Medical Supplies from Federal Government
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:32:55 PM

Dear public-information officers,

We are reporters with The Wall Street Journal and we would like you to answer some basic questions about emergency medical supplies needed in your state's ongoing fight against Covid-19.

Please respond to the following questions by end-of-day on April 14. If you cannot do so, or decline to do so, please explain why.

-As of April 10, please tell us how many of the following medical supplies your state requested from the the federal government:

-Ventilators
-Gloves
-N95 respirators
-Surgical masks
-Face Shields
-Protective/surgical gowns
-Coveralls

-As of April 10, please tell us how many of each requested item the federal government has supplied. If you do not have data for some categories, please still answer for the others.

-As of April 10, please tell us how many of each requested item the federal government has committed to delivering, and by when.

-As of April 10, have you sent any of the material received from the federal government to other states? If so, please specify what, and to where.

We welcome any other context you like to add about your search for supplies, including whether your state is getting what it needs to manage this pandemic.

Thank you for your help, and please contact us with any questions.

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Talal Ansari
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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Interstate messaging
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 9:33:40 AM

Morning, Brian,

Just wanted to offer thoughts on messaging for the interstate boards. We were going to recommend something like below to DOT but Pete let me know the boards were up and running, per directive from the Governor's Office.

"Wash your hands & help protect others. SCDHEC.GOV/COVID19"

Or

"Cover your cough, disinfect to protect. SCDHEC.GOV/COVID19"

Just for thought.

TY,

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Laura Renwick
Media Relations
S.C. DHEC
Sent from my iPhone

From: Jason Elliott
To: Ellen Andrews; Singh, Sym
Cc: Julie Horton
Subject: [External] Issues related to children with weakened immunity
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:16:37 PM

Ellen and Sym:

A PTA leader in my district contacted me concerning children in Greenville County with weakened immune systems being required to attend school during the COVID-19 crisis.

She was told by DHEC that a doctor's authorization was required to excuse child from school in this situation. She believes and, if her understanding of the process is accurate, I concur that this is an unwise use of physicians' time during this crisis.

In addition, while opinions on school closings vary greatly, the rapidly changing events and the statewide school closing in NC are causing anxiety and confusion among many South Carolinians.

Julie Horton with the Greenville County School District is copied on this email.

I appreciate all that the executive branch is doing for our state and residents during this unprecedented event.

Thank you,

Jason

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From: SCDHEC Media
To: Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Joint Information Center Activated for COVID-19
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 9:48:46 AM

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News media should email covid19news@emd.sc.gov or call 803-737-8515 with any questions related to COVID-19 in South Carolina.

Additionally, SCEMD's website, scemd.org, and @SCEMD social media channels will serve as the central coordination point for all information specific to South Carolina.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Latest guidance to SC dentists
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:07:11 PM

The SC Board of Dentistry sent out updated guidance to dentists today via LLR. You can find it here:

https://www.llr.sc.gov/bod/pdf/SCDB%20Statement.pdf

Hope this is helpful.

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From:	Vickie L Moody
To:	Trey Walker; Singh, Sym; Rick Toomey; Taylor, Marshall
Cc:	Vickie Moody
Subject:	[External] LeadingAge SC COVID-19 Letter to Governor McMaster
Date:	Tuesday, April 28, 2020 5:54:16 PM
Attachments:	image003.png LeadingAge SC COVID-19 Letter to Governor McMaster 4.27.20.doc
Importance:	High

Greetings:

Please find attached a letter to the Governor from our Association regarding COVID-19 and SC Skilled Nursing and Assisted Living Facilities.

Thank you.

Vickie L. Moody, CEO
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From: South Carolina Citizens for Life
To: Lemoine, Leigh
Cc: SC - WILSON MICHAEL; wilsonforag@gmail.com; SC - TAYLOR MARVIN; Lisa Van Riper
Subject: [External] Letter from Lisa Van Riper and Holly Gatling to Governor McMaster
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 7:14:31 PM
Attachments: Letter to McMaster April 1, 2020.pdf

Dear Leigh,

Please find attached a letter to Governor McMaster urging him to include abortion facilities in his directive for medical facilities to suspend elective procedures during the COVID-10 State of Emergency. The letter is copied to Attorney General Wilson and DHEC Acting Director Marshall Taylor.

Please give the Governor my warmest regards.

Sincerely
Holly Gatling, Executive Director
South Carolina Citizens for Life
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PO Box 5865, Columbia SC 29501-5865

From: Stephanie Gutzman
To: Walker, Trey; erin.boyce@scdhhs.gov; readjh@dhec.sc.gov; sbatson@emdsc.gov
Cc: tkirby@scha.org; Beth Franco
Subject: [External] Letter regarding Protection of People with Disabilities - Rationing of Medical Care
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:42:18 PM
Attachments: image001.png
image002.png
image003.png
Protection of People with Disabilities - Rationing of Medical Care 4-10-20.pdf
US HHS OCR BULLETIN 3-28-20.pdf
Bio Ethics Resources.docx

Greetings Mr. Walker, Ms. Boyce, Ms. Read and Mr. Batson,

Attached please find a copy of a letter with attachments that is being placed in the U.S. Mail today to Governor Henry McMaster, SC DHHS Director Joshua Baker, SC DHEC Director Toomey and SC EMD Director Stenson. Please make sure that this reaches all of them. The letter addresses concerns regarding the rationing of medical care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Please address any questions/responses to P&A Executive Director Beth Franco, her contact information is included in the letter.

Be well,

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From:	Russell Fry
To:	RICK.TOOMEY@dhec.sc.gov
Cc:	Singh, Sym; CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov; Walker, Trey
Subject:	[External] Letter Requesting More Specific Information for County and Local Governments
Date:	Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:50:41 AM
Attachments:	DHEC Letter 03.24.20.pdf

Director Toomey,

Please see attached a letter for your review requesting more complete and localized information for our counties, cities, and citizens.

Russell W. Fry

From:	Quentin Hawkins
To:	Walker, Trey; Caldwell, Rick
Cc:	Singh, Sym; Mike Shealy; Angie Willis
Subject:	[External] Letter to Governor McMaster - First Responders
Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:21:26 PM
Attachments:	Governor McMaster - First Responders (3-24-20).pdf

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Trey and Rick,
Attached is a letter to Gov. McMaster from Chairman Leatherman. I did not want to bother them directly, but please make sure the Gov. and Director see a copy of this when appropriate.

Happy to talk on this or anything else.

Thanks,
Quentin

From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: jrhodes@scac.sc
Cc: Taylor, Marshall; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Letter
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:20:42 PM

Please send a copy of the letter to all members of your association.

Thanks,

With regards
Rick Toomey

Sent from my iPhone

From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Link
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:43:32 PM

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https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/testing-sc-data-covid-19

Testing & SC Data (COVID-19) | SCDHEC

Positive Cases Indicated by ZIP Code and Heat Map. The ZIP-code level information here as well as the heat map available here indicate reported cases of COVID-19 for the previous 14 days, as that is the time-frame for when an individual would be contagious. However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never ...

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Senator Nikki G. Setzler (NikkiSetzler@scsenate.gov); Senator Harvey S. Peeler Jr. (HarveyPeeler@scsenate.gov); Senator Shane Massey (asmlaw30@bellsouth.net)
Cc:	Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] Link
Date:	Tuesday, April 7, 2020 3:29:59 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Good Afternoon
This is the link to the model discussed:

https://covid19.healthdata.org/united-states-of-america/south-carolina

Please let me know if you need anything.

Rick C.

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From: Tim Winslow
To: rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Plowden, Mark; Taylor, Marshall; Walker, Trey; Singh, Sym; Josh Rhodes; Anna Berger
Subject: [External] Location of COVID-19 infected persons in Counties
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:12:38 PM
Attachments: image001.png
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image003.png

Dr. Toomey,

Again, thank you for your quick response to the issues outlined in our letter to the Governor of March 24. It appears that the issue of priority testing for first responders has been resolved. However, our County Administrators and Emergency Directors remain concerned about the lack of information given regarding the location of infected persons. Unfortunately, zip codes in most counties cover hundreds of square miles. Therefore, for most of the counties in this state, identification of infected persons by zip code does not significantly reduce the danger implicit in first responder contact with persons stricken by the COVID-19 virus.

It is our understanding that DHEC maintains they cannot give information regarding the actual location of infected people. Could you please explain why DHEC cannot give this information to the County Emergency Directors?

Thank you in advance for your response.

Tim Winslow

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Log In to View DHEC briefing map
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:39:18 PM

Hi Cody,

Here is a link to the map that will be updated daily and displayed during the Governor's 12:30 briefings:

[redacted]

In order to log in to view the map, we've created a username and temporary password for you (or the Governor) to use:

User name: [redacted]
Temporary Password: [redacted]

The password is only temporary and you will have to create your own password after the first log in.

Please let me know if you need anything else or have trouble logging in.

Thank you,
Jennifer

From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] March 13 news release
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:38:36 PM

DHEC Announces Additional Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 13, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating one additional case of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

Preliminary information for new case

- The one new case is a female from Camden who had contact with a known case. She was evaluated at a healthcare facility and is currently isolated at home. DHEC received her positive result from a private lab.

Number of COVID-19 cases to date

- 13 positive cases
- DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 123 tests: 13 positive and 110 negative
- DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has received enough supplies from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to test 2,000 samples. We have the routine capacity to test 80-100 specimens per day with the ability to double or triple that number as needed, however, testing should be reserved for those that meet the clinical criteria for testing. Testing individuals without symptoms is not recommended.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved some private labs in South Carolina to also conduct CDC-approved testing for COVID-19. These labs are required to report positive cases of the virus to DHEC. Reporting of positive results will be delayed from that of tests performed by DHEC. DHEC will continue to update the public as positive cases are either conducted by the state's Public Health Laboratory or as the cases are reported to DHEC by private labs.

"Although we are not currently seeing widespread transmission in South Carolina, we expect to see more cases and we will continue to monitor CDC

guidance and recommendations," said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist. "As part of this effort, we are preparing for transition from containment to mitigation.

In order to take precautions for members of South Carolina's vulnerable populations, DHEC is immediately restricting visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with the exception of end-of-life situations.

"We encourage the public to maintain their daily routines of protecting against illness by practicing good hygiene, washing your hands, and covering your cough," Bell said. "Individuals with signs of illness are asked to take seriously the recommendation to stay home from school and work and not attend public gatherings."

Residents who are showing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath should call their personal doctor or healthcare provider. If an individual doesn't have a primary care physician, MUSC Health is providing free telehealth screening to all South Carolinians. Anyone experiencing symptoms can visit **MUSC.care** and use the promo code COVID19 and be screened without having to leave your home. Additional telehealth services from other healthcare systems will be made available on the DHEC website.

"Our top priorities remain preventing the spread of the disease and protecting the public health," Bell said. "This includes working to control spread and measures that best protect all individuals."

For more information about COVID-19, visit the **DHEC website at scdhec.gov/COVID19** or the CDC website **here**.

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From:	Renwick, Laura A.
To:	Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] March 20 news release to go 4 p.m., telebriefing 4:15 pm
Date:	Friday, March 20, 2020 3:34:33 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT news release for March 20.docx

Please see attached.

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From: Bill Taylor
To: Rick Caldwell
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Mask Availability
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:56:39 PM

Rick:

I ask that you send this on to the appropriate people.

I was contacted by Shaun Whelan, of Aiken. He has access to a large quantity of KN-95 masks. Minimum order of 100,000.

If there is interest in DHEC or others pursuing this, he can be reached at 803-507-6888.

Rep. Bill Taylor
Chairman, Higher Education Subcommittee
Education & Public Works Committee
Member, Legislative Government Oversight Committee
South Carolina House of Representatives

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Website: www.TaylorSCHouse.com

From:	Murphy, Tim
To:	Cameron, John; Grooms, Brandon; Jones, Jonathan; Keel, Mark; Plowden, Mark; Michelle Sisk; Myra Reece; Peggy Dantzler; Player, Darren; Stenson, Kim; Taylor, Leroy
Cc:	Russell, Mike
Subject:	[External] May 2020 SERC Newsletter
Date:	Saturday, May 9, 2020 4:06:58 PM
Attachments:	MAY 2020 SERC Newsletter.pdf

All, Attached is the May 2020 SERC Newsletter. The next SERC meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2020. The SERC meeting agenda is under development and your input is welcome. Send items of interest to me for the draft agenda. Thank you for your continued support.

From: William Cogswell
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov; ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Singh, Sym; info@marvinpendarvis.com; WilliamCogswell@schouse.gov; JayLucas@schouse.gov
Subject: [External] Navy Hospital for potential location for Covid-19 response
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:59:00 PM
Attachments: DHEC Letter re Navy Hospital for COVID-19 4.8.20.pdf

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Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Andrews:

Thank you both for everything you are doing to keep us safe during this challenging time.

Rep. Pendarvis and I wanted to make you aware of the old Navy Hospital in North Charleston (Rep. Pendarvis' district) as a potential option for additional beds should the need arise. It has approximately 215 rooms that could quickly be converted in an emergency situation.

Hopefully there will not be a need, but we wanted to make sure this was on your radar.

Thank you again for all that you are doing for the people of the Lowcountry and South Carolina-

Sincerely,

William Cogswell

William Cogswell
South Carolina House 110
701 East Bay Street, Suite 310
Charleston, South Carolina 29403

From: Higgins, Teresa
To: DJ Laws; Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] Need Webex info for AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:32:24 PM

Hi DJ,

There is a webex link that will be provided by Zach Pippen of the Governor's Office tomorrow morning for the 2 pm meeting. I'm looping Zach in on this email so that you'll have each other's direct contact.

Zach,

Clemson President, Dr. Clements, will participate remotely by Webex on Tuesday, April 28, for the Protection Task Force. DJ Laws is his assistant and will need the information for him to participate.

Thanks all!

From: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: on Behalf of DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

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Thank you Teresa!

I haven't seen the dial in information yet, can you send forward it to me for the President's calendar?

Thank you!
DJ

Go Tigers!

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From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 5:13 PM
To: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>; summerjy@sc.edu <summerjy@sc.edu>
Subject: FW: on Behalf of DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

Hi Ladies,

I wanted to share the email sent to your respective presidents late this afternoon. Please see below. There are 14 people --- all state agency directors or presidents of institutions – invited to the AccelerateSC Protection Task Force meeting. Also, thank you so much for getting back in touch with me today. As you can imagine, there is not a lot of lead time when pulling together meetings during these unprecedented times and I appreciate you help.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Teresa

From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 4:13 PM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: on Behalf of DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

You are invited to attend a meeting of the AccelerateSC Protection Task Force on:

Tuesday, April 28, 2020, from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at My Carolina Alumni Association, 900 Senate St., Columbia, SC 29201

As was requested at the kickoff meeting on Thursday April 23, please limit attendance to one representative from your agency or institution to ensure appropriate social distancing can be maintained. Please expect a conference call number for those not able to attend in person and additional information to be provided on Monday.

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From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Moore, Cristi Y.; Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] News Release Update
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 3:10:49 PM
Attachments: 04.06.2020_South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update_FINAL.docx

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Hi Brian,

Please see attached update that we'll distribute during today's press conference.

Thanks,
Cassie

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From:	Moore, Cristi Y.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Cc:	Read, Jennifer
Subject:	[External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 15, 2020)
Date:	Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:48:59 PM
Attachments:	April 15 news release_FINAL.docx

Brian,

For your situational awareness, I've attached today's news release. We plan to issue around 3 p.m.

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From:	Moore, Cristi Y.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Cc:	Read, Jennifer
Subject:	[External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 26, 2020)
Date:	Sunday, April 26, 2020 2:50:35 PM
Attachments:	South Carolina Announces Latest COVID April 26, 2020_FINAL.docx

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Hi, Brian.

Please see the attached news release that we plan to issue around 3:30 p.m. today.

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From: Wanda Crotwell
To: macphadc@dhec.sc.gov; Caldwell, Richard
Cc: Singh, Sym; Brandon Dermody
Subject: [External] Offer of assistance
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 9:35:39 AM

Good morning, Darbi and Rick.

First of all, let me start by relaying my deepest thanks for everything you and the agency staff are doing. I know from first-hand experience that times like these are when we shine. As Earl used to say, public health is never an issue...until it is. You guys are doing an incredible job and I'm proud to be part of the alumni club.

As both of you are probably aware, we represent LogistiCare, the state's provider of non-emergent transportation services for Medicaid. Obviously, given the current situation and the effort to keep folks out of doctor's offices as much as possible, our folks have some time on their hands and would like to offer their assistance if you can use them. If there is anything they can do to be of service, whether delivering meals, medications, etc. to folks that may be quarantined or otherwise sheltering in place, please let me know and I'll be happy to connect them with you. They are already providing these services in other states and can have a plan structured to assist SC within 24 hours. They stand ready to assist in any way they can as we all try to get through this together.

Thanks, guys. Be safe and hang in there. Give my love to Dr. Bell. I believe in all of you.

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Subject: [External] On Behalf of Pastor Shawn Wood
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:37:41 PM
Attachments: South Carolina"s Guide to Re-Opening Churches.png

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Good afternoon,

You should have received an invitation in your email to tomorrow's zoom call regarding South Carolina's Guide to Re-Opening Churches. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00am. Within the email, you will see the link to join the call and the password needed to enter.

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.

Date Time: May 6, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: South Carolinas Guide to Re-Opening Churches

Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device:
Click Here to Join
Note: This link should not be shared with others; it is unique to you.
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Or iPhone one-tap:
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Webinar ID: 852 1840 9794
Participant ID: 350073
Password: [redacted]
International numbers available: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kexisVSo2I

The guide document can be accessed here: South Carolina's Guide to Gathering for Worship.

Lastly, if you would like to invite anyone to be an **audience** to the call - please share the following link. This link allows them to view and hear the call, but their video and audio will not be active on the call.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85218409794?pwd=UGl4WkQxOVYzdzhRb2k5SUhPcjlaUT09
Password: [redacted]

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Best,
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Simone DeMeo
Assistant to the Lead Pastor

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From: Britt, Will
To: Marsh, Jordan; Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] Order
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:00:03 PM

At your convenience, could you send the latest order? Thanks!

Sent from my iPhone

From: Heather Smith
To: Walker, Trey; Singh, Sym; KATIE.PHILLIPSLLR.SC.GOV; CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: russellfry@schouse.gov
Subject: [External] OTP Clinics and the Coronavirus
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:37:28 AM

Good Afternoon Everyone,

Since the Governor has stated that state agencies are authorized to waive any regulation that hinders their ability to address the coronavirus, and the most recent Medicaid Bulletin address supervisory changes for infusion centers, just as an example, the OTP's in the state would like to you have an emergency regulation issued to allow for nurses to dispense in OTP's since Federal Regulation already allows this. Please see the information below as to why this is important to do so.

This letter is to provide an update on how Opioid Treatment Programs (OTPs) in our state are planning and preparing to ensure continuity of services to individuals being treated for an opioid use disorder. And to ask for important emergency measures be put into place pertaining to the practice of pharmacy in Opioid Treatment Programs.

There are currently 23 Opioid Treatment Programs serving a near 7,000 individuals with opioid use disorder in South Carolina. These individuals receive important MAT medications, dispensed and administered through the programs, in order to treat their addiction. Ongoing access to these medications is critical. When individuals lose access to their MAT medications, in the majority of time, these individuals return to active drug use or show up in our hospital systems. Disruption in the continuity of medication would most certainly result in a wave of opioid-related overdoses and an undue burden on our healthcare system at a time when these resources are precious.

Opioid Treatment Programs are currently working with state and federal authorities and have been granted certain exceptions to begin issuing advanced doses of medication to those patients stable enough to receive it. While needed, this is a huge lift for programs that rely on a single employee to prepare these medications; the OTP pharmacist. Additionally, OTPs are still required to remain open to serve unstable patients. Unlike other states, SC pharmacy law does not allow nurses to dispense OTP medications. This puts OTPs and their patients in a vulnerable position. If the OTP pharmacist becomes ill, is forced to quarantine, or, with the recent closing of schools, becomes otherwise unavailable, these programs will not be able to prepare these essential medications and continue serving patients. A temporary order authorizing OTP nursing staff to dispense these medications (something they are already authorized to do in the majority of other states) would alleviate this problem.

Also, SC pharmacy law prohibits OTPs from keeping their pharmacy open if the pharmacist is not present. Because medications are administered out of the OTP pharmacy, this does not allow nurses to continue administering medication to patients if the pharmacist is unable to show up to work. A temporary order allowing OTP pharmacies to remain open and allow nurses to work in the pharmacy when the pharmacist is not present would provide additional reprieve.

Thank you

Heather

From: Reece, Myra
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer
Subject: [External] outdoor seating guidance
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:30:12 PM
Attachments: Outdoor Seating Guidance.docx

Hi Beth! Great seeing you yesterday.....my staff has been working with SCRLA today to clarify "outdoor dining".....both are good with the attached.....your thoughts? Jennifer?

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From: Craig, Sandra <CRAIGSD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: corrected document

Changed first bullet from 6 to 8 ft

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From: Chip Huggins
To: Singh, Sym; CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Overview
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 7:14:07 PM

Sym & Rick - If you have an overview with pretty much everything update that has been done etc. on the coronavirus etc - by DHEC & Governor did you share with me I would like to send out to my district something tomorrow on this thank you very much Chip

Sent from my iPhone

From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Please review; DRAFT COVID19 news release
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 3:43:42 PM
Attachments: 03.10.2020_Press Release FINAL - COVID19.docx

Brian, can you pls review attached? We're aiming to send 4 p.m. No telebriefing today.

TY,

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Please see below -- patient privacy language
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:49:02 AM

We plan to begin using the statement below for legislators, media, and the public. Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

As cases of COVID-19 expectedly increase, DHEC is prioritizing its efforts in order to best protect public health and limit spread of the virus. When a positive case is known, we work to identify close contacts of that individual and we announce these positive cases publicly by the individual's county of residence. DHEC will always provide the information that helps South Carolinians stay informed about COVID-19, however, DHEC is obligated and required to protect every individual's personal health information. Hospitals and health care facilities have similar policies that protect patient privacy.

The amount of information DHEC provides is limited, particularly in cases that occur in small or other close-knit communities where even basic pieces of information could identify an individual. DHEC will always provide the information that's necessary for residents to protect themselves. We rely on residents trusting DHEC to not release their personal information so that they are cooperative and forthcoming during our disease investigation activities.

Our top priorities remain preventing the spread of the disease and protecting public health. This includes working to control spread and sharing measures that best protect our neighbors, friends and family.

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	jdonofrio@sherman.edu
Cc:	Singh, Sym; Representative Steven Long (StevenLong@schouse.gov)
Subject:	[External] PPE Inquiry
Date:	Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:15:22 AM
Attachments:	image002.png

Good Morning Dr Donofrio

I was forwarded your information from Representative Long. Entities that have a request for PPE can contact their local Emergency Management Director and make what is called a "resource request." The local EMD will work with their process, to include the State's EMD to assist in obtaining the requested resource.

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Director - Doug Bryson

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Have a Great Day!

Rick C.

From: "jdonofrio@sherman.edu" <jdonofrio@sherman.edu>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 11:52:47 AM EDT
Subject: Website email from Dr. Joe Donofrio

Dear Senator, I oversee our Chiropractic Health Center on campus. We see approxomimately 800 to 1000 patient visits per week and most of our patients are low income patients. Our clinic is not a

high risk site, but we have not been able to open for patients due to the inability lo acquire ppe for staff. Is there any way you can help us out? Thank You, Joe Donofrio DC VPAA - Sherman College of Chiropractic

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From: Kevin Kennedy
To: Taylor, Marshall; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Preliminary Video explaining the need at hand. Premier Medical Laboratory in SC
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:10:58 AM
Attachments: IMG_7814.mov

Take care,

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From: Whitman, Brandy
To: SC Gov News
Subject: [External] Press Conference
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:31:24 AM
Attachments: Outlook-1468946859.png

Good morning! Is there any way you can let me know when the Governor is going to hold press conferences etc.? Thank you!

Kind regards,

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Presser today?
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:20:53 PM

Brian,

Can you confirm if there's a presser this afternoon and if we need DHEC representatives there.

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To:	DBEATTYSCCOURTS.ORG; Colleen Bridier; BELLLWDHEC.SC.GOV; Edward Allen; "Helmut Albrecht"; Keel, Mark; "Michael Ward"; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; Sam McNutt; Thorton Kirby
Cc:	SBATSONEMD.SC.GOV; BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV; MAYNARDWDHEC.SC.GOV; HARBISDADHEC.SC.GOV; ELIEFFMADHEC.SC.GOV; Fair, Mardi; John Williams; Plowden, Mark; Melanie Matney; Moore, Rhonda; DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV; Polk, Betsy; DPRZIREMBELSCCOURTS.ORG; Limehouse, Thomas
Subject:	[External] Public Health Emergency Plan Committee Minutes (2 Mar 20)
Date:	Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:34:14 AM
Attachments:	image001.png PHEPC Mintues (2 Mar 20) Draft.docx COVID-19 Briefing_LBT Talking Points_3.2.20_FINAL2.pdf Commerce Business Impact Summary March 2 2020.pdf

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Good morning,

Attached are draft minutes from last week's meeting for your review. Please let us know if you have any corrections or revisions.

Regards,

Kim

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From: Reiner, David M
To: Marsh, Jordan; rick.caldwel@dhec.sc.gov; Coleman, Alvin; Jackson, Natalie D
Subject: [External] Quest Diagnostics/South Carolina - COVID-19 Fol ow-Up

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From:	Jason Elliott
To:	Rick Caldwell; Ellen Andrews
Cc:	Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] Question about percentage of positives - data
Date:	Monday, May 4, 2020 9:18:12 AM

Re: ***Positive tests as a % of total tests.***

Rick and Ellen:

Please see question and request from a minister of a Presbyterian Church in downtown Greenville.

Thanks,

Jason

DHEC Data:

DHEC is not showing the most important number needed by community leaders who are trying to make decisions about re-opening: ***Positive tests as a % of total tests.***

The White House guidelines say we either need a "Downward trajectory of documented cases in a 14-day period —OR— a downward trajectory of ***positive tests as a percent of total tests*** within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)"

Since the SC (and Greenville Co) trend line on new cases is at best flat (actually, both still slightly increasing as I read them) then we need to know the daily total test count so we can calculate the ***positive tests as a % of total tests.***

Gov. McMaster attributed the growing case count to the fact that we're doing more tests. Fine. That may be true. But then, to follow WH guidelines, we need to see positives as a percentage of total tests administered.

At their data site, DHEC gives a daily snapshot, showing the current total positive and the current total tests, but we need to see a 14-day chart or graph that shows whether the***positive tests as a % of total tests*** are increasing or decreasing.

Today's percentage is 10.3%. A few days ago, I think it was around 10.7%. So that would be downward. But can DHEC please show this on a chart or graph??? If I could see this percentage decreasing, I'd feel better about having these "opening up" discussions.

https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-testing-data-projections-covid-19

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From: Kathie Marsh
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: mwgambrell@bellsouth.net; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] question
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:47:07 AM

Hi Richard: I am really sorry to bother you again. Marie did an outstanding job in taking care of getting Mike's friend/constituent a death certificate yesterday, so I think she deserves a BIG raise!! Mike is at home dealing with kidney stones. He is getting a lot of calls from his constituents asking this question. These small restaurant owners are wondering if it is ok to do outside dinning---only a couple of tables outside. I know the Governor mentioned inside dinning, but Mike and I weren't clear if that included outside dinning in small table groups. Can you let me know so that I can get back with Mike? Thanks so much!!! Kathie

From:	Chip Huggins
To:	Brian Sloop
Cc:	Singh, Sym; CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject:	[External] Re: Coronavirus and DHEC
Date:	Monday, March 16, 2020 2:24:20 AM

Brian thanks very much for emailing me & I am cc'ing Rick Caldwell with DHEC & Sym Singh from the Governor's Office on this email so they can see your suggestions/concerns - below is the latest I got from our Caucus late last evening - hope all your family is well & hope to see you soon - Sincerely Chip Huggins

Governor McMaster, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman, and State public health officials issued a briefing today on the COVID-19/Coronavirus. All South Carolina K-12 schools, universities, and colleges will be closed starting tomorrow until the end of the month. Other closures will likely be announced in the coming days.

The Department of Education is working to provide internet access to students so they can participate in virtual learning. Superintendent Spearman announced that 3,000 school buses will be equipped with Wi-Fi and encouraged school districts to use their buses to drop off instructional materials along bus routes.

It is important for families to know Summer Food Service will be available to feed all children 4–18 state-wide. Two meals a day will be provided to ALL students regardless of "reduced lunch" eligibility. I will provide more information on how that will be implemented as soon as it becomes available.

I want to thank the public officials who have worked around the clock to ensure the health and safety of our state. It is important to set an example during these uncertain times with the goal being to reduce the opportunity for an outbreak in our respective communities. Let's look at other areas around the world who are suffering and do what we can now to prevent that from happening here at home. Right now, as a community, we have the opportunity to slow the spread of this virus down by social distancing and taking certain preventive measures. All of us should try to do our part to flatten the curve.

I have listed information below surrounding closures, safety measures, and updates on the COVID-19/Coronavirus. I will continue to update you as more information is provided.

COVID-19/Coronavirus Updates

This DHEC page provides real time updates on the confirmed number of cases in our state, details on monitoring and testing, and other safety measures.

Wi-Fi and Virtual Classrooms

To help students be able to learn in a virtual environment, free Wi-Fi services will be available starting tomorrow, March 16th while schools are closed. Charter Communications through the Spectrum network will be offering students free Wi-Fi in homes where it is not already installed and opening up their hotspots to the public nation-wide

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 15, 2020, at 11:22 PM, Brian Sloop <[redacted]@sc.rr.com> wrote:

Hey Chip,

I hope you're doing well. I watched Gov. McMaster's press conference today and had a couple of concerns.

The DHEC lady said that they can do 300-400 tests a day, but it seems they have only done about 260 total so far. She basically said they don't want to waste them in case they need them in the future.

It seems to me they are creating the future by doing that. They say people may not immediately develop symptoms and are contagious prior to that. So how can they expect to contain and ultimately stop a virus if they are only testing after symptoms develop? Shouldn't they be more proactive I realize they can't test everyone but it seems like there is maybe a middle ground.

She also said that because of privacy laws they wouldn't be giving much case details or updating patient conditions. That doesn't seem to make any sense either. They could easily give such info without disclosing identities. Florida's health department lists all of their cases, age, sex and how the case likely started. Our DHEC site in contrast has very little useful numbers or other info and instead just has a bunch of online brochures that nobody will likely read.

I just wanted to pass these concerns along and see if you had any thoughts about it.

Thanks,
Brian Sloop

Sent from my iPhone

From: Blair, Jamie D.
To: tcunningham@palmettoprimarycare.com
Cc: sean@bennettscsenate.com; Singh, Sym; ACC-Documentation; Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] RE: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:35:20 PM

Dr. Cunningham,

The process below outlines the current PPE Resource Request Process that is in use in the State.

Hospitals, EMS and other medical providers that need to request resources or supplies during emergencies should:

1. Ensure suppliers routinely used cannot meet the request and look to alternate suppliers.
2. Utilize any mutual aid agreements that are in place
3. Request assistance through their local healthcare coalition.
4. Contact their County Emergency Management Division to submit a resource request.
5. If the County EM cannot fulfill the request, they should submit the request to the SCEMD Supply Unit.
6. SCEMD Supply unit will then task to the appropriate ESF or another source or provide vendor information to the requestor.
7. Payment for the fulfillment of the request is the responsibility of the initial requesting organization or business.

*Note – currently PPE is sparsely available in the national supply chain. SCEMD Logistics is continuing to look for potential vendors.

Strategic National Stockpile items that have been received were distributed to the County Emergency Management Offices for distribution as needed locally.

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From: Traywick, Laurie
To: Jordan, Rebecca; michael.leach@dss.sc.gov
Cc: Ed, SCSupt; Chambers, Virgie; laddvj@dhec.sc.gov; Campbell, Karen
Subject: [External] Re: Red Cross request to use school facilities for blood drives
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:24:45 PM

Rebecca,

I am looping in Michael Leach, Director of DSS. DSS is the lead on ESF-6 "Mass Care". If you can identify some areas where you are thinking we can talk to district Superintendents. Thank you.

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> On Mar 27, 2020, at 11:52 AM, Jordan, Rebecca <rebecca.jordan@redcross.org> wrote:
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> Good morning,
>
> I know that you are all extremely busy so I will be brief. As you have heard on the news, the COVID-19 virus has resulted in many blood drives being cancelled. In South Carolina, we have had 162 drive cancel resulting in 4296 units uncollected. The need is still constant for us to be able to provide to our area hospitals. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.
>
> **We are asking that the Red Cross be allowed to use school gymnasiums to host community blood drives**. I can provide information that outlines the safety measures that the Red Cross has implanted to ensure the safety of our donors and staff.
>
> Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you would be in agreement to this ask.
>
> Thank you,
> Rebecca
>
> Rebecca E. Jordan, MPH
> Executive Director of Central SC
>
> **American Red Cross**
> **Palmetto SC Region**
> 2751 Bull Street
> Columbia, SC 29201
> 803.312.5176

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To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] RE: 12 residents
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:19:49 AM
Attachments: Questions for DHEC, 3.12.20 - cruise answers ND WB.docx

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Mark, see attached answers.

Thanks,
Nick

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:10 AM
To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: 12 residents

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Nick – Please see attached list of additional questions sent to me over night. Call if needed.

Thanks

Mark Plowden

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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] Re: 5301742 to Lt. Gov
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 5:46:13 PM

Beth
We would defer to the Governor's Executive Order.

If someone has come in close contact with someone who is confirmed case, they would isolate for 14 days.
Rick C.

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On Mar 31, 2020, at 3:56 PM, Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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I have a similar question from Sara Hazzard. My understanding is that there is not a process in place to exempt employees coming from NY, NJ, and Connecticut.

Rick, can you provide guidance on the issue of employees coming back in from these areas, especially those who are either a. essential to business operation, or b. have self-quarantined for 14 days?

From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:46 PM
To: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: 5301742 to Lt. Gov

Beth, please see below. Can you please advise on whether they would exempted?

Thanks,
Leigh

From: Thomas, Katherine <Katherine.Thomas@admin.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: 5301742 to Lt. Gov

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From: "governor@sc.lmhostediq.com" <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
Date: 3/30/2020 2:37:32 PM
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Cc:
Subject: Equipment Installation Need

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Hi Pam,

I met you back in May of last year when we announced the expansion of our business, The M&P Lab, Inc. dba as Lucideon M&P at the 2019 Greenville Area Development Corporation. You said if I needed help to reach out, I'm reaching out.

We are moving into our new facility now as we speak. We have equipment that has arrived from our Schenectady, NY site (upstate NY). That manufacturing location has remained open as it has been declared an essential business due the medical and nuclear testing they provide.

The equipment was dismantled by two of the employees in upstate NY and we need them to travel to SC to assemble the equipment. This is specialized equipment with specialized piping and the two folks we need have expert knowledge on the process.

These employees are in upstate NY and not in the city. We would like to be able to bring them here to SC for two weeks to assemble the equipment. Can we do that please as we were concerned about the restriction on travel into the state. The equipment was shipped prior to the restriction.

I tried to call but it is hard to get through on the phone to you all at the moment.

I'm happy to answer any questions around this. We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Thank you,

Linda McCaleb
Accounting Manager
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Cc: Sweatman, Mark; Higgins, Teresa; James Burns; Mackey, Keith NY/IBC-M; Cleveland, John
Subject: [External] Re: AccelerateSC - Protection Response Committee
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 7:18:12 AM

Christian-

This reads well and I believe accurately reflects our discussions

Thanks for your work

Dave

From: Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:57 PM
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Subject: AccelerateSC - Protection Response Committee
When: Monday, May 04, 2020 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
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Subject:	[External] RE: AccelerateSC - Protection Response Committee
Date:	Monday, May 4, 2020 5:55:42 PM
Attachments:	(2020-05-04) AccelerateSC - Protection Interim Report (v03).pdf

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Subject: [External] Re: accelerateSC Agenda 4.28.20 (002).docx
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:52:42 AM

Rick

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Will do

From: Rick Toomey <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
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Dave – facilitate the discussion. Start with current state of testing, how it is evolving. The need to expand capacity. Reaching vulnerable populations. Are there / should there be priorities

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Subject: [External] RE: Agenda for Monday
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:43:27 AM
Attachments: (2020-05-11) AccelerateSC - 2nd Protection Agenda (v02).docx
(2020-05-11) AccelerateSC - 2nd Protection Agenda (v02).pdf

I'm not sure what exactly happened. As I remember the Friday call (my notes say this too), we left it that I was going to get Chuck and Frank to agree to speak at today's meeting and Pat was going to call Ken Deans and get him. Clearly there was some disconnect on the way to Ken.

This new agenda strikes Ken – the Word and PDF versions are identical. We may need to get the remaining speakers to extend a little bit, although it's hardly the end of the world if we end a few minutes before noon. Thanks.

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From: Christian Soura
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 12:03 AM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Agenda for Monday

I haven't seen titles for any of the presentations yet, so does this work?

Also, are you getting slides from the presenters, and does Zach have their names/titles/organizations so they can do placecards? Thanks.

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From: James Burns
To: Higgins, Teresa
Cc: Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] RE: Audio Conferencing for Protection Task Force Meeting tomorrow at 2 pm
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:28:59 AM

Hey Teresa, I hope you are doing well. Zach Pippin handles all of the remote call in/Webex participation. He is copied on this e-mail.

Best regards,
James

From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:26 AM
To: James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Subject: Audio Conferencing for Protection Task Force Meeting tomorrow at 2 pm

◄**External Email**► - From: higgint@dhec.sc.gov

Hi James,

I'm checking to find out what the call in number is for people calling in to the Protection Task Force meeting at 2 pm tomorrow. I've heard from Dr. Pastides' assistant, Pam Pope, and know that he does plan to participate from Ireland. Rick asked me to check with you.

If one has not been set up, Pam offered to contact USC Alumni and get something set up.

Thanks,

Teresa

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Nelson Mullins is continuing to monitor developments related to COVID-19, including guidance from the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"); World Health Organization; various health officials; and federal, state, and local government authorities; however advice related to COVID-19 legislation is date sensitive. Things are changing quickly and the aid measures and interpretations that may be described herein are subject to change. The firm is taking

appropriate precautionary actions and has implemented plans to ensure the continuation of all firm services to clients from both in office and remote work arrangements across our 25 geographically dispersed offices. Click here to visit the Nelson Mullins Coronavirus Resources page.

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Marsh, Jordan
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:03:52 PM

Just spoke with Joe. Shared information and resource request process as well as contact information. Please don't hesitate to give me a call.
Stay Safe
Rick C.

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> Rick,
>
> Senator Scott's chief just sent me a screenshot of a message that was sent to Senator Scott regarding two confirmed cased of COVID-19 in Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community. The CEO, Sarah Tipton, is asking for additional tests and masks.
>
> Of course, I know that this issue exist throughout the state. However, if possible, can you have someone at DHEC contact Senator Scott's chief or email an update on Bishop Gadsden?
>
> The best contact for Senator Scott is Joe McKeown at 843-343-4991 or joe_mckeown@scott.senate.gov.
>
> Thanks,
> Jordan

From: Greene, Tammie
To: Webb, Beth
Cc: blairjd@dhec.sc.gov; Hall, Madison; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: Call re masks/equipment, etc
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:13:26 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Sorry to not have notified you Beth - Jamie and I spoke first thing this morning. Jamie and I are planning to share lists with each other. I'm also forwarding all donated items to the appropriate ESF emails. Happy to jump on the call. 2 or 2:30 works

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 12:07 PM, Webb, Beth <bwebb@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Jamie,

I hope this finds you well. Could you get on a call with the Governor's Office (me and Sym Singh and Madison Hall in Legislative Affairs), and Tammie Greene in the Department of Commerce to discuss how to handle all the offers of masks and others supplies coming in? We would love to know how to best get these to you in an organized fashion that is most helpful. 2 pm? 2:30 pm?

Look forward to talking to you.

Best,
Beth Webb

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From: James Burns
To: Toomey, Rick K.
Cc: Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] Re: clarification
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 5:52:14 PM

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Also, I am not certain if the General Assembly folks will be attending. I Need to ask Sym Singh.

I am copying Kevin Grindstaff at USC to confirm how many he can get in the inner circle.

Kevin?

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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Marsh, Jordan
Subject: [External] Re: Community Testing
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:50:42 PM

Jordan

Heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure are the three most common underlying health conditions among those who have died. We do not have available information about hospitalization by subpopulation.

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On Apr 10, 2020, at 12:16 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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The Governor has a call with Senator Scott this afternoon to discuss COVID-19 data.

The Senator's office indicated to me that they are pleased with the data South Carolina is currently providing, which is "ahead of the curve" compared to most states. With that said, they did mention that Senator Scott is likely to ask the Governor to provide more data on underlying health conditions and hospitalization rates by subpopulation as helpful additional data points.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,
Jordan

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:27 AM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Community Testing

HHS Statements on Authorizing Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Tests (HERE) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health issued new guidance under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized.

Community-based Testing Sites and HIPAA Flexibilities: The Office for Civil Rights at HHS announced that it will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties for violations of the HIPAA Rules against covered entities or business associates in connection with the good faith participation in the operation of COVID-19 testing sites during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency. This Notification was issued to support certain covered health care providers, including some large pharmacy chains, and their business associates that may choose to participate in the operation of a Community Based-Testing Site (CBTS), which includes mobile, drive-through, or walk-up sites that only provide COVID-19 specimen collection or testing services to the public.

Jordan Marsh
Director of Federal Affairs
Office of Governor Henry McMaster
State of South Carolina
(803) 509-0581
jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

From: Hilkin, Jake
To: Caldwell, Rick
Cc: Marsh, Jordan
Subject: [External] Re: Company Wants to Help
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:40:43 AM

Perfect. Thank you!!

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
319 Cannon HOB
P: 202.225.5501

From: Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 10:39 AM
To: "Hilkin, Jake" <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Company Wants to Help

Jake
Please see below:

https://www.yorkcountygov.com/149/Emergency-Management

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Jordan – if we have a company (Puckerbutt Pepper) that wants to help either make sanitizer or provide jars, supplies, etc. is there a process within the state that I can send them? I know FEMA has a "how to help" web page which I sent to him already, but wasn't sure if there was something similar on the state level, as well.

Rick – I remember you sent me the contact info for the York County Emergency team. I can't seem to find it, can you provide that contact again? Or is there someone good

they can reach out to on the local level (York County) that they can help donate supplies, etc.

Thank you gentlemen!

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To:	Marsh, Jordan
Cc:	Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	[External] Re: Congressman Clyburn Plan
Date:	Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:35:52 PM
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Subject:	[External] Re: Connection: COVID-19 Test Kit Capacity
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out of Greenville, SC. He reached out to the Lt. Governor via a mutual acquaintance to share that his company has the capacity to handle thousands of COVID-19 tests daily and would like to be of help if needed. He asked to be put in touch with the Lt. Governor, and I thought best to connect him directly to your agencies to see what opportunities exist.

I have copied Mr. Wilbourne on this email and he can also be reached via phone at: [redacted].

Mr. Wilbourne – If you weren't previously aware, the state of South Carolina posts its contracting and procurement opportunities on the following webpage: SCBO.SC.GOV. We would encourage you as a prospective vendor to check this website.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Cc: Gaulden, Sid; Quattrone, Kristy; OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Re: Constituent Point of Contact for the Governor"s Office
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:23:11 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Maria Ouzounidis will be the POC for DHEC. She is copied on this email.

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On Mar 17, 2020, at 12:21 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Will you provide a constituent services point of contact to Kristy Quattrone. This poc will handle constituent calls related to the agency that come into the Governor's Office. Please provide this contact to Kristy as soon as possible (she is copied on this email).

Thanks,
Sym

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From: Philip Kent
To: Matt Gates
Cc: caldwert@dhec.sc.gov; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:25:16 PM

No problem. I haven't reached out to anyone other than you in SC. Just let us know how we can help. My cell is [redacted].

Philip

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 30, 2020, at 1:04 PM, Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov> wrote:

Philip – thank you so much for the email.

We greatly appreciate any assistance that you all can offer to SC during this public health emergency. Have you had a chance to share this information with any contacts from DHEC (I am ccing Rick Caldwell, my counterpart there) or the SC Gov office (I am ccing Sym Singh, my counterpart in Gov. McMaster's office).

Thank you again. Stay safe and healthy.

Sincerely,
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From: Philip Kent <pkent@consultativegenomix.com>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 9:19 AM
To: Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov>
Subject: Re: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Hi Matt. Wanted to reach out and let ya know that our labs have the ability to run Covid 19 testing to the tune of 1000 or more a day. Talk to your people in SC and let us know how we can help. Our Alpha Genomix lab is already an approved vendor with the SC mental health department which should help the process. Let me know.

Philip

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 15, 2020, at 3:29 PM, Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov> wrote:

Philip – hope you are having a good new year. I am circling back with my DHEC friend to see what discussions they may have had about meeting and will let you know what I find out. Hope all is going well.

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From: Philip Kent [mailto:pkent@copernicusmd.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2019 4:57 PM
To: Matt Gates
Subject: RE: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Afternoon Matt. Just checking in. Any progress with Rick? Making very good progress in GA, hoping for an audience in SC as well. What we can propose will cost nothing but instead represent a savings to the state . Merry Christmas and hope all is well.

Philip

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From: Philip Kent
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 3:41 PM
To: Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov>
Subject: Re: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Probably wouldn't be a bad idea to look at in the future. Excellent news About Rick. Enjoy the conference; look forward to hearing back from you.

Philip

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> On Nov 13, 2019, at 3:27 PM, Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov> wrote:
>
> Philip – sorry I thought you had attended those in the past. They are just good networking opportunities for interaction with state AGs and staff.
>
> Rick from DHEC is checking with his folks to see who might best be suited for a meeting with you and your team and is going to let me know.
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From: Philip Kent [mailto:pkent@copernicusmd.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 4:54 PM
To: Matt Gates
Subject: Re: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Hadn't planned on it; what do you think I would get out of it?

Philip

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 12, 2019, at 3:54 PM, Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov> wrote:

> Thank you for passing along that information.
>
> The RAGA Fall meeting is coming up in AZ this weekend/next week.
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Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 3:53 PM
To: Matt Gates
Subject: RE: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Sounds good Matt. It may be important to note when communicating with DHEC and other depts. that we already do business with SC and are currently going through a contract renewal with the SC Dept of Mental Health regarding our services. We just made our rounds in DC meeting with HHS and various legislators including Sen. Perdue who has taken a personal interest in what we're doing. We also received good reception from Lindsay Graham's office. What should I be aware of in AZ?

Philip

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From: Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 3:38 PM
To: Philip Kent <pkent@copernicusmd.com>
Subject: RE: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Philip – thank you for the follow up as always. I am waiting to hear back from my contact at DHEC to see if they would be interested in joining or hosting the meeting. I think as you mentioned in previous correspondence that they might benefit from some of the capabilities your folks bring to the issues. I will let you know as soon as I hear back from Rick. In the meantime, I will keep reviewing the AG's schedule to see when a good time for yall to visit may be.

Will yall be in attendance at any of the meetings coming up in AZ?

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To: Matt Gates
Subject: FW: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Morning Matt. Circling back around to touch base. Any progress on a meeting?

The opportunity is ripe (and essential for the financial health of state trust funds and patients going forward) to get precision medicine compliance right at the state level as the federal government, with its vast bureaucracy, has done a poor job with Medicare essentially allowing nefarious actors and waste to dictate health care.

As discussed, we have the medical necessity and physician oversight construct to ensure that precision medicine is used as a weapon to reduce drug cost, combat the opioid epidemic and reduce medical claims all while improving patient health care outcomes.

Philip

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From: Philip Kent
Sent: Sunday, November 3, 2019 7:24 AM
To: MGates@scag.gov
Subject: RE: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Hey Matt. Good catching up and thank you for reaching out. Preparing for DC trip so a little behind. See attached precision medicine article recently done on us that will shed additional light on what we can do for SC. Let me know what dates/times are available to meet and we'll pick one.

After further thought, we probably could benefit the Investigation division of SC DHEC as we can help identify outliers in the genetic testing industry early on for law-enforcement to follow. Additionally, we could serve as the Medicaid compliance pass through for all genetic testing in the state considering no capable compliance body exists as of right now at the Medicaid level and will serve to save the state a large sum of money. Furthermore, our services would directly and indirectly help mitigate the opioid epidemic in the state through proper behavioral health prescription drug management. There are other areas that we can help but these hit on the big ones.

Philip

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From: Philip Kent
Sent: Thursday, June 6, 2019 2:54 PM
To: MGates@scag.gov
Subject: ConsultativeGenomix and PanaceaHCI

Good catching-up yesterday Matt and thank you for reaching out to Katie @ DHEC to set something up. Some available dates we can meet are June 17, 27 & July 9th. Time is flexible on these dates and lunch is certainly an option.

Considering opioid abuse and behavioral health disorders in general remain at the forefront of what our solutions impact, I believe you'll find this re-intro meeting beneficial to you and the AG's office as well. When we last met with DHEC, our conversations centered around our Sonia platform specifically targeting distribution management of opioids. With much of our growth and attention concentrated around our molecular genomic pathology solutions, it makes sense to have a conversation regarding the prospects of engaging these solutions more intimately with DHEC to better control the rising cost of healthcare. Today, SC Medicaid pays a pretty penny for molecular genomic lab testing each year with no real mechanism for managing the medical necessity of these tests or the impact on claims and health outcomes associated with them. We'd like to discuss how to change this course for SC as 100s of millions of $s are being wasted each year. Below are some talking points and attached are reports and additional info about our medical directors. As a side note, we completed our most recent molecular pathology lab acquisition as of the last quarter of last year further enhancing our capabilities.

We (PanaceaHCI and its consortium of technology and pathology partners to include ConsultativeGenomix) offer (unique to the industry) physician-directed molecular genomic pathology services or what I call the heart-beat of efficient precision/personalized medicine:

- Our technology-based precision medicine physician group is designed to use molecular genomic pathology to eliminating significant waste in the health-care system by ensuring the right tests are ordered for the right patient at the right time and for the right price utilizing our MD pathology oversight construct.
- We are equipped to help you (SC DHEC) establish medical necessity guidelines

and follow-through with those guidelines for molecular pathology related labs that come through your system. Volume is not an issue.

- We do not simply send confusing genomic lab results to ordering physician; instead, our specialized MD pathologists interpret test results and send focused report summaries along with lab reports to the ordering physician to enhance patient outcomes and reduce wasted trial and error care. We also offer peer-to-peer MD services to ensure ordering physicians in SC are equipped with the knowledge and data needed to make informed patient care decisions.
- We have the technology and expertise to offer a very large gene panel through our lab for deep-dives into your initiatives and/or we have the ability to limit lab panels to exactly what is required based on the need.
- We offer nutrigenomic (diet, exercise, wellness) lab panels that incorporate pharmacogenomics to provide a holistic and wellness approach to patient care
- We tackle behavioral health issues through our psych panel to help prevent psychotic events and opioid abuse through evaluating genomic propensities b4 surgeries occur and prescriptions filled and/or offer treatment solutions after the behavioral health diagnosis has been made.
- We help manage prescription drug distribution by flagging negative drug response based on a patient's gene profile, medical history and interactions with other drugs.
- We offer multiple patient intervention points that allow for maximum data retrieval so that many trends can be analyzed and acted upon with confidence so that your department can

provide clear/concise (financial and health) outcomes reporting to those you answer to (legislators and taxpayers).

- We are willing to engage in a value-base care incentive relationship whereas the confidence in our ability to save the state money on healthcare and improve health outcomes is very evident.

Regards,
Philip

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Philip Kent
Legislative Affairs Director
PanaceaHCI
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From: Media
To: Armour, Stephanie; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: Contact tracing question
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 1:29:13 PM

Hi, Stephanie,

Please see the information below. Let us know if you need anything else.

As South Carolina increases testing for COVID-19, there will be more laboratory-confirmed cases. This means our state will need to do more contact tracing, and we are ready to do so.

Contact tracing has long been used by public health professionals as a key strategy for stopping the spread of diseases like COVID-19. The process begins with interviewing those who have tested positive for the virus to determine people who have been in close contact with that positive person. The next step is to connect with those close contacts to gather further information and provide guidance to help them stay well while limiting spread of the disease. This extensive process helps cut short the transmission of the disease within a community.
During normal operations, we have approximately 20 contact tracers who perform contact tracing to help limit the spread of diseases like tuberculosis and hepatitis. Our infectious disease experts investigated a total of 684 acute disease outbreaks in 2018. During this time period, our staff also received and reviewed 41,650 reports of acute diseases.

Unlike many other state health agencies, DHEC is centralized. This means that we oversee all 74 of our local health departments and can more easily use existing staff within the agency to increase the number of contact investigators during responses to outbreaks. A**s part of our COVID-19 response efforts, we have increased our number of contact tracers from 20 to 230 as of May 1, 2020. To date, we have performed contact tracing for every positive case of COVID-19 in our state.**

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Thanks,

Laura

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Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:30 AM
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Stephanie Armour

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From: Armour, Stephanie
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Cc: Symmes, Brian
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Thanks. Do you have a scale-up goal?

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Subject:	[External] RE: Contact Tracing Request for WH
Date:	Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:56:57 PM
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Jordan
Please see attached request. I'm still working so I am meeting EOB timeline. ☺
Rick C.

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Subject:	[External] RE: Contact Tracing Request for WH
Date:	Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:27:05 AM
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Received and pulling team together. Will update later.
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To: Steven Long
Cc: dhitchens@aeoweb.com; caldwert@dhec.sc.gov; OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV; Singh, Sym; Polk, Betsy
Subject: [External] Re: Coronavirus Essential Business designation
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:13:57 PM

Representative Long,

We are hearing similar questions from many sources and SCEMD and the Dept. of Commerce are working to address concerns. Under the current circumstances, there are no plans to close businesses. Business are essential to our state, our health and economy. Measures are being taken to enforce/encourage social distancing but even restaurants are encouraged to remain open by offering takeout and delivery options.

At this time, the only activity that could disrupt an organization from performing essential job functions would be a locally executed curfew. In the event this happens work with the municipal or County Law Enforcement entity to resolve the matter. If the curfew restriction cannot be resolved, contact the State Law Enforcement Division or the Department of Commerce for assistance.

Sincerely,

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From: Steven Long
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2:32 PM
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Cc: dhitchens@aeoweb.com

Good afternoon!
I appreciate all the work that you are doing during this especially trying situation.

A constituent and friend who owns an environmental/hazmat/emergency response company reached out to me today. His name is David Hitchens and he owns Advanced Environmental Options in Spartanburg. I have copied him on this email. (www.AEOweb.com)

The questions is, if SC makes a move to close "nonessential" businesses, how would that be defined and how can AEO be certain that they are classified as "essential"?

The work they do is essential during this time as they have a lot of experience doing doing decontamination work. They are already working with private businesses about responding to coronavirus and I imagine they could provide support to the public sector as well.

Thank you for your attention!

Thanks,
Steven Long
SC House District 37
864-978-3104

From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] Re: Coronavirus testing
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:02:20 AM

Hello, Leigh,

Thank you for the inquiry. Several South Carolina health systems are offering telehealth options to the public. A list of telehealth virtual care providers can be found on our website: https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/telehealth-virtual-care-providers-covid-19

Thank you,
Maria

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Thank you,
Leigh

Leigh LeMoine
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Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:17 PM

To: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com
Subject: Coronavirus testing

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My son is ill with symptoms of coronavirus. He has tried all day to set up an appointment for a virtual visit with Prisma Health, but to no avail. He received a message after registering with them, that he would be emailed, but never was. In the meantime, he was tested for the flu, for the process of elimination, and the results were negative. He also called DHEC and was placed on hold for 30 minutes and then just automatically disconnected. He also reached out to his family doctor but was informed that there was nothing they could do to help him. I don't know how you expect to contact people who were exposed to coronavirus , when an individual can't even get tested. It does not appear that anything is under control at all, as was indicated in your special report. I don't know what an individual is supposed to do in the case of illness. Unfortunately, it appears that your report was just lip-service for the purpose of just telling people what they wanted to hear. However, we have found that none of it was true at all.

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From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] Re: Correspondence regarding Plasma Centers
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:14:10 AM

Hi, Leigh,
Thanks for sharing.
Take care,
Maria

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Legislative Affairs
S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
Office: (803) 898-3598
Ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov

From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:01 AM
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Hi Maria, we were reviewing our correspondence and I wanted to share this letter with DHEC for your reference.

Thank you,
Leigh

From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Patrick Lynch; Singh, Sym
Cc:	Jefferson B. Guimond; ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov
Subject:	[External] RE: Covid - 19 testing and PPE pricing
Date:	Monday, May 11, 2020 3:14:15 PM
Attachments:	image002.png

Thanks Patrick
Did you register with the state through SC EMD?

I have copied them on this email.
Best Regards
Rick C.

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Cc: Jefferson B. Guimond <jeff@patricklynchgroup.com>
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Gentlemen-

I wanted to follow up to our outreach to you by supplying you with the latest pricing that we have as of Friday May 1. In these busy and unfortunate times and with a host of people and entities having access to product, I have found prices can vary and change dramatically. Also, there are too often examples of prices that are rather high.

Attached below you will find two brief documents for the products my client has available to supply to your state. The first document is a pricing list of the products available. The second document is a deck with more extensive information regarding the FDA approved and FEMA used Osang Genefinder Covid-19 Plus RealAmp Test available.

The pricing for the Osang Genefinder Covid-19 Plus RealAmp is per Kit. Each Kit contains 100 individual tests. My client's price for the Osang Genefinder Covid-19 Plus RealAmp Kit is $1,700.00, amounting to $17.00 USD per test. The $17.00 per test includes shipping. The minimum order quantity is 1000 Kits (equal to 100,000 tests). The test price is listed as item one on the first attachment.

Other pricing listed on the attached sheets are for PPE products also available and inclusive of shipping cost.

Should there be any other information needed or if you or your colleagues have questions, I trust you will advise.
Thanks again.
Stay healthy ,
Patrick

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On May 6, 2020, at 3:02 PM, Jeff Guimond <jeff@patricklynchgroup.com> wrote:

Hello Sym and Rick:

Matt Gates recommended reaching out as a point of contact for submissions to the state regarding Covid-19 tests and PPE.

I wanted to touch base on Covid testing and PPE in SC. Patrick has been brought in to be counsel to a group of doctors associated with Brown University here in RI on a matter they are working on with a South Korean company called Osang. Osang recently was authorized by the FDA for Covid Testing. I have attached an article on that as well as an article that discusses a recent procurement that FEMA has undertaken with this company.

I have cc'd in Patrick here. He can provide you with further information on product and pricing for your review.

Best to Governor McMaster, Patrick served with him when they were both in the AGs office. Thanks and stay safe!

Jeff

https://www.bioworld.com/articles/434522-osang-becomes-first-korean-company-to-win-fda-emergency-authorization

https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/13/politics/south-korea-coronavirus-tests/index.html

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From: Gary Simrill
To: Caldwell, Rick
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: Covid Zip Code Analysis 3_29_2020 EM ONLY_2.pdf
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:03:57 PM

Thank you.

Gary Simrill

> On Mar 29, 2020, at 12:55 PM, Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:
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> Good Afternoon
> Please see attached zip code data provided to county emergency responders only.
> Let me know if you have any questions.
> Stay Safe.
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To: Read, Jennifer
Cc: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Stenson, Kim; Bell, Linda J.; Toomey, Rick K.
Subject: [External] Re: COVID019 projections and daily case tally
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:22:27 AM

We'll have these ready for her.

Derrec Becker, SC CEM
Chief of Public Information & External Affairs
South Carolina Emergency Management Division
Online: scemd.org | Social: @SCEMD

On Mar 25, 2020, at 10:20 AM, Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

For today's briefing at 12:30 p.m., please see attached our latest epi projections along with our daily case tally.

We have 82 new cases for a total of 424 across 39 counties.

Derrec, it would be helpful to Dr. Bell if these documents were loaded for the presentation so that Dr. Bell could refer to them in her intelligence briefing.

Any questions, please call.

Thank you,
Jennifer Read
Deputy Incident Commander
SCDHEC
803-760-5124
<SC COVID-19 Projections of 3-24-2020.pptx>
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To: Teasdel, Ashely; ted.pitts@scchamber.net; sara@myscma.com; Rebecca Leach (rebeccal@scretail.org); russ (russ@scinsurance.net); ricktodd@sctrucking.org; gspires@scfb.org; Leslie B. Clark; Mark Nix - SC Homebuilders Association; Ben Homeyer; Suber, Jamie; ddawson (ddawson@scprt.com); aroberson@doi.sc.gov; Katie Phillips; Leach, Clint; Abraham Michele (michele.abraham@moore.sc.edu); cspangler@scmep.org; abeasley@sccompetes.org; sdickerson@sccompetes.org; Teresa Jackson; Erin Ford; Sam Konduros - SCBIO; Morgan Nichols; Greene, Tammie; Noel Fletcher, Jennifer; Webb, Beth; Hitt, Bobby; Prested, Terrell
Subject: [External] Re: COVID-19 Business Support & Coordination Call
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:47:54 PM
Attachments: EA CA Reg Relief March 26.docx

Sharing email below and attachment that I just sent out to our business community.....please let me know if you have questions.....thanks!

DHEC continues to work with federal, state and local partners as it investigates COVID-19 cases in South Carolina. While our top priority remains protecting the public during this national and state emergency, Environmental Affairs staff have also been focused on actions we can take to assist our business partners during this unprecedented time of impact and uncertainty. Attached you will find the details of a new "Regulatory Compliance Assistance" process which includes an email account to receive requests for regulatory relief consideration due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Requests should be directed to environmentalcompliance@dhec.sc.gov . A staff member with the appropriate program area will follow up with you no later than the end of the next business day.

We believe there are many benefits to this approach. The common email address will allow us to track each request to ensure that you receive a timely and consistent response. It will also allow us to more readily identify trends and common issues where it may be appropriate to provide broad relief. We also want to continue to have direct and frequent communication and will be scheduling webinars soon to share information on requests, trends and areas where we can provide broad relief.

We have already identified some items in the Air and Water Programs where we can offer broad relief now. For the Air Program, the due date for Emissions Inventories will be extended from March 31, 2020, to April 30, 2020; an additional 30 days will be allowed to submit On-Site Implementation Logs (OSIL) which are due on or before April 30, 2020, and extensions have been provided for asbestos personnel licenses that expire before April 29, 2020. For the Wastewater Program, the due date for permit required testing and reports that fall within the next 30 day can be extended to April 30, 2020, and the deadline to submit DMRs to ePermitting is extended from April 2020, to May, 31, 2020, and permittees may submit by paper or by using the ePermitting option.

In closing, communication, both direct and frequent, will be key for us as we work together facing operational and workforce disruptions and challenges that we would have never anticipated. Please know that the Environmental Affairs team is here to assist you. Stay safe and healthy. Talk soon.....#SCStrong

Respectfully,
Myra

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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Teasdel, Ashely <ateasdel@sccommerce.com>; ted.pitts@scchamber.net <ted.pitts@scchamber.net>; sara@myscma.com <sara@myscma.com>; Rebecca Leach (rebeccal@scretail.org) <rebeccal@scretail.org>; russ (russ@scinsurance.net) <russ@scinsurance.net>; ricktodd@sctrucking.org <ricktodd@sctrucking.org>; gspires@scfb.org <gspires@scfb.org>; Leslie B. Clark <LClark@carolinasagc.org>; Mark Nix <mnix@hbaofsc.com>; Ben Homeyer <benhomeyer@1101publicaffairs.com>; Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>; Suber, Jamie <JSuber@dew.sc.gov>; ddawson (ddawson@scprt.com) <ddawson@scprt.com>; aroberson@doi.sc.gov <aroberson@doi.sc.gov>; Katie Phillips <Katie.Phillips@llr.sc.gov>; Leach, Clint <jcleach@scda.sc.gov>; Abraham Michele (michele.abraham@moore.sc.edu) <michele.abraham@moore.sc.edu>; cspangler@scmep.org <cspangler@scmep.org>; abeasley@sccompetes.org <abeasley@sccompetes.org>; sdickerson@sccompetes.org <sdickerson@sccompetes.org>; Teresa Jackson <tjackson@sccompetes.org>; Erin Ford <eford@scbio.org>; Sam Konduros - SCBIO <skonduros@scbio.org>; Morgan Nichols <mnichols@scbio.org>; Greene, Tammie <tgreene@sccommerce.com>; Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@sccommerce.com>; Webb, Beth <bwebb@governor.sc.gov>; Hitt, Bobby <bhitt@sccommerce.com>; Prested, Terrell <tprested@sccommerce.com>
Subject: COVID-19 Business Support & Coordination Call
When: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:00 PM-4:00 PM.
Where: 1-800-753-1965 // Access Code [redacted]

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Team SC:

As we all continue to work hard to support our business community during these unusual times, Commerce would like to host a call this afternoon with key business associations, industry sector partners and state agencies to:

- Share agency updates and resources businesses can leverage quickly to get their questions answered
- Hear from associations/organizations on key concerns from their business constituents
- Coordinate efforts where appropriate

Looking forward to connecting.

Listing of call invitees:

SC Chamber of Commerce- Ted Pitts
SC Manufacturing Alliance – Sara Hazzard
NFIB- Ben Homeyer
SC Retail Association- Rebecca Leach
SC Insurance Association- Russ Dubisky
SC Trucking Association- Rick Todd
SC Farm Bureau – Gary Spires

SC Association of General Contractors- Leslie Clark
SC Homebuilders Association- Mark Nix
SC Small Business Development Center- Michelle Abraham
SC Manufacturing Extension Partnership- Chuck Spangler
SC Aerospace- Adrianne Beasley
SC Logistics- Suzanne Dickerson & Taylor Jackson
SCBIO – Sam Konduros, Erin Ford & Morgan Nichols
SCDHEC- Myra Reese
SCDEW- Jamie Suber
SCPRT- Dawn Dawson
SCDOI- Ann Roberson
SCLLR- Katie Phillips
SC Dept. of Ag- Clint Leach

Commerce:
Ashely Teasdel, Director of Business Services (Host)
Jennifer Fletcher, Deputy Secretary of Commerce
Bobby Hitt, Secretary of Commerce
Tammie Greene, Supplier Outreach Manager
Chuck Bundy, ESF24 Director
Beth Webb, Commerce Liaison and Special Projects for Governor's Office

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To: Margie Matthews
Cc: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen; Singh, Sym
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Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:42:56 AM
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Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:02:32 PM

Hope this helps.

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Thank you for the quick response, Rick.

Would you happen to have point of contacts in both the York County EMD and State EMD offices? Thanks –

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
319 Cannon HOB
P: 202.225.5501

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Hilkin, Jake <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>
Cc: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>; mark.nosacka@tenethealth.com; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Testing Kits for Piedmont Medical Hospital (Rock Hill)

Jake and Mark
Thanks for the supportive thoughts.

DHEC does not distribute test kits. Our public health lab performs analysis on collected specimens shipped to the lab in Columbia. Collection of the specimen is done by the

healthcare provider using a swab and shipping it to us.

If you are looking specifically for test kits, I would continue to request from your suppliers and healthcare coalitions while also making a resource request through your county EMD office. They will work with State EMD to assist if possible.

Best Regards
Rick C.

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Hey Rick and Ellen,

I hope you all are well under the circumstances. First, I want to say thank you and others at DHEC for the work you all are doing for the state. Second, I wanted to reach out to specifically request that 100 testing kits be immediately sent to Piedmont Medical Center in Rock Hill, SC. As you know, Piedmont serves a significant number of patients in York County and the surrounding areas and I am sure you have been contacted by multiple facilities across the states, but I think the volume of patients who come into Piedmont's ER warrants increased kits as soon as possible.

I have cc'd the CEO of Piedmont, Mark Nosacka, who has mentioned to myself and the Congressman that these kits will be prioritized for the most vulnerable and employees who are caring for these patients.

Additionally, as little background:

- Has Piedmont Medical administered COVID-19 test before now: **YES**
- How many test kits does Piedmont Medical have remaining: **20 kits left**
- How many testing kits does Piedmont Medical need: **They need as many as possible, but 100 immediately. Mr. Nosacka generously gave this number (100) knowing the limited number of kits state-wide, and said this would be a vital start.**

How many testing kits has Piedmont Medical administered:
Roughly 50 tests have been administered because the hospital has been rationing knowing the limited resources.

This is a top priority for the Congressman, so please let me know what we need to do on our end. My personal cell is 803-207-6144 if you need to contact me urgently.

Best –

Jake Hilkin
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From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Quattrone, Kristy
Subject: [External] Re: COVID-19 Updates on Actions Taken
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:15:50 PM

Hello, Kristy,

Just circling back on this - Do you mind sharing what you previously received so I can follow up on the information?

Thank you,
Maria

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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Updates on Actions Taken

Hi, Kristy,
I hope you are doing well. Do you mind sending over a copy of what you previously received from DHEC?
I was out of the office for a period of time in March and want to ensure that I'm following up on the information that was communicated.
Thank you,
Maria

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From: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Updates on Actions Taken

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Good afternoon,
Please email me any updates to the initial top 3 -5 actions taken by your agency.
This is a follow-up to the information communicated to me two weeks ago by each agency.
Thank you,
Kristy

Kristy Quattrone
Director of Boards and Commissions
Governor Henry McMaster
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
KQuattrone@governor.sc.gov
o: 803-734-1716

From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] Re: COVID-19 Viral and Antibodies
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:10:55 PM

Good afternoon, Leigh,
I'm not aware of the lab list that the constituent is referring to.

For your background: Regarding antibody testing, DHEC doesn't regulate laboratory testing; that's done at the federal level by the FDA. DHEC has communicated with private laboratories that the results of this type of testing should be reported to DHEC, and healthcare providers were given guidance on utilizing and reporting results from these tests. That guidance is available
here.

Based on current information from the CDC, we advise that these tests are still investigational and aren't recommended to be used to diagnosis COVID-19 determine immune status. Antibody tests may have promise to inform treatments, disease surveillance, and determination of immunity after infection.

Thanks,
Maria

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From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Viral and Antibodies

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Hi Maria, please see below and let me know if this should be referred to someone else.

Thanks,
Leigh

-----Original Message-----
From: Thomas, Katherine <Katherine.Thomas@admin.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 Viral and Antibodies

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From: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:34 AM
To: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com
Subject: COVID-19 Viral and Antibodies

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<PHONE_H>[redacted]/PHONE_H>
<ISSUE>HEALTH</ISSUE>
<SUBJECT>COVID-19 Viral and Antibodies</SUBJECT> <MSG> Dear Governor McMaster,

I would like to inform you that Luxor Scientific LLC in Greenville SC has been offering COVID-19 antibody testing for several weeks now. I would also like you to know that we are just days away from having our RT-PCR molecular diagnostic test for viral swabs ready to begin offering to the public. I was not sure if we are on your Governor's List of labs that offer this testing. I just wanted to let you know if we are not on that list. Please have someone reach out if needed. We can discuss capacity and testing options. My email is jjones@luxorscientific.org, office number 864-568-8940, and my cell is [redacted].

Thank you for your time,
Jennifer Jones
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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Walker, Trey; Toomey, Rick K.
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] RE: CR 5-11-20.pdf
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:28:44 PM
Attachments: image002.png

Thank you Trey.
Rick C.

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From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
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Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 12:27:14 PM

Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian; Stenson, Kim
Cc: Renwick, Laura A.; Davidson, Nick; Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] Re: Daily numbers - 3/27
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:42:07 AM

Update: We've been notified of another death. New - 3; total - 12.

From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>; TWalker@governor.sc.gov <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Brian Symmes <bsymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Daily numbers - 3/27

Please see attached our daily case tally and a new breakdown of bed availability.

By the Numbers:

- New cases - 86 (3 are residents of other states)
- SC total cases - 539
- Deaths - 11 (2 new since yesterday)
- Hospital beds in use - 6,735 (54% capacity)
- Hospital beds available - 5,641
- Number of DHEC staff deployed for response: 600

Of note:

- Our innovative lab team was able to recreate a component of our extraction supplies that was on back order and resume testing late yesterday. The vendor's supply arrived this morning. Currently, they are working through the 1,600 backlog. Will take a day or two to catch up.
- We will be posting cases by zip code on our website today. Will be updated daily.
- Private labs were ordered earlier this week to report negative tests to us also. These reports are starting to come in. Will give us a better picture of total universe of testing.

Thanks,
Jen

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From: Media
To: Brown, Kirk; covid19news@emd.sc.gov
Cc: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Health Alert Network
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:30:38 PM
Attachments: Outlook-1464287594.png

Hi, Kirk,

Our direct correspondence for our Health Alerts is only to licensed medical professionals. However, we also publish them online here:

https://scdhec.gov/health-professionals/south-carolina-health-alert-network-han

Thanks,

Laura

DHEC Media Relations
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Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 05:26 PM
To: covid19news@emd.sc.gov <covid19news@emd.sc.gov>; Media <Media@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: DHEC Health Alert Network

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At Friday's news conference, Dr. Bell mentioned DHEC's Health Alert Network that provides guidance, recommendations and other information to health care providers.
My news organization - The Greenville News and Anderson Independent Mail - would like to be added to this alert network.
Please advise how we could do this.

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Investigating Additional Possible Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina
Date: Sunday, March 8, 2020 8:25:28 PM

Hi, all,

Just triple-checking myself that you all received the finalized version of this afternoon's news release:

https://scdhec.gov/news-releases/dhec-investigating-additional-possible-cases-2019-novel-coronavirus-south-carolina

I believe you were looped in on an early version that had a few changes before it went out, and then we forwarded you the final version. Just wanting to make sure you have it. It's been a heck of a week(end). I've also made sure your email addresses are added directly to our COVID-19 distribution list.

We appreciate all your help.

Thanks,

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From: James Burns
To: Harris, Cassandra S.; Lemoine, Leigh
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] RE: DHEC Presentation and Briefing Document
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:04:31 PM

Thanks so much. I think Leigh LeMoine is sending this out tonight with the other notebook materials. Maybe if you have it early enough tomorrow, you can send to her and have her insert into the presentation.

From: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
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To: James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: DHEC Presentation and Briefing Document

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Sincerely,
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Cassandra S. Harris

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To: James Burns; Lemoine, Leigh
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Presentation and Briefing Document
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:06:58 PM

Wonderful, and will do. Much appreciated.

Cassie

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From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Singh, Sym
Cc: Hall, Madison
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Releases
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:42:29 PM

Hi, Sym,

Yes, we are happy to add you both to the press release distribution list and we can circulate our COVID19 legislative update with you too.

Take care,
Maria

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From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:14 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: DHEC Releases

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Good Afternoon,

Would you mind adding Madison Hall, Deputy Director of Legisltive Affairs and me on your news release list that goes out? We are just looking to get the news releases, press releases, updates from D hectic come out daily. I have copied Madison Hall on this email. Thanks so much!

Sym Singh
Director of Legisltive Affairs
Office of the Governor
803-201-9770

Sent from IPhone, please excuse any typos and misspellings.

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Shannon Erickson; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] RE: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (April 5, 2020)
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:56:55 PM
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Good Eveving
During our contact investigation, it was revealed that the person was reported living in the county of testing but they are properly assigned to the county OR state of their residence. We have had multiple individuals that come off of our reported numbers and assigned to North Carolina and Georgia because people drive across the line for medical service.

Best Regards
Rick C.

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From: Shannon Erickson <repshannonerickson@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 05, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (April 5, 2020)

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Thank you - why do some counties show negative numbers in the "new cases" column?
S-

Shannon S. Erickson
Representative, South Carolina House of Representatives
District 124
129 S. Hermitage Road
Beaufort, South Carolina 29902
[redacted] mobile

On Apr 5, 2020, at 5:13 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 19—April 5, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or **ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov**

Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **http://scdhec.gov/covid19** is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, DHEC announced it is investigating **132 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,049 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **44**. These additional deaths occurred in three individuals who were elderly. Two of the three elderly patients were known to have underlying health conditions, and one is under investigation. One patient was a middle-aged individual who had underlying health conditions. The residents were from Clarendon, Horry, Beaufort and Lee counties.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	6	Greenwood	0	10
Aiken	3	27	Hampton	1	2
Allendale	0	2	Horry	1	64
Anderson	1	69	Jasper	0	9
Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	7	148
Barnwell	1	3	Lancaster	2	41
Beaufort	8	156	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	1	46	Lee	1	17
Calhoun	1	5	Lexington	22	117
Charleston	0	274	Marion	0	2

Cherokee	0	2	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	0	12	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	0	13	Newberry	-1	7
Clarendon	9	54	Oconee	0	8
Colleton	-1	8	Orangeburg	1	27
Darlington	0	19	Pickens	1	18
Dillon	0	1	Richland	56	298
Dorchester	-1	44	Saluda	2	4
Edgefield	1	6	Spartanburg	3	75
Fairfield	2	14	Sumter	1	80
Florence	1	36	Union	2	11
Georgetown	1	18	Williamsburg	1	10
Greenville	3	186	York	4	85
TOTAL— 132 new cases; 2,049 total cases					

- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available here. In addition, the agency is working to develop estimated cases by ZIP code and anticipates having the data available by Monday, April 5. These estimated counts will represent individuals who are potentially undiagnosed. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to take action to protect themselves and those they love.
- **Heat Map:** DHEC has updated the heat map; the map is now animated to show change over time. The heat map shows the number of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.

COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**18,976**
Total positive tests	**2,094**
Total negative tests	**16,927**
Negative - DHEC PHL	6,695
Negative - private labs	10,232

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been 10,232 negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 7,571. Of those, 876 were positive and 6,695 were negative.
    - 554 were resulted yesterday. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
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From: Shannon Erickson
To: Singh, Sym
Cc: Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (April 5, 2020)
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 5:37:11 PM

Thank you - why do some counties show negative numbers in the "new cases" column?
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Shannon S. Erickson
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[redacted] mobile

On Apr 5, 2020, at 5:13 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 19—April 5, 2020

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **132 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,049 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **44**. These additional deaths occurred in three individuals who were elderly. Two of the three elderly patients were known to have underlying

health conditions, and one is under investigation. One patient was a middle-aged individual who had underlying health conditions. The residents were from Clarendon, Horry, Beaufort and Lee counties.

- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	6	Greenwood	0	10
Aiken	3	27	Hampton	1	2
Allendale	0	2	Horry	1	64
Anderson	1	69	Jasper	0	9
Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	7	148
Barnwell	1	3	Lancaster	2	41
Beaufort	8	156	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	1	46	Lee	1	17
Calhoun	1	5	Lexington	22	117
Charleston	0	274	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	0	2	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	0	12	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	0	13	Newberry	-1	7
Clarendon	9	54	Oconee	0	8
Colleton	-1	8	Orangeburg	1	27
Darlington	0	19	Pickens	1	18
Dillon	0	1	Richland	56	298
Dorchester	-1	44	Saluda	2	4
Edgefield	1	6	Spartanburg	3	75
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- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are **available here**. In addition, the agency is working to develop estimated cases by ZIP code and anticipates having the data available by Monday, April 5. These estimated counts will represent individuals who are potentially undiagnosed. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to **take action to protect themselves and those they love.**
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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**18,976**
Total positive tests	**2,094**
Total negative tests	**16,927**
Negative - DHEC PHL	6,695
Negative - private labs	10,232

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To: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
Cc: Caldwell, Rick; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 24, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 6:33:51 AM

Thanks, Ellen -

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Sent from my iPhone

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Good evening,

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Please do not hesitate to let me or Rick Caldwell know if you have questions, concerns, or if you have something that you would like to share!

Best,

Ellen Andrews-Morgan
Legislative Affairs / COVID-19 Government Relations
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From: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen (ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov)
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:49 PM
Cc: Richard Caldwell
Subject: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 24, 2020)

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Dorchester	1
Florence	2
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Horry	3
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Marlboro	1
Richland	4

Spartanburg	1
Sumter	4
York	4

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]--> In addition, after further investigation, DHEC reported today that an individual who previously was reported as passed away and a resident of Kershaw County has been determined to have had a Sumter County residence.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Negative Tests**: **2,128** (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only)

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- <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->If not registered with the PHL, that facility/practice should send an email to openelis_admin@dhec.sc.gov to get a Customer ID and access to Result Point. These are both required prior to sending specimens. This information has been provided to providers in each of our recent HANs.

NEW/UPDATED Guidance

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Certificate of Need—**A FAQ related to Section 4 of Executive Order No. 2020-11 suspending certain aspects of CON review is **available on the DHEC website.**

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Other Resources & Guidance

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From: Moore, Cristi Y.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC"s Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 2, 2020)
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:42:14 PM
Attachments: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 2, 2020).docx

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Brian,

Sorry for a second message. Just caught a duplicate entry for the hospital bed capacity information in the release that should have been removed. Here's the final version that we're about to send.

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Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: DHEC's Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 2, 2020)

Afternoon, Brian.

I've attached the release that we'll issue around 3:45 p.m.

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To:	Symmes, Brian; Moore, Cristi Y.
Subject:	[External] Re: DRAFT: Gov. Henry McMaster Allows Restaurants to Open for Outdoor Seating May 4th
Date:	Friday, May 1, 2020 2:33:18 PM
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Brian, please see below. Please let me know if you're good or any questions/concerns.

"We continue to provide the most current data about COVID-19 in our state," said Dr. Linda Bell, State Epidemiologist. "South Carolina is currently seeing a leveling of cases, however, we're continuing efforts to increase testing around the state which will likely result in a rise in reports. We're focused on increasing testing throughout the state and in particular in rural communities and for those at highest risk for exposure and those at highest risk for developing severe illness from this virus."

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Would love to have a quote from Dr. Bell in this so we can get it out as soon as the press conference begins this afternoon. Some of this is subject to change, but this will be the operating document/direction moving forward.

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Gov. Henry McMaster Allows Restaurants to Open for Outdoor Seating May 4th

Governor also Makes "Work-or-Home" Order Voluntary Beginning May 4th

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today announced that restaurants throughout South

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Carolina will be permitted to open for outdoor seating beginning Monday, May 4 , and that the statewide "Work-or-Home" order will become voluntary on May 4th.

Governor McMaster and state epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell strongly urged anyone considered to be "at-risk" based on CDC guidance to limit exposure to others and for all South Carolinians to continue prioritizing their travels between home and work, when possible. Anybody who is sick or is showing symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately contact a healthcare provider and self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

"Our goal from the onset of this deadly pandemic has been to protect South Carolinians, but as we all know, the state's economic health is a major component of the state's public health," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "South Carolinians, now more than ever, should be vigilant in protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities by practicing social distancing and continuing to follow the advice and recommendations from our public health experts."

"This virus will continue to spread and still presents a very real and serious threat to our people, but I believe in South Carolinians and their ability to act wisely and safely," the governor continued. "We are a strong, resilient, and compassionate people who care for one another and will act in the best interest of our state as a whole."

The governor's announcement follows a week of meetings of AccelerateSC – a group created by the governor to develop a coordinated economic revitalization plan which includes healthcare professionals, representatives from large and small businesses, local government officials, and education professionals.

Based on advice and recommendations from DHEC and the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association, Governor McMaster has established the following guidelines for restaurants to follow if they choose to open for outdoor seating.

Existing approved outdoor seating areas:

- Tables are to be spaced a minimum of 8 feet from each other (measured from all edges of the table);
- Limit table groups to 8 individuals;
- Eliminate gatherings in the building when entering or exiting outdoor seating area;
- Maintain strict social/physical distancing guidelines;
- Tables, chairs, and seats should be sanitized after every customer

If open areas and/or temporary tents are utilized by existing, permitted restaurants, all sides of the tent must be open and the following conditions are required:

- Tables are to be spaced a minimum of 8 feet from each other (measured from all edges of the table);
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- State approved fire extinguisher within 75 feet of tent area;

- Minimum of 7-foot-6 inch head room (ceiling height)

These guidelines, along with a list of frequently asked questions, can be found here.

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Re: DRAFT: March 24 news release
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:23:26 PM

I just got notice of a reported death. Details coming, FYI.

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To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: DRAFT: March 24 news release

Brian,

Today's news release attached. We'll plan on 4 pm media telebriefing w Dr Bell and Director Toomey, let you know if anything changes.

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No edits from me. Please share with Brian for his awareness. Thanks!

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Subject: [External] Re: Drive Thru Testing
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:04:50 PM

Testing site?

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On Apr 8, 2020, at 4:00 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Rick, I just got the following text from Senator Scott's Office. Please advise

Running this through you first... we have an African American church interested in being a drive through resting site in Berkeley County. AA numbers are brutally high. Who should we chat with.

Should I tell him to call you?

Jordan Marsh
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: Drive-thru List
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:38:29 AM

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5 hospitals have designated specimen collection sites (drive-through testing):

- MUSC
- Prisma Health Richland
- MUSC Health Lancaster
- Self-Regional Medical Center
- Anmed Women's & Children's Hospital

Will keep you posted if more come online in coming days.

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> Whitney read through a list of facilities this morning on the 10:00 call. Please send me that when able. Thanks

From: Britt, Will
To: Limehouse, Thomas
Cc: Fair, Mardi
Subject: [External] Re: Executive Order No. 2020-08 - State of Emergency Due to Coronavirus (COVID-2019)
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 11:39:56 AM

Thanks!

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From: Taylor, W. Marshall
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Subject: [External] Re: Executive Order No. 2020-09
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 6:38:27 PM

Hi Thomas - was there an attachment to your email? Marshall

W. Marshall Taylor, Jr.
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From: Britt, Will
To: Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] Re: Executive Order No. 2020-11
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:58:48 PM

Thanks!

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
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From: Britt, Will
To: Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] Re: Executive Order No. 2020-12 - Regulatory Flexibility to Facilitate Social Distancing
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:16:35 PM

Thanks!

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On Mar 21, 2020, at 3:28 PM, Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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From: Taylor, W. Marshall
To: Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] Re: Executive Order No. 2020-21
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:26:04 PM

Thx

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 6, 2020, at 5:05 PM, Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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For your reference, please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-21, a copy of which is also available on the Governor's website. The corresponding press release is included at the bottom of this email.

Best,
Thomas

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April 6, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
BSymmes@governor.sc.gov

Governor McMaster Issues "Home or Work" Order

Governor's Order Also Places Occupancy Limitations on Essential Retail Businesses

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2020-21, which includes a mandatory "Home or Work" order and mandates capacity limitations to retail businesses still operating.

"As we have said before – when the science, data, facts and experts determine it's time to take action, it would be taken. It's time," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "Taking this measure now will hopefully slow the future rise in infections and the virus' toll on our state's economy."

The governor's "Home or Work" order goes into effect tomorrow, Tuesday, April 7 at 5:00 PM. As indicated in the executive order, permitted travel includes commuting for work, visiting family, and obtaining essential goods or services. The order will not impact any individual's ability to exercise outdoors or go for a walk as a family, but everyone should act responsibly and practice social distancing and proper personal hygiene.

No additional businesses or activities will be limited as a result of this order. On Friday, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-18, which extended the list

of non-essential businesses to be closed at 5:00 PM today.

The governor has also ordered that all retail business still operating limit customer activity by only allowing five customers per 1000 square feet or 20% of their posted capacity in a store, whichever is less.

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To: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer
Cc: Myra Reece (reecemc@dhec.sc.gov); James Burns; Webb, Beth; Helen Hill
Subject: [External] Re: Feedback on Guidelines & Resources for Reopening and Operating Attractions
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:16:18 AM

Have not seen his comments.

At initial glanced his comments, it is not intended to be an all encompassing document. In that regard, there is far too much variation in our attractions component in the state. We have one person rope slings and miniature golf all the way up to 400+ acre Carowinds and everything in between. There are likely more than 100 sub-categories.

In regard to an outbreak occurring as a result of visits to an attraction, I believe that would be investigated and determined by healthcare (contact tracing), not the attraction. As for rapid response (possibly closing of the attraction), I believe healthcare (DHEC) would determine that as well.

These are intended to be recommendations, not requirements. Henceforth the disclaimer.

Let me know if can provide more information or you would like me to call Mr. Winarchick.

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Subject:	[External] RE: Feedback on Guidelines & Resources for Reopening and Operating Attractions
Date:	Friday, May 8, 2020 2:08:14 PM

Thanks, Duane. I'm going to respond to Mr. Winarchick shortly and will copy you.

From: Duane Parrish <dparrish@scprt.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:24 AM
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Two other thoughts:

- Nearly every attraction will have its own individual plan for reopening and operating. Those that don't already will use this as a basis to start with.

- The five people I had come up with these recommendations have over 150 years experience in attractions.

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Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:11:17 AM

Morning everyone and thank you for your hard work to get these guidelines established. John's comments are certainly thoughtful but I adamantly disagree with the premise that we need to act more slowly.

We need to do exactly the opposite and move as quickly as possible to allow these businesses the time they need to make their individual decisions based on their individual circumstances. Just because they are allowed to open does not mean that they will open. Many organizations, particular attractions, will not open until the visitor base has been established for it to be profitable to open.

As James reminded everyone in our meeting our goal is to give our South Carolina businesses the guidelines they need to move forward with their individual planning and operations safely. Additionally I have found there is some confusion between those operations that are normally regulated through our state agencies and those that are not.

So my thought is let's move forward!

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Based on what I believe will be moving forward today, the attractions guidance will not be center stage so it can be accepted as information while Duane and his attractions team continue assessing next steps. We are still proceeding on a measured, incremental approach.

Maybe Duane can invite John to listen in (not comment) on any call he has with the attractions folks or Helen can give him a call to address his concerns. He may not understand that every attraction is not a one size fits all proposition. Additionally, many of thee attractions (and I am guessing) will have substantially more stringent requirements. Plus, I think he has not factored in that the consumer largely will determine their comfort level in going to various venues.

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Subject:	[External] Re: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26
Date:	Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:25:49 PM
Attachments:	03.26.2020_Draft Release_LBT_CH_LBT_CM (1).docx

Sorry -- please see this version. I didn't like the wording about the reagent shortage in the previous version.

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Thanks,

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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Josh Rhodes
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: Final Letter to Association of Counties -3-24-20.docx
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:58:20 AM

Thank you for your acknowledgement.

Rick Toomey

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To: Campbell Johnson
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Subject: [External] Re: First Presbyterian Church - Zoom Link
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 8:50:17 PM

Thank You.
Received.
Have a great evening.
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On Apr 21, 2020, at 6:31 PM, Campbell Johnson <cjohnson@firstprescolumbia.org> wrote:

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Good evening all,
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Time: Apr 22, 2020 02:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting
[redacted]

Meeting ID: 928 8312 9884
Password: [redacted]

Please let me know if I may assist with anything else!
Thank you,

Campbell Johnson
Executive Assistant to Dr. Derek W.H. Thomas

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Subject: [External] Re: Follow Up - Conference Call
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 7:40:41 PM

This is great, Rick! I would like to know how many supplies S.C. requested, if S.C. is granted our entire request, and when the supplies are expected to arrive. KershawHealth needs:
1) surgical masks
2) swabs
3) PPEs
Thank you!
Laurie

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Thanks for your efforts in all this.

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I also want to make sure that PPE equipment is being sent to Gerald with our county EMS. I read in your email that KC EMS is supposed to request through state EMS. Again, KC is the county most at need for anything/everything. Our fire departments are also low on PPE and one that I've been in contact with today has NO N95 masks. Do our fire departments get PPE equipment through Gerald at KC EMS or from another state source??
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Subject:	[External] Re: Follow up from 5/4 Google/Apple call
Date:	Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:19:08 AM
Attachments:	proximity contact notification.pptx Reopening America_ Full document v2.docx

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Zach and colleagues:

Here is an updated copy of the presentation and an accompanying white paper. Looking forward to future discussions. We do have a couple of questions about how we can extend your paradigm to buildings, particularly focused on low-cost devices for facilities and for homes. It would be our pleasure to have regular meetings or to bring team members from your organizations into our development efforts.

best,

Les

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Hi all,

First, appreciate you taking the time to meet with us yesterday. Exciting to hear the progress of MUSC & SC on contact tracing and looking forward to continuing the conversation.

We wanted to circle back and see if you are able to share any of the materials you presented - the deck was quite helpful & great to see how you're structuring a deployment end to end.

Additionally, I wanted to offer time later in the week if you have any follow up questions or updates, technical or otherwise. If you have any specific questions in advance, we can pull in the relevant folks from the Google and Apple sides.

Please let us know how the solution continues to evolve and your rollout plans. We'd love to stay in the loop and happy to help as needed.

Best,
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Zach Eddinger | BizOps Associate | zae@google.com

From:	Noel Fletcher, Jennifer
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Subject:	[External] RE: Follow-Up from today"s meeting
Date:	Friday, May 8, 2020 9:56:04 AM
Attachments:	image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png Interim Guidelines for Reopening Public Swimming Pools.docx Interim Faith-based Organization Guidance Document.docx

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Good morning. I've attached guidance for pools and revised guidance faith-based organizations. These are slated to go to the Governor soon and we need feedback ASAP. I apologize that you don't have much time with them.

Ashely will take any feedback.

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Subject: Follow-Up from today's meeting

Thank you all again for participating this afternoon. Your review of the guidance documents is very important and appreciated.

For feedback on Close Contact, Cosmetology, Fitness and Faith-Based businesses, please provide that to Ashely Teasdel – ateasdel@sccommerce.com

For feedback on Attractions – Duane Parrish – dparrish@scprt.com

We are requesting feedback no later than 10:00 am. These are slated to be provided to the Governor tomorrow.

Will send additional guidance documents as they are made available.

As mentioned on today's call, I have attached a daily report compiled by the Department of Social Services on child care. I think you will find some very interesting information within. We will ask Director Mike Leach to attend our next in person meeting.

We will plan to have our next in person meeting next **Wednesday at 2:00 pm** in Columbia at the Pastides Alumni Center at the U of SC. Agenda and additional information will be forthcoming. Please email me with any topics we should discuss.

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Cc:	Moore, Cristi Y.; Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Re: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Responses to media query re plan soliciation
Date:	Sunday, March 22, 2020 3:41:15 PM
Attachments:	Response plan soliciation - JR edits.docx

Please use revised attached for Andy Brown response. Copying Brian for his awareness. Thx!

Jennifer Read
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Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:58 PM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
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Working on it now. Thanks.

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I will look at it now. If you haven't already, please go ahead and connect with Dr. Traxler to get a draft press release together for review by 3 p.m. Will use private lab info we have for today's total. thanks!

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Hi Jen,

Just wanted to make sure you had a chance to see these for review. These are response to questions that Andrew Brown from P&C sent yesterday.

Laura worked with Mike, Jamie, Dave and Tripp. Mike and Darbi approve.

Thanks, Cassie

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From: SCEMSA President
To: rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Milisic, Sonja; Evette, Pamela
Subject: [External] Re: Funding Request Letter for SCEMSA
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 4:08:24 PM
Attachments: SCEMSA Funding Request 5_1_2020.pdf

Good afternoon,

Please find the attached letter or request for funding for the South Carolina EMS Association. As you know, we have been actively seeking a sustainable funding source for staffing, however, our legislative efforts were interrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has led us to seek alternative funding for start up until such time the General Assembly reconvenes and we can identify stable, long term funding. We are hopeful that some of the COVID-19 funding administered through your agency could be used to meet this vital need.

I look forward to discussing opportunities with you and thank you in advance for time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Henry Lewis
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To:	Fair, Mardi
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Thank you.

From: Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>
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Cc: Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Gov. Henry McMaster Issues Executive Order 2020-13

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> **Subject: Gov. Henry McMaster Issues Executive Order 2020-13**
> **Reply-To:** govnews@gov.sc.gov

March 23, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
BSymmes@governor.sc.gov

Gov. Henry McMaster Issues Executive Order 2020-13

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2020-13 and the following statement:

"This weekend, we saw large crowds gathered on beaches, on sandbars, and in parking lots. We are facing a dangerous and deadly enemy and this type of behavior is both irresponsible and selfish. Law enforcement asked for clarification as to how this existing law applies during this state of emergency. I have included it in an executive order to make it clear that law enforcement has the ability to disperse groups of people who pose a risk to the public's safety and to the safety of others."

"It does not apply to private businesses nor to responsible South Carolinians continuing to make the best out of this situation. And as I said, this is not a shelter-in-place order but another measure aimed at containing the virus by controlling crowds, so that we do not have to shelter in place."

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From:	Fox, L. Diane
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Date:	Friday, March 27, 2020 12:43:31 PM
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Is this today????

Date on press release is yesterday……

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Sen. Tim Scott, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Friday, March 27 at 4:00 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

NOTE: *The press conference will be streamed live on SCETV's website at scetv.org. In an effort maximize space for social distancing within the SEOC, members of the media are asked to use SCETV's mult box on-site, which delivers 1080i HD video with embedded audio, if possible.*

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From: Gilda Cobb-Hunter
To: Singh, Sym
Cc: Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] RE: Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials to Hold Media Briefing
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:10:46 PM
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Good afternoon Sym and Rick

A question was posed to me a short while ago that I would like to direct to you and DHEC for a response. It specifically relates to first responders and the abiity to truly flatten the curve by being preventative and taking precautions to protect themselves and the public.

The list of names and information coming from DHEC regarding confirmed cases of COVID-19 does not include any information about who, where, and other specifics that first responders believe would help them respond appropriately and take the necessary precautions during the call.

The first responders believe this lack of specifics is putting them and their families at unnecessary risks by not having the information. I can put you in touch with someone who may be able to articulate the concern much better than I have in this email if ya'll are interested.

At any rate, can you tell me if it is possible to review the protocol in place and see if there is a way that first responders can be told more specifics in these case involving COVID-19? What I'd really like is for someone to give thought to this issue that has been raised by members of our frontline first responder teams out there dealing with this. We acknowledged and discussed the potential of the privacy issue and I was reminded that first responders are not bound by HHPA.

Thanks and I hope to hear from you regarding this important question.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Singh, Sym
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:41 PM
To: Singh, Sym
Cc: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Subject: Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials to Hold Media Briefing
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From: Davidson, Nick
To: Spearman, Molly
Cc: RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] RE: Greenville county Schools
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 9:20:04 AM

Molly,

As I think you know, this would be outside the realm of guidance that we have been giving to schools thus far. Most specifically, many of the individuals described here would be contacts to contacts (in other words, not having direct contact with an ill individual) and we don't recommend school exclusion of contacts to contacts. While it is true that if DHEC quarantined an individual with whom a child was a contact, that would be appropriate for exclusion, but we do not recommend exclusion for kids who were contacts to individuals who may have been told by their medical provider or company to stay home.

Thanks,
Nick

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From: Spearman, Molly <mspearman@ed.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:54 PM
To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Greenville county Schools

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Date: March 10, 2020 at 5:23:52 PM EDT
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Teri

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Subject: [External] Re: Greenville county Schools
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:59:26 PM

Thanks for our verbal discussion earlier to give me a heads up. Thanks for forwarding the details. Studying it. I'll get a response back to you in the morning.

Thanks,
Nick

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From: Brown, Ryan
To: READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Re: Guidance for School Closures
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:53:47 AM

Received. Thank you.

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From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Brown, Ryan
Cc: Mark Plowden; TWalker@governor.sc.gov
Subject: Fwd: Guidance for School Closures

Please see CDC guidance on school closures attached.

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> **Date:** March 13, 2020 at 12:13:24 AM EDT
> **To:** "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
> **Subject: Fw: Guidance for School Closures**
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> Forgot to copy you
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> State Epidemiologist
> Director, Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention and Control
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To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Wilson, Buck L. <wilsonbl@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Guidance for School Closures

Sharing in case you haven't seen this.

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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Emily Farr
Cc: Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] RE: Guidelines for Cosmetology/Barber
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:57:51 PM

Will assign this out immediately for a review and input.

Rick

From: Emily Farr <Emily.Farr@llr.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Trey Walker (twalker@governor.sc.gov) <twalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Guidelines for Cosmetology/Barber

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Rick,

Attached is a first draft of considerations for hair stylists, barbers and other close contact businesses in reopening. If there is additional input from DHEC or considerations that need to be made, I would appreciate your team reaching out so we can finalize these. The feedback we received from DHEC at the time these were drafted was that it did not recommend opening them at all yet because of the inability to social distance.

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From: Davidson, Nick
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: IHME COVID-19 Projections
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:38:39 AM

Mark, our team looked into this. The core data elements, or the input going into the system as far as numbers, are correct and we are comfortable with. This is one of a variety of different teams around the nation who are modeling and we are familiar with it. Our team seems to prefer some Washington state modeling that might better take into account the demographics and population distribution of our state. None of the models sync perfectly, but this is one of the models that we are using to inform our projections. I think we're good.

Thanks,
Nick

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On Apr 1, 2020, at 5:33 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Please see below, and advise. Thanks for the help.

MP

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: IHME COVID-19 Projections
Importance: High

Mark,

On today's NGA governors-only call, there was a point raised regarding FEMA's distribution of PPE and ventilators. Many states suspect FEMA is using data from this site https://covid19.healthdata.org/projections to determine state allocations. There was a recommendation made to the states to check the accuracy of their individual data.

Do you know if DHEC or others in our state have seen this data? Call me if you would like to discuss in more detail.

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From: Laurie Funderburk
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
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Subject: [External] Re: Information
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 12:06:13 PM

Received. TY

> On Mar 15, 2020, at 11:39 AM, Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:
>
> Good Morning
> In an effort to share information as quickly as possible, we have 3 new cases that will be reported for Kershaw county. I do not have additional information but when the press release is available, I will forward to this group.
> Best Regards
> Rick C.
>
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> Rick Caldwell, II
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From: Vincent Sheheen
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: Information
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 8:29:16 AM

Thank you for this information. Any breakdowns on how much each portion is estimated/allocated?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 16, 2020, at 5:30 AM, Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:
>
> Senator
> Please see below:
>
> COVID-19 is a rapidly evolving situation. The exact costs will depend on how successful our efforts at containment and mitigation are, as well as direction from the Federal level (CDC, etc). At this time, we estimate a need of $45,000,000 for DHEC protocols and procedures to prepare for a variety of contingencies and situations for COVID-19. Costs for coordination of DHEC's public health response include the following:
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> Staffing: DHEC needs additional staffing to support COVID-19 disease surveillance and contact investigation, laboratory testing, and information phone lines.
>
> Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): PPE for DHEC's healthcare workers to prevent spread of infection.
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> Staff Support: Operating costs such as technology, lab supplies and reagents, travel, and facility cleaning.
>
> Education Campaign: Support for TV/Radio airtime and printed materials.
>
> Quarantine: Cost to quarantine and support indigent patients.
>
> Transportation: Cost to courier lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic National Stockpile.
>
> Contingency: We have built in about 10% for unanticipated costs or changing assumptions based on disease spread.
>
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From: Caldwell, Rick
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Please see News Release

https://scdhec.gov/news-releases/dhec-announces-additional-nine-cases-2019-novel-coronavirus-south-carolina

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Best Regards
Rick C.

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Director of Legislative Affairs
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> On Mar 15, 2020, at 11:39 AM, Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:
>
> Good Morning
> In an effort to share information as quickly as possible, we have 3 new cases that will be reported for Kershaw county. I do not have additional information but when the press release is available, I will forward to this group.
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To: Stenson, Kim
Cc: Plowden, Mark; Batson, Steven; Bundy, Chuck
Subject: [External] Re: Invitation for White House and Region IV State Calls to Discuss COVID-19 Testing - Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 7:41:15 PM

Makes it very interesting when they have Atlanta time and South Carolina time different.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 22, 2020, at 6:07 PM, Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov> wrote:

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Mark and Chuck, please note they would like names of GO and Commerce reps.

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Kim Stenson
Director, SCEMD

From: Samaan, Robert <Robert.Samaan@fema.dhs.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:22:14 PM
To: Hastings, Brian <brian.hastings@ema.alabama.gov>; gmichel@mema.ms.gov <gmichel@mema.ms.gov>; homer.bryson@gema.ga.gov <homer.bryson@gema.ga.gov>; Kentucky- Mike Dosset, Director KYEM <michael.e.dossett@ky.gov>; kevin.guthrie@em.myflorida.com <kevin.guthrie@em.myflorida.com>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Melisa Hucks <Melisa.Hucks@tn.gov>; Sprayberry, Mike A <mike.sprayberry@ncdps.gov>; Moskowitz, Jared <Jared.Moskowitz@em.myflorida.com>; Patrick.Sheehan@tn.gov <Patrick.Sheehan@tn.gov>; Ray, William C. (Will) <will.ray@ncdps.gov>; Batson, Steven <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>; Stephen McCraney (MEMA) <smccraney@mema.ms.gov>
Cc: Szczech, Gracia <Gracia.Szczech@fema.dhs.gov>; Hudak, Mary <Mary.Hudak@fema.dhs.gov>; Toro, Manny J <Manny.Toro@fema.dhs.gov>; Eckes, Jeanne <Jeanne.Eckes@hhs.gov>; Bowman, Thomas (OGA) <thomas.bowman@hhs.gov>; Morgan, Randolph <randolph.m.morgan.mil@mail.mil>; Swoopes, Karyn <karyn.swoopes@fema.dhs.gov>
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To:	Symmes, Brian; Read, Jennifer
Cc:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] Re: Island Packet: 'Assert some leadership': Beaufort Co. residents ask for local help on coronavirus issues
Date:	Friday, March 20, 2020 12:58:06 PM
Attachments:	image001.png

Not him in particular. However, I was on the county EMD call this morning and several counties feel they need more info about positive cases. We're working on additional messaging and will route through you before relaying external, whether to EMDs or media/public.

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From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Island Packet: 'Assert some leadership': Beaufort Co. residents ask for local help on coronavirus issues

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Were we aware of the concerns Sheriff Tanner addresses in this story?

https://www.islandpacket.com/news/coronavirus/article241329171.html?utm_source=pushly&intcid=pushly_497293

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Communications Director
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From: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: Issues related to children with weakened immunity
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 9:16:13 PM

Sym—going to defer to your office on this one. Let me or Rick know if you need anything.

Best,

Ellen Andrews-Morgan
Legislative Affairs
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
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From: Jason Elliott <JasonElliott@schouse.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 11:03:52 PM
To: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>; Sym Singh <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Julie Horton <jhorton@greenville.k12.sc.us>
Subject: Issues related to children with weakened immunity

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Ellen and Sym:

A PTA leader in my district contacted me concerning children in Greenville County with weakened immune systems being required to attend school during the COVID-19 crisis.

She was told by DHEC that a doctor's authorization was required to excuse child from school in this situation.
She believes and, if her understanding of the process is accurate, I concur that this is an unwise use of physicians' time during this crisis.

In addition, while opinions on school closings vary greatly, the rapidly changing events and the statewide school closing in NC are causing anxiety and confusion among many South Carolinians.

Julie Horton with the Greenville County School District is copied on this email.

I appreciate all that the executive branch is doing for our state and residents during this unprecedented event.

Thank you,

Jason

Jason Elliott
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[redacted] cell

From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Re: Jamie Blair at DHEC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:36:37 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Yes. I do not have in my contact. But will find in few minutes and send. Wrapping up last meeting.

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> On Mar 23, 2020, at 7:35 PM, Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov> wrote:
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Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:41:22 PM
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Blairjd@dhec.sc.gov

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From: Sen. Sean Bennett
To: Blair, Jamie D.
Cc: tcunningham@palmettoprimarycare.com; Singh, Sym; ACC-Documentation; Caldwell, Rick; Margaret Wright
Subject: [External] Re: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 8:40:07 AM

Jamie,

We seem to have a disconnect here. Dr. Cunningham is familiar with the resource request process. We've reminded him of that, ad nauseam, since I brought his issue to light several weeks ago.

What he is saying is that he has a practice that serves in excess of 300k patients in the Lowcountry, maintains a supply of COVID-19 testing kits, but is not able put them to use due to the lack of PPE. Instead he is filling ER's.

Seems to me this is a valuable resource to deploy. Instead we're recycling instruction templates.

Sean M. Bennett
Senator - South Carolina District 38

On Mar 25, 2020, at 3:35 PM, Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Dr. Cunningham,

The process below outlines the current PPE Resource Request Process that is in use in the State.

Hospitals, EMS and other medical providers that need to request resources or supplies during emergencies should:

1. Ensure suppliers routinely used cannot meet the request and look to alternate suppliers.
2. Utilize any mutual aid agreements that are in place
3. Request assistance through their local healthcare coalition.
4. Contact their County Emergency Management Division to submit a resource request.
5. If the County EM cannot fulfill the request, they should submit the request to the SCEMD Supply Unit.
6. SCEMD Supply unit will then task to the appropriate ESF or another source or provide vendor information to the requestor.
7. Payment for the fulfillment of the request is the responsibility of the initial requesting organization or business.

*Note – currently PPE is sparsely available in the national supply chain.
SCEMD Logistics is continuing to look for potential vendors.

Strategic National Stockpile items that have been received were distributed to the County Emergency Management Offices for distribution as needed locally.

Jamie Blair, CEM, NRP
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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: Mayor Bellamy, Conway
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:46:03 PM
Attachments: Outlook-1468858385.png

Will do.

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From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Mayor Bellamy, Conway

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Please call Mayor Barbara Bellamy, Conway. [redacted]

We have explained the finer points of Federal law, yet there seems to still be some confusion about PHI and the like.

Mark Plowden

Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Henry McMaster
mplowden@governor.sc.gov
(803) 734-0522

From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Finnern, Megan
Cc: Call, Katherine; Quattrone, Kristy; Polatty, Jan
Subject: [External] Re: Message for DHEC & HHS from Constituent Re: Air Sanitizing Technology 3/18/2020
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:19:05 PM

Hello, Megan,

Thank you for this information. We will pass along this message to our logistics team and if we have any unmet needs someone from our team may contact the constituent.

The state of South Carolina posts its contracting and procurement opportunities on the following webpage: SCBO.SC.GOV. We would encourage any prospective vendor to check this website.

Please feel free to share this information with the constituent.

Thank you,
Maria

Maria Ouzounidis
Legislative Affairs
S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Polatty, Jan <polattyj@scdhhs.gov>
Cc: Call, Katherine <Katherine.Call@admin.sc.gov>; Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Message for DHEC & HHS from Constituent Re: Air Sanitizing Technology 3/18/2020

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Good afternoon,

I received the attached voicemail from a contact with whom the Lt. Governor and Governor have participated in events previously (Toni Clark - Defenders for Children).

She wanted to share information regarding air disinfecting technology to be potentially placed in emergency rooms or clinics - her husband is a specialist and has worked with hospitals in Texas.

Please let me know if you would like me to respond to her or if one, or both, of your offices would prefer to reach out directly.

Her number is: 864-787-5681

All the best,
Megan

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: William Cogswell; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
Cc: Singh, Sym; info@marvinpendarvis.com; WilliamCogswell@schouse.gov; JayLucas@schouse.gov
Subject: [External] RE: Navy Hospital for potential location for Covid-19 response
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 2:45:30 AM
Attachments: image003.png

Representative Cogswell
Thank you for taking time to reach out to us during this crisis with your support. We also appreciate your idea and will make sure that our surge capacity planning group is aware of the potential resource in the Old Navy hospital.
Please let us know if we can assist in any way.
Best Regards
Rick C.

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From: William Cogswell <william@wecco.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 6:59 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; info@marvinpendarvis.com; WilliamCogswell@schouse.gov; JayLucas@schouse.gov
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Mr. Caldwell and Ms. Andrews:

Thank you both for everything you are doing to keep us safe during this challenging time.

Rep. Pendarvis and I wanted to make you aware of the old Navy Hospital in North Charleston (Rep. Pendarvis' district) as a potential option for additional beds should the need arise. It has approximately 215 rooms that could quickly be converted in an emergency situation.

Hopefully there will not be a need, but we wanted to make sure this was on your radar.

Thank you again for all that you are doing for the people of the Lowcountry and South Carolina-

Sincerely,

William Cogswell

William Cogswell
South Carolina House 110
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Charleston, South Carolina 29403

From: Read, Jennifer
To: COVID-19; Symmes, Brian
Cc: Harris, Cassandra S.; Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] Re: NBC News question -- Darlington Raceway
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:47:43 PM

Brian, confirming you're handling this, correct?

Jennifer Read
Deputy Incident Commander
SCDHEC
803-760-5124

From: COVID-19 <COVID19News@emd.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Symmes, Brian (BSymmes@governor.sc.gov) <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: NBC News question -- Darlington Raceway

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Please see below that came into the JIC. Brian, do you prefer to respond?

Thanks,

Laura

S.C. State Emergency Response Team
Joint Information Center
covid19news@emd.sc.gov
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From: Long, Dustin (NBCUniversal) <dustin.long@nbcuni.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:59 AM
To: COVID-19 <COVID19News@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: Media questions

I cover the NASCAR Series for NBC Sports and had a few questions with NASCAR looking to run races at Darlington Raceway in May.

What are the guidelines from the state for NASCAR to do so?

Will everyone at the track be required to wear a mask?

Is there a testing procedure that will be required? If so, what is it? Is it only for entry to the grounds or throughout the event?

Will there be a limit to how many people can be on the track's grounds or infield per day or total allowed over multiple days? If so, what are those numbers and how were they calculated?

What other local/state requirements must be met for those events to take place at the track as soon as next month?

Thank you for your help and time,

Dustin Long

Dustin Long
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NASCAR Talk/NBC Sports

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From: Gilda Cobb-Hunter
To: Singh, Sym; Gilda Cobb-Hunter; Juanzena Johnson; Gilda Cobb-Hunter
Cc: Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] RE: NBCSL Letter to NGA Chairman
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:04:03 AM

Good morning Sym.

Thanks for sharing this information and I will review this in more detail later today.

I know however, this is time sensitive and did want to share a couple of things before I start this next series of zoom meetings this morning.

I would urge y'all to consider adding the South Carolina Primary Care Association and the South Carolina Center for Rural and Primary Care at USC.

The Primary Care Association is made up of all of the federally qualified health centers in the state and actually provide medical services through their clinics. I believe that the federally qualified health centers really should be a part of any conversation about delivering COVID-19 services particularly in rural communities. The Association brings that particular perspective to the table.

The Center for Rural and Primary Healthcare at USC has the research capacity to assist DHEC in looking at the data and developing a testing and contact tracing program that will effectively address mapping both hot spots and potential hot spots across the state. They have also begun work on tracking all of the mobile health units in the state to assess where the gaps are that still could benefit from coverage. Mobile health units are an important piece of the testing puzzle.

The addition of these two entities would strengthen what ya'll have so far and ensure that we're building a team that can truly tackle this complex problem.

Thanks for listening and I have copied Rick Caldwell on this as well.

Stay safe!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S8+, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

-------- Original message --------
From: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: 4/30/20 2:07 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: Gilda Cobb-Hunter <gildacobbhunter@nbcsl.org>, Gilda Cobb-Hunter <GildaCobbHunter@schouse.gov>, Juanzena Johnson <juanzena@nbcsl.org>
Subject: NBCSL Letter to NGA Chairman

Representative Cobb-Hunter,

Thank you for leading the efforts to educate the nation's governors on the issues facing communities of color as a result of the SARS-CoV-2 virus and global pandemic commonly referred to as COVID 19 through your service as the President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators.

The Governor's office received a copy of the letter you wrote to Governor Larry Hogan, and we plan to have a staff person on the NGA conference call that you are participating in at 3pm today.

Ahead of today's call, I want to share two *draft* documents that detail our efforts to expand testing and medical services to rural underserved areas with populations that are considered at-risk. Please note that these documents are not for public distribution.

Additionally, we are collaborating with the congressional delegation and medical organizations on how to move forward with these proposals. As an example of the dialog, please see the summary below of a call that we organized this morning.

Conference Call to Discuss Community Testing in South Carolina

Purpose: Discussion on testing efforts in the state and proposals to expand to rural and underserved communities. The call lasted for one hour.

Readout: Rep. Clyburn's office kicked off the call and everyone provided quick intros. Seth, with Congressman Clyburn's office, provided an update on federal funding—specifically, they are working with HHS on guidance relating to the $11 billion that was allocated to states for COVID-19 testing under the phase 3.5 emergency supplemental. DHEC reviewed its strategy for community engagement, and MUSC talked about their proposal. Through Governor McMaster's accelerateSC task force, DHEC is working with multiple of the organizations listed below on a formal proposal for community testing that will be recommended to the Governor on Tuesday.

Governor McMaster's Office

Mark Plowden, Deputy Chief of Staff

Jordan Marsh, Federal Affairs

Congressman Clyburn's Office

Ashleigh Wilson, Legislative Director

Seth Ismail, Legislative Assistant

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Graham Adams, CEO

Palmetto Care Connections

Kathy Schwarting, CEO

Thanks,

Sym Singh

From: Juanzena Johnson <juanzena@nbcsl.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Gilda Cobb-Hunter <gildacobbhunter@nbcsl.org>; Gilda Cobb-Hunter <GildaCobbHunter@schouse.gov>
Subject: [External] NBCSL Letter to NGA Chairman

Good Afternoon Mr. Singh,

Per your conversation with Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter, President of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL), please see the attached letter sent to the National Governor's Association. We ask that you direct it to Governor Henry McMaster.

If you have any questions, please let us know. We appreciate your assistance.

Stay Safe!!

~Juanzena (JJ) Johnson

Executive Director

National Black Caucus of State Legislators

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From: DJ Laws
To: Higgins, Teresa; Pippin, Zach
Subject: [External] Re: Need Webex info for AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:38:14 PM

Wonderful, thank you Teresa!

Zach, nice to e-meet you. I look forward to hearing from you!

Go Tigers!

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From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:32 PM
To: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>; Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Need Webex info for AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

Hi DJ,

There is a webex link that will be provided by Zach Pippen of the Governor's Office tomorrow morning for the 2 pm meeting. I'm looping Zach in on this email so that you'll have each other's direct contact.

Zach,

Clemson President, Dr. Clements, will participate remotely by Webex on Tuesday, April 28, for the Protection Task Force. DJ Laws is his assistant and will need the information for him to participate.

Thanks all!

From: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: on Behalf of DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

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Thank you Teresa!

I haven't seen the dial in information yet, can you send forward it to me for the President's calendar?

Thank you!
DJ

Go Tigers!

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From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 5:13 PM
To: DJ Laws <djlaws@clemson.edu>; summerjy@sc.edu <summerjy@sc.edu>
Subject: FW: on Behalf of DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28

Hi Ladies,

I wanted to share the email sent to your respective presidents late this afternoon. Please see below. There are 14 people --- all state agency directors or presidents of institutions – invited to the AccelerateSC Protection Task Force meeting. Also, thank you so much for getting back in touch with me today. As you can imagine, there is not a lot of lead time when pulling together meetings during these unprecedented times and I appreciate you help.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Teresa

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From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Symmes, Brian; RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] Re: New Case Release
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:50:42 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Brian,

Will send over shortly.

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From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
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Can you guys send over the draft release for the two new cases?

Than you.

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I will not able to be on the call. I have a called meeting with some Aiken House members on the upcoming elections at 9:30 am. Please know I will do all I can to make sure we get our churches back to where we can meet again and see each other in person soon. Please let me know how the meeting goes and what I can do.
Thank you,
Bill

Rep. William M (Bill) Hixon
SC House District 83

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Date:	Monday, May 11, 2020 7:54:49 AM

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

From: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer
To: Reece, Myra; Webb, Beth
Subject: [External] RE: outdoor seating guidance
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:54:10 AM

I don't have anything to add. Is this ready to be posted along with the full restaurant guidelines?

From: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:30 PM
To: Webb, Beth <bwebb@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@sccommerce.com>
Subject: outdoor seating guidance

Hi Beth! Great seeing you yesterday.....my staff has been working with SCRLA today to clarify "outdoor dining".....both are good with the attached.....your thoughts? Jennifer?

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From: Craig, Sandra <CRAIGSD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 2:14 PM
To: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: corrected document

Changed first bullet from 6 to 8 ft

Sandra D. Craig
Director, Division of Food and Lead Risk Assessments
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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: CHIPHUGGINSSCHOUSE.GOV
Cc: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Re: Overview
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 7:42:52 PM

Chairman Huggins
Our website has a tremendous amount of information. I'm linking the current press release but at the bottom of it will take you to the landing page for a multitude of information.
Press Release
https://scdhec.gov/news-releases/dhec-announces-additional-nine-cases-2019-novel-coronavirus-south-carolina
Landing Page
Www.scdhec.gov/COVID19

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> On Mar 15, 2020, at 7:14 PM, Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov> wrote:
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> Sym & Rick - If you have an overview with pretty much everything update that has been done etc. on the coronavirus etc - by DHEC & Governor did you share with me I would like to send out to my district something tomorrow on this thank you very much Chip
>
> Sent from my iPhone

From: Higgins, Teresa
To: Pippin, Zach; Kim Ballentine
Subject: [External] RE: Preliminary Agenda - AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting April 28, 2020
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:42:57 AM

Zach,

Please add Director Rogers to the task force Webex meeting notice at 2 pm today. The following is his email address:

kenneth.rogers@scdmh.org

Kim,

Let me know if you need anything further.

Thanks!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:34 AM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Preliminary Agenda - AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting April 28, 2020
Importance: High

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Thank you.

Kim Ballentine
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803-898-8319

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:28 AM
To: Kim Ballentine <Kim.Ballentine@scdmh.org>
Subject: FW: Preliminary Agenda - AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting April 28, 2020

From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Richele Taylor (emily.farr@llr.sc.gov) <emily.farr@llr.sc.gov>; Joshua.Baker@scdhhs.gov; sgoldsby@daodas.sc.gov; Michael.Leach@dss.sc.gov; mary.poole@ddsn.sc.gov; Kenneth Rogers <kenneth.rogers@scdmh.org>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; ddacosta@cfma.sc.gov; Davis, Janie <jdavis@schac.sc.gov>; Connie Munn (cmunn@aging.sc.gov) <cmunn@aging.sc.gov>; coledj@musc.edu; jclark@scsu.edu; bobcaslen@sc.edu; president@clemson.edu; coledj@musc.edu; tiffany.freeman@bcbssc.com; mhamlet@fbns.org; pastides@mailbox.sc.edu; Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>; James Burns (james.burns@nelsonmullins.com) <james.burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Preliminary Agenda - AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting April 28, 2020

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Thank you,

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From:	Higgins, Teresa
To:	Kim Ballentine; Pippin, Zach
Cc:	Kenneth Rogers
Subject:	[External] RE: Preliminary Agenda - AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting April 28, 2020
Date:	Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:47:08 AM

Okay. Thanks for letting us know.

From: Kim Ballentine <Kim.Ballentine@scdmh.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>; Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>
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We have arranged Dr. Rogers schedule so that he can be present at the Task Force Meeting today at 2:00 p.m. Thanks so much!

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>; Kim Ballentine <Kim.Ballentine@scdmh.org>
Subject: RE: Preliminary Agenda - AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting April 28, 2020

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Jason Elliott; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
Cc:	Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] RE: Question about percentage of positives - data
Date:	Monday, May 4, 2020 1:04:02 PM
Attachments:	image002.png

Representative Elliott
We are reaching out regarding this request and will update you.
Rick C.

Rick Caldwell, II
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From: Jason Elliott <JasonElliott@schouse.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 9:18 AM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Sym Singh <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Question about percentage of positives - data

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Re: ***Positive tests as a % of total tests.***

Rick and Ellen:

Please see question and request from a minister of a Presbyterian Church in downtown Greenville.

Thanks,

Jason

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DHEC Data:

DHEC is not showing the most important number needed by community leaders who are trying to make decisions about re-opening: ***Positive tests as a % of total tests.***

The White House guidelines say we either need a "Downward trajectory of documented cases in a 14-day period —OR— a downward trajectory of ***positive tests as a percent of total tests*** within a 14-day period (flat or increasing volume of tests)"

Since the SC (and Greenville Co) trend line on new cases is at best flat (actually, both still slightly increasing as I read them) then we need to know the daily total test count so we can calculate the ***positive tests as a % of total tests.***

Gov. McMaster attributed the growing case count to the fact that we're doing more tests. Fine. That may be true. But then, to follow WH guidelines, we need to see positives as a percentage of total tests administered.

At their data site, DHEC gives a daily snapshot, showing the current total positive and the current total tests, but we need to see a 14-day chart or graph that shows whether the***positive tests as a % of total tests*** are increasing or decreasing.

Today's percentage is 10.3%. A few days ago, I think it was around 10.7%. So that would be downward. But can DHEC please show this on a chart or graph??? If I could see this percentage decreasing, I'd feel better about having these "opening up" discussions.

https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-testing-data-projections-covid-19

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Greenville, SC 29601
(864) 235-5308
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[redacted] cell

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Steven Long; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] RE: Rep Long Constituent Request
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:06:51 AM
Attachments: image002.png

Good morning
Received and I will reach out to the facility on the process.
Best Regards
Rick C

Rick Caldwell, II
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From: Steven Long <StevenLong@schouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Sym Singh <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Rep Long Constituent Request

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Good morning!
Thank you for everything you're doing during this time!! I'm sure it can be overwhelming.

Below is a request from a constituent of mine at Sherman College of Chiropractic.

Can you have someone check on this and get back with me?

Thanks,
Steven Long
SC House District 37
864-978-3104

-Sent from my iPhone-

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "jdonofrio@sherman.edu" <jdonofrio@sherman.edu>
> **Date:** April 27, 2020 at 11:52:47 AM EDT

Subject: Website email from Dr. Joe Donofrio

Dear Senator, I oversee our Chiropractic Health Center on campus. We see approxomimately 800 to 1000 patient visits per week and most of our patients are low income patients. Our clinic is not a high risk site, but we have not been able to open for patients due to the inability lo acquire ppe for staff. Is there any way you can help us out? Thank You, Joe Donofrio DC VPAA - Sherman College of Chiropractic

Dr. Joe Donofrio
Sherman College of Chiropractic
2020 Springfield Rd.
Inman, SC 29349
8645788770

From:	Devon Owens
To:	rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov
Cc:	caldwert@dhec.sc.gov; Singh, Sym; johnking@schouse.gov; patriciahenegan@schouse.gov
Subject:	[External] Re: Rep. Patricia Henegan & Rep. John King Letter to SCDHEC on COVID-19 Impact on AA and Minority Communities
Date:	Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:59:33 PM
Attachments:	Henegan - King - COVID-19 Letter DHEC Letter.pdf

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Good Afternoon Director Rick Toomey,

I trust all is well.

Please take at the attached letter from State Representatives Patricia Henegan and John King regarding the impact of COVID-19 on African American and Minority communities in South Carolina.

We look forward to your response.

Best regards,

Devon Owens

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Email: [redacted]@gmail.com

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From:	Katie Phillips
To:	Finnern, Megan
Cc:	Ouzounidis, Maria; Milisic, Sonja; Rea, Micah
Subject:	[External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested
Date:	Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:46:28 AM
Attachments:	image001.png

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Hi Megan,

I am checking internally on who from LLR may be best to participate in this call. I was hoping I could speak to someone ahead of time to get a little more information.

I also wanted to let you know that the PBM related issued fall with the Department of Insurance.

Please let me know if I can speak with you ahead of time to get a better understanding of the request.

Thank you,

Katie
Katie Phillips
(803) 360-1794

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 2, 2020, at 10:19 AM, Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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> Good morning Maria and Katie,
>
> Please find attached email communication and supporting documents that have been sent to the Lt Governor and Governor from SCAPI. They are asking for a call with the Lt. Governor to discuss these items directly, and while she is willing to get on a call, we feel it would be important and necessary for someone from both DHEC and LLR to also join this call.

Please review and let us know if this would be possible and who from your organizations would be able to join. Once I have this information, I can work with these individuals directly to get a 30 min call on the schedule with the Lt. Governor.

Thank you very much,
Megan

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From: Shashi R <[redacted]@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Rea, Micah <MRea@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: poornema.ramasamy@prismahealth.org; Shashi R <[redacted]@outlook.com>
Subject: [External] Discussion Items with LG

Hello Micah,

Following up on our discussion. Below are some of the topics that Physicians & Healthcare professionals would want to bring up with LG on the proposed call. I know some of the steps are underway but it would be great for LG to interact directly with these doctors and health care professionals who are working under these difficult circumstance saving lives while risking their lives

1. Health and safety concerns of healthcare employees due to limited protective equipment.
2. Healthcare workers need a fighting chance to take care of this, but everybody needs to do their part to flatten the curve.
3. Surge is about to increase because everyone has traveled back from Mardi Gras and Spring Break
4. Very stringent rules on gas stations and grocery stores being open (limited hours, all curbside pickup or delivery options)
5. Consistent public messaging about the true facts of virus spread, containment, and prevention.
6. “Shelter in place” truly needs to remain in effect until their are no

new confirmed cases in the local area and no one is bringing it in from other areas.
7. Law-enforcement regarding the above.
I have including issues brought up by Pharmacists in the attachment

FYI ,I am also including the letter that was written by SC Association of Physicians from India (SCAPI) to the Governor. SCAPI president Poornema Ramasamy(copied) and others will also be on the call with LG.

Please let me know a time that would work for LG for the 30 to 45 mins call, so I can get back to the group

Regards
Shashi Reddy
3036186445
Technology Exec & Founder of Framework for Future (non-profit)

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

<Pharmacy.pdf>

<Letter to Governor regarding Lock-Down for Covid19_pdf.pdf>

From: Perdue, Christopher (OS/ASPR/SPPR)
To: BLAIRJDDHEC.SC.GOV; Bowman, Thomas (OS/ASPR/EMMO)
Cc: BOWENTGDHEC.SC.GOV; BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV; DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV; Limehouse, Thomas
Subject: [External] RE: Return of South Carolina Residents from Grand Princess Cruise Ship
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:20:51 PM

Thank you Jamie.

Christopher L. Perdue, MD, MPH
Captain (CAPT), US Public Health Service
Senior Policy Analyst, Designated Officer for Federal Advisory Committees
Office of Strategy, Policy, Planning, and Requirements

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christopher.perdue@hhs.gov | www.phe.gov

From: Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Perdue, Christopher (OS/ASPR/SPPR) <Christopher.Perdue@hhs.gov>; Bowman, Thomas (OS/ASPR/EMMO) <Thomas.Bowman@hhs.gov>
Cc: Bowen, Thomas G. <BowenTG@dhec.sc.gov>; Britt, Will <BrittWD@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Return of South Carolina Residents from Grand Princess Cruise Ship

Dr. Perdue,

Concerning the South Carolina residents formerly on the Grand Princess cruise ship and transported to Dobbins Air Reserve base, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) is ready to take these residents into South Carolina's quarantine system. In consultation with Governor Henry McMaster, SCDHEC requests that the United States Department of Health and Human Services return these residents to South Carolina under the following conditions:

- The residents be transported directly to their places of residence by DHHS by the most convenient means necessary, which may include ground transportation; if residents are transported to their airport of departure from South Carolina, it is permissible for them to drive to their residence;
- That unless symptomatic or requested by a resident, they do not need to be tested for COVID-19;
- If tested, DHHS does not need to wait for a test result to return these residents to South Carolina;
- That these residents enter into a South Carolina Consent Order for Home Quarantine prior to

transport.

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To: Matt Gates; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] RE: SC- Covid - 19 testing and PPE procurement
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:05:19 PM
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Sure thing!

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From: Matt Gates <MGates@scag.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 04, 2020 12:08 PM
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Sym, Rick – good morning. Hope you both had a good weekend and that Monday is off to a good start.

Please see email below from Jeff Guimond with the Patrick Lynch group. Jeff and his team are apparently working with a group that provides certified testing kits PPE and they would like to establish a point of contact in SC.

Can I provide Jeff yall's contact info and possibly do an email/phone intro or is there a better SC point of contact to whom I can direct him?

Thanks much.
Matt

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Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 5:06 PM
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Subject: SC- Covid - 19 testing and PPE procurement

Hi Matt: Hope all is well and you and your family are safe during this time. It was good to talk to you today.

I wanted to touch base on Covid testing and PPE in SC. Patrick has been brought in to be counsel to a group of doctors associated with Brown University here in RI on a matter they are working on with a South Korean company called Osang. Osang recently was authorized by the FDA for Covid Testing. I have attached an article on that as well as an article that discusses a recent procurement that FEMA has undertaken with this company.

To the extent SC is looking to procure testing kits and PPE, we wanted to reach out to see who might be the best point person for us to reach out to on that or if you might be able to connect us.

Thanks and stay safe!

Jeff

https://www.bioworld.com/articles/434522-osang-becomes-first-korean-company-to-win-fda-emergency-authorization

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To: Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] Re: SC Dental Association
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Yes. Lt Gov asked the same. Gave me another name. Will make sure they are contacted.

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Would it be possible to call Dentist Frankie Shell 803-920-7255 with SC Dental Association? They are looking for DHEC guidance on communicating with their members about reopening – even though the governor did not order them closed.

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180 facilities have reported test results to us. Mix of private labs, doctor's offices and hospitals that run the lab tests in their facilities.

On Apr 27, 2020, at 3:46 PM, Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Snapshot:

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Negative tests from DHEC Public Health Laboratory	12,228
Negative tests from private laboratories	33,043
Total negative tests	45,271
Positive tests from DHEC Public Health Laboratory	1,801
Positive tests from private laboratories	3,689
Total positive tests	5,490
Total number of tests performed in South Carolina	50,761

From: Read, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:42 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>; Simpson, Cody <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: SC Testing Capacity

- Any South Carolina health care provider can order a COVID-19 test for a patient (available in doctor's offices, hospitals)
- South Carolina's public and private labs combined have **capacity to conduct about 11,700 tests per day** for COVID-19
  - Currently, **DHEC can do up to 1,600/day** (we are well-stocked with reagents at the moment)
- We **estimate that the public and private labs combined are conducting about 3,000 tests/day**
  - **DHEC and MUSC account for most of the tests run**
  - DHEC is averaging about 278 tests/day
  - MUSC is averaging about 500/day (they are running tests for their

patients and 10 smaller hospitals)

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From: Christian Soura
To: Chuck Spangler; Kenneth Deans
Cc: Pippin, Zach; Cleveland, John; Toomey, Rick K.
Subject: [External] Re: Slides for Tomorrow
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:39:54 PM
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Got it - thanks again. See you in the morning.

CLS

From: Chuck Spangler <cspangler@scmep.org>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 9:36 PM
To: Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>; Kenneth Deans <kdeans@healthsciencessc.org>
Cc: Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>; Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Slides for Tomorrow

Christian,
Please let me know you got this ok??

I will be at the USC Alumni center tomorrow morning.
Thanks

Chuck Spangler
President

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Greenville, SC 29615

C: [redacted]

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From: Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>
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To: Chuck Spangler <cspangler@scmep.org>; Kenneth Deans <kdeans@healthsciencessc.org>
Cc: Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>; Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Slides for Tomorrow

Chuck and Ken,

Once your slides are ready for tomorrow's presentation (I know Chuck has slides - Ken, I don't know if you do), could you please send them to all of us on this email? Thanks again.

CLS

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From: Dwight Cauthen
To: Blair, Jamie D.
Cc: PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov; Britt, Will
Subject: [External] Re: Smile Direct Club - PPE
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:15:20 PM

Jamie,

Please provide the contact name and mobile number for the appropriate person at EMD.

Thank you.

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On Mar 30, 2020, at 5:37 PM, Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

All offers to provide PPE to South Carolina are being coordinated through SCEMD at PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov which I have included in this email.

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From: Britt, Will <BrittWD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: Smile Direct Club - PPE

For your review.

From: Dwight Cauthen <dc@screscent.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Britt, Will <BrittWD@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Smile Direct Club - PPE

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Good Morning Will,

Per our conversation, here is the information on the new PPE that my client Smile Direct Club is printing at their 3D manufacturing faculty in TN.

I stand ready to be of any assistance getting our medical professionals the protection they need in fighting COVID. Perhaps I could set up a call with your folks and Smile Direct today so we can get started immediately.

Thanks for all you assistance.

Take Care,

Dwight

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Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Jessica Cicurel <jcicurel@camelotvg.com>
> **Date:** March 28, 2020 at 5:23:57 PM EDT
> **To:** Dwight Cauthen <dc@screscent.com>
> **Cc:** Peter Horkan <Peter.Horkan@smiledirectclub.com>, Amy Keith <amy.keith@smiledirectclub.com>, Julia Wicoff <julia.wicoff@smiledirectclub.com>
> **Subject: RE: SDC PPE <> South Carolina**
>
> Dwight,

Thanks for the follow up. Please see attached – this includes details on the Protective Face Shield which we are currently producing.

We are also working on a Reusable Face Mask as Pete mentioned. We have been able to print/produce it and are working through validation of the design with Mass General, MIT, and Harvard.

Please let me know if you need anything else or feel free to reach to discuss additional details. Thank you.

Jessica Cicurel
248-705-5088

From: Dwight Cauthen <dc@screscent.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:00 PM
To: Jessica Cicurel <jcicurel@camelotvg.com>
Cc: Peter Horkan <Peter.Horkan@smiledirectclub.com>; Amy Keith <amy.keith@smiledirectclub.com>; Julia Wicoff <julia.wicoff@smiledirectclub.com>
Subject: Re: SDC PPE <> South Carolina

Hey Jessica. I will give you a call shortly. I spoke to the Gov's folks last night. Do you have anything that I could forward along?

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> On Mar 28, 2020, at 1:07 PM, Jessica Cicurel <jcicurel@camelotvg.com> wrote:
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> Thanks Pete! Dwight - just let us know when you want to connect to discuss the various opportunities and timing of each. I can be available at any time this weekend. Thank you for your help.
>
> **Jessica Cicurel**
> 248-705-5088

On Mar 28, 2020, at 11:44 AM, Peter Horkan <Peter.Horkan@smiledirectclub.com> wrote:

Jessica:
I gad a call with our SC lobbyist last evening and wanted to connect you two. He mentioned a couple opportunities to get in front of the GOV / admins office with some of out shields, masks and swabs (when ready). He can assist getting us cleared as a vendor and introduce us to the team leading the COVID-19 fight in South Carolina.

I will let you and your team take it from here.

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Moore, Cristi Y.; Read, Jennifer; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 8, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 3:02:18 PM

Cristi,

Can you add this to the bottom of the release that will go to media?

Note to Editors: A teleconference will be held at 3:30 p.m. today, April 8. To call in, please use the information below.

Dial-In: 1-800-753-1965
Access Code: [redacted]

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From: Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; BSymmes@governor.sc.gov <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 8, 2020)

Here's today's release for awareness. Looking to schedule a telebrief with media around 3:30 p.m.

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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Briefing Call
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:12:08 PM

Mark. Crosses over Senate Finance Committee Will have some on call for me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 16, 2020, at 4:48 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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All – Please plan to participate in the call described below. The S.C. Chamber will contact you with the appropriate participation information.

Many thanks,

MP

Mark Plowden

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From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:39 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Briefing Call

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From: Lemoine, Leigh
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Briefing Call

Governor's Briefing Call with the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Time: 10:30-11:30 AM

Requested Agency Participation:
DHEC
Department of Education
Department of Employment and Workforce
Department of Commerce – Small Business

The Chamber will send an individual identifying call in per participant. Will you provide name and emails for the agencies requested and they will email directions for the call to each person?

Thanks,
Leigh

Leigh LeMoine
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From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Tom Davis
Cc: Walker, Trey; stockerlw@gmail.com
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina government actions re: COVID-19
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:23:28 PM

Thanks Senator Davis
I will share this information with our Logistics Chief.
Best Regards
Rick C.

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On Mar 19, 2020, at 1:20 PM, Tom Davis <tdavis@harveyandbattey.com> wrote:

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Trey and Rick:

See the email below to me from one of my constituents, Larry Stocker. He is a principal in a trucking company and he wants to know how his company can help bring supplies from the national stockpile to destinations in South Carolina. Please let Mr. Stocker and me know if there's anything his firm can do to assist. Thanks for all you are doing for the people of our state.

Tom

From: Tom Davis [mailto:tom@senatortomdavis.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:45 PM
To: Tom Davis; Rebecca Wiesehahn; Cindy Graves
Subject: Fwd: South Carolina government actions re: COVID-19

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From: **lawrence stocker** <[redacted]@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 12:11 PM
Subject: Re: South Carolina government actions re: COVID-19
To: Tom Davis <tom@senatortomdavis.com>

How can we, a trucking firm help with the supply from the National Stockpile, back to South Carolina destinations?

Larry Stocker

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On Thu, Mar 19, 2020 at 9:29 AM Tom Davis <tom@senatortomdavis.com> wrote:

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Fellow South Carolinian:

Printed below is a legislative update on the South Carolina government actions, both legislative and executive, that have been taken to date in regard to COVID-19. I will provide similar updates on a regular basis over the coming weeks.

Tom Davis
State Senator District 46

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2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Action Report

Page Updated: 3/18/2020

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more serious diseases such as pneumonia, Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). COVID-19 was originally thought to have spread from animal to person, but person-to-person spread is now occurring.

Outbreaks of novel virus infections are public health concerns. The risk of COVID-19 infections in South Carolina depends on multiple factors, including the likelihood of travelers from affected areas, how easily the

virus may spread from person to person and the effectiveness of measures to prevent community spread.

On March 17, 2020, the South Carolina State Senate unanimously voted to authorize a $45 million supplemental funding package for SCDHEC to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. The package would provide flexibility for SCDHEC to move assets where needed most and provides oversight and reporting of expenditures to the State's Executive Budget Office. The package was ordered for a third reading on March 18, 2020 and is now sent to the State House of Representatives for further consideration. Requests from SCDHEC include the following:

- Staffing ($14,598,760): DHEC needs additional staffing to support COVID-19 disease surveillance and contact investigation, laboratory testing, and information phone lines.
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) ($14,806,800): PPE for DHEC's healthcare workers to prevent spread of infection.
- Staff Support ($5,282,420): Operating costs such as technology, lab supplies and reagents, travel, and facility cleaning.
- Education Campaign ($2,500,000): Support for TV/Radio airtime and printed materials.
- Quarantine ($1,703,580): Cost to quarantine and support indigent patients.
- Transportation ($1,394,958): Cost to courier lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic National Stockpile.
- Contingency ($5,000,000): We have built in about 10% for unanticipated costs or changing assumptions based on disease spread.

RECENT TIMELINE:

- MARCH 18, 2020 — Thirteen additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina. This brings the total number, at this time, to 60 cases statewide in 14 counties.
- MARCH 17, 2020 — Fourteen additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina. This brings the total number, at this time, to 47 cases statewide in 13 counties.
- MARCH 17, 2020 — South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) announces extension to file state returns and pay taxes due April 1, 2020, now due by June 1,2020. Penalty and interest will not be charged if payment is made by June 1. Online services are

available by visiting MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov.

- MARCH 17, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-10 to direct the DHEC to waive or suspend provisions of existing regulations that may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with an emergency; to order that food-service establishments and bars may not permit on-premises dining or consumption, but to encourage delivery, carry-out or drive-through distribution for alternative means; the prohibition of any organized event or public gathering held at a location owned by South Carolina or a political subdivision if it would require convening fifty or more persons in a single area; to direct the Adjutant General to oversee efforts and utilize equipment for hospitals or other healthcare providers;
- MARCH 16, 2020 — SCDHEC releases updated guidance on patient testing and travel of cruise ships.
- MARCH 16, 2020 — Five additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina.
- MARCH 16, 2020 — SCDHEC announces South Carolina's first COVID-19 related death.
- MARCH 15, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-09 to direct the closure of all public schools in South Carolina for students and non-essential employees from March 16, 2020 to March 31, 2020 unless otherwise directed by executive order. The order additionally directs elections held on or before May 1, 2020 to be postponed; and to urge indoor or outdoor public gatherings be limited to less than one-hundred (100) people.
- MARCH 15, 2020 — Nine additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina.
- MARCH 14, 2020 — Six additional cases of COVID-19 announced in South Carolina.
- MARCH 13, 2020 — SCDHEC provides updated guidance on testing and reporting for COVID-19 in South Carolina.
- MARCH 13, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-08 declaring State of Emergency for South Carolina due to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). The order DHEC be vested with powers set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act; the closure of public schools located in Kershaw and Lancaster Counties; suspension of visitations to state corrections institutions and local detention facilities; activation of the South Carolina

National Guard; limited licensing to security companies in protecting property; and prohibition of price gouging.

- MARCH 11, 2020 — Governor McMaster issues Executive Order 2020-07 to suspend certain rules and regulations for commercial vehicles and operators responding directly to assist in COVID-19 efforts.
- MARCH 6, 2020 — State of South Carolina's first two cases of COVID-19 announced in media briefing; one patient is elderly female from Kershaw County who has been hospitalized and in isolation; the second patient is an adult female from Charleston County who recently traveled to France and Italy. The patient did not require hospitalization and is self-isolated at home.
- MARCH 2, 2020 — Governor Henry McMaster convenes Public Health Emergency Plan Committee to discuss potential impact of COVID-19 to South Carolina.
- FEBRUARY 28, 2020 — SCDHEC issues interim guidance on the outbreak of COVID-19.
- JANUARY 31, 2020 — Governor McMaster convened a meeting of the Public Health Emergency Plan Committee to discuss update on COVID-19.

QUICK INFORMATION:

- How it is spread:
  - COVID-19 is commonly spread through air by coughing and sneezing; close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands; or touching an object with the virus and making contact with mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Symptoms of COVID-19:
  - Symptoms of COVID-19 can be mild to severe illness, fever, coughing or shortness of breath.
- Travelers:
  - Those who have traveled from an affected area in the past two weeks should seek medical advice if any symptoms develop during that period. Health officials are prepared with instructions on how to prevent the spread and proper procedures to avoid the spread.
- COVID-19 Prevention:
  - Health officials recommend constant washing of hands with warm water and soap for more than twenty seconds; avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth; avoid contact with sick

individuals; stay home when not feeling well; and practicing social-distancing of keeping distance from others, greater than six feet.
    - If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- More Information:
    - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and South Carolina Department of Environmental Control have additional helpful information online at cdc.gov/covid19 and schec.gov/covid19.

EMPLOYMENT & WORKFORCE INFORMATION:

- Unemployment Benefits:
    - Unemployment benefits are available to individuals who are unemployed through no fault of their own. If an employer must shut down operations and no work is available, individuals may be eligible for unemployment benefits.
- Layoff Insurance Benefits:
    - Unemployment benefits are available to any individual who is unemployed through no fault of their own. If an employer must lay off employees due to the loss of production caused by the coronavirus, individuals may be eligible for unemployment benefits. This also applies to those employees' whose hours may be reduced due to no fault of their own.
- Paid Leave:
    - Employees receiving paid leave would not be considered unemployed and therefore ineligible to receive unemployment benefits.
- COVID-19 Related Shutdown:
    - South Carolina law allows for the removal of charges from contributory employers when unemployment benefits are paid as a result of a natural disaster, either declared by the President of the United States or the declaration of emergency by the Governor.
- Unemployment Insurance Claims (Employees):
    - To submit an initial claim for unemployment insurance claims, individuals must follow three steps: (1) Apply for benefits through SCDEW, (2) Register for work, and (3) Search for

work.
    - Individuals may submit an initial claim through MyBenefitsPortal (https://dew.sc.gov/individuals/manage-your-benefits/weekly-claims), once the application is submitted, DEW will review the claim and determine if you qualify.
    - Through the portal, individuals must register for work on SC Works Online Services within two weeks to avoid nonpayment. Additionally, individuals must update their resume every 90 days to continue payment.
    - To remain eligible, individuals must actively search for work each week and conduct at least two (2) job searches each week. Individuals may request a waiver for the requirement to perform two searches if for good cause.
- Filing Claims for Workers (Employers):
    - Employers experiencing a temporary shutdown, slow or smaller workload than normal may request permission to file claims on their workers' behalf. Employers are able to file up to six weeks for affected employees who are exempt from work searches during that time.
    - To file, employers must contact DEW's Unemployment Insurance department at 866-831-1725 and sign an agreement letter to become authorized to file employees' claims.
    - Employers are required to report earnings that the employee may have received during the particular week filed. The claim must be submitted after the week of layoff is over but within 14 days of the claim week ending date.
    - Additionally information is available online at: https://dew.sc.gov/employers/ui-benefits/filing-claims-for-your-workers.

MEDICAL RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES:

- Procedure for Requesting Resources:
    - Ensure suppliers routinely used cannot meet the request.
    - Utilize any mutual aid agreements that are in place.
    - Request assistance through their local healthcare coalition.
    - Contact County Emergency Management (EM) Division to submit a resource request. If the County EM cannot fulfill the request, they must submit the request to the SCEMD Supply Unit. Afterwards, the SCEMD Supply unit will then task to the appropriate ESF (or other sources), or provide vendor

information to the requestor

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- State and Local:
  - Governor Henry McMaster: https://governor.sc.gov/.
  - South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control: https://scdhec.gov/covid-19.
  - South Carolina Emergency Management Division: https://www.scemd.org/.
  - South Carolina Department of Education: https://ed.sc.gov/.
  - South Carolina Department on Aging: https://aging.sc.gov/.
  - South Carolina Department of Social Services: https://dss.sc.gov/.
  - South Carolina Department of Revenue: https://dor.sc.gov/emergencies.
  - South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce: https://dew.sc.gov/individuals/apply-for-benefits.
  - South Carolina Department of Insurance: https://www.doi.sc.gov/948/COVID-19.

- National and Global:
  - President Donald J. Trump, White House: https://www.whitehouse.gov/.
  - World Health Organization: https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019.
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.
  - Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services: https://www.cms.gov/.
  - U.S. Department of Education: https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus.

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Subject: [External] RE: South Carolina Mitigation Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) Meeting
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:46:10 PM
Importance: High

Elizabeth,

Given the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic and recent tornadoes, I am sure that Committee members are distracted, as many are now deployed in their virtual offices. Your recommended funding priorities for DR-4479 seems very timely and appropriate. I encourage all committee members to immediately respond to you **this week** by voting affirmatively. We don't want this to drop through the cracks during our on-going disaster response!

Please record the SCDOI as voting affirmatively. Thanks for your efforts during these trying times.

Julian Barton
ICC- Representative
SC Department of Insurance

From: Melton, Elizabeth [mailto:emelton@emd.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Elieff, Mike <elieffma@dhec.sc.gov>; Batson, Steven <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Becker, Derrec <DBecker@emd.sc.gov>; 'Ken Rentiers' <RentiersK@dnr.sc.gov>; 'Salters, William' <salterwg@dhec.sc.gov>; Julian Barton <jbarton@doi.sc.gov>; 'Cox'' <CoxM@dnr.sc.gov>; 'Hollis, Mark E.' <hollisme@dhec.sc.gov>; 'Stewart, Jill C.' <STEWARJC@dhec.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>; Norris, Katie <knorris@emd.sc.gov>; 'Hope Mizzell' <MizzellH@dnr.sc.gov>; 'Emily Bentley' <e.bentley@emd.sc.gov>; 'Ben Duncan' <ben.duncan@admin.sc.gov>; 'Lewis, Phleisha' <Phleisha.Lewis@admin.sc.gov>; 'Flondarina, Paul' <Paul.Flondarina@admin.sc.gov>
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Good Afternoon All,

This is a reminder to please respond with your vote to approve, revise, or remove these priorities by close of business **Friday, 8 May**.

To date we have received one vote from SCEMD to approve the funding priorities as presented.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions or if I can be of assistance.

V/R.
Elizabeth R.R. Melton, M.S., CEM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer, SCEMD

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To: Elieff, Mike <elieffma@dhec.sc.gov>; Batson, Steven <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Becker, Derrec <DBecker@emd.sc.gov>; 'Ken Rentiers' <RentiersK@dnr.sc.gov>; 'Salters, William' <salterwg@dhec.sc.gov>; 'Julian Barton' <JBarton@doi.sc.gov>; 'Cox'' <CoxM@dnr.sc.gov>; 'Hollis, Mark E.' <hollisme@dhec.sc.gov>; 'Stewart, Jill C.' <STEWARJC@dhec.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>; Norris, Katie <knorris@emd.sc.gov>; 'Hope Mizzell' <MizzellH@dnr.sc.gov>; 'Emily Bentley' <e.bentley@emd.sc.gov>; 'Ben Duncan' <ben.duncan@admin.sc.gov>; Lewis, Phleisha <Phleisha.Lewis@admin.sc.gov>; 'Flondarina, Paul' <Paul.Flondarina@admin.sc.gov>
Subject: South Carolina Mitigation Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) Meeting

Good Afternoon All,

Due to the ongoing COVID response operations we would like to vote on the funding priorities for DR-4479 (Severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding) via email. Attached please find our recommended funding priorities for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4479. The only notable change between the funding priorities for DR-4464 and the draft priorities for DR-4479 is the addition of 0.5 point for applications that were submitted but not awarded under other grant opportunities. Please respond with your vote to approve, revise, or remove these priorities by close of business **Friday, 8 May**.

I have included the blank proxy form if any agencies need to update their proxy for the ICC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions or if I can be of assistance.

V/R.
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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Bill Taylor; Singh, Sym
Subject:	[External] Re: South Carolina Proposal Covid-19 Testing
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:37:37 PM
Attachments:	image002.png Outlook-1468858385.png

Happy to.

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From: Bill Taylor <bill@taylorschouse.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; 'Sym Singh' <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: South Carolina Proposal Covid-19 Testing

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Rick:

Thanks for the quick reply. It would be a huge favor if someone could let Lori know you are evaluating her idea.

Bill

From: Caldwell, Rick [mailto:CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov]
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:33 PM
To: Bill Taylor <bill@taylorschouse.com>; Sym Singh <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: South Carolina Proposal Covid-19 Testing

Representative Taylor
We have looked at the plan. It is interesting. We are looking at various plans to increase specimen collection and distribute testing in South Carolina. We are also looking at some options of performing population surveys. Several of the components of this plan don't seem to align well with what we are considering, but we will continue to consider some of the thoughts in the plan.
Thanks

Rick C.

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From: Bill Taylor <bill@taylorschouse.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:12 PM
To: Sym Singh <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: South Carolina Proposal Covid-19 Testing

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Sym & Rick:

I share with you the attached proposal from Lori Davis, of Augusta. I have known Lori for more than a decades. Her husband, Dr. Keith Davis, a nationally known as one the top cosmetic surgeons. He was a dear friend. Regretfully, he passed away suddenly a decade ago of a heart attack at age 50.

Lori has been working with Gov. Kemp and his staff on the attached plan for COVID-19 testing in Georgia. She offers it to SC for consideration.

Please take it seriously and have the right folks evaluate it. Her contact information is on the PDF.

Rep. Bill Taylor
Chairman, Higher Education Subcommittee
Education & Public Works Committee
Member, Legislative Government Oversight Committee
South Carolina House of Representatives

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From: Joshua D. Baker
To: Plowden, Mark; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: [External] RE: Southeastern Transport--medical masks
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 1:51:53 PM

Thanks,

SCDHHS does not support providers with the acquisition of supplies and does not maintain a strategic stockpile – we finance what is generally available on the market.

I know some recent press releases like the LINK HERE have led providers to believe that state and federal authorities will provide supplies directly to workers. There was also an announcement on March 4 that HHS would procure a half-billion N95 masks and would make them available through the Strategic National Stockpile. I'll defer to Rick on DHEC's approach to making requests, if any, from the SNS to address the provider community's shortage.

I'm happy to engage as needed.

Thanks,

Josh

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From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:27 PM
To: Joshua D. Baker <Joshua.Baker@scdhhs.gov>; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV <RICK.TOOMEY@DHEC.SC.GOV>
Subject: Fwd: Southeastern Transport--medical masks

Attached.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Hornsby, Amy" <Amy.Hornsby@admin.sc.gov>
Date: March 9, 2020 at 11:58:57 AM EDT
To: "Plowden, Mark" <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Southeastern Transport--medical masks

Mark,

Is this something you would handle?

Amy Hornsby
Director, Office of Executive Policy and Programs

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From: Chip Huggins
To: Singh, Sym
Cc: Hall, Madison; Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Re: State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf *Update*
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:38:04 PM

Sym i've had a few folks asked me about getting the number of recovered Folks could we start sharing that I think that would be very helpful to show those that have recovered from the virus - thanks for all you're doing

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2020, at 1:46 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Attached is an updated chart. Georgia Governor announced today they are re-opening their beaches. https://thehill.com/homenews/news/491157-georgia-beaches-reopen-after-governors-executive-order

Thanks,
Sym Singh

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<State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf>

From: Thomas McEl een
To: Caldwe l Rick
Cc: Singh Sym; M rrell Smith; Deanne Gray; CaroleCo lins@scsenate go ; Jay Sch ed er; lda d2453@yahoo com
Subject: [Externa] RE: Sumter Mattress Factory to make mask aprons hospital mattresses
Date: Monday March 23 2020 6:03:57 PM
Attachments: image001.png
image002.png

Many thanks Rick.

Thomas

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From: Caldwell Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday March 23 2020 5 34 PM
To: Thomas McElveen <tmcelveen@bryanlaw.com>
Cc: Singh Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Murrell Smith <murrell@smithrobinsonlaw.com>; Deanne Gray <DeanneGray@scsenate.gov>; CaroleCollins@scsenate.gov; Jay Schwedler <jschwedler@sumtersc.gov>
Subject: Re Sumter Mattress Factory to make mask aprons hospital mattresses

Received and routing through our Logistics Chief as a resource.
Best Regards
Rick C.

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On Mar 23 2020 at 5 05 PM Thomas McElveen <tmcelveen@bryanlaw.com> wrote

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Sym and Rick

Please see the e-mail below from our constituent Pam Gambrell here in Sumter. I had a long discussion with Ms. Gambrell today – her family has been in the mattress manufacturing business for years and my understanding is that they have the present ability and resources to convert their factory to have capacity to manufacture masks medical aprons and hospital mattresses – not only to assist with the shortage of these items during time of crisis but also to assist with keeping their workforce retained and employed (as described below).

Any assistance or guidance you may be able to provide to Ms. Gambrell is greatly appreciated. I am also copying this message to Rep. Murrell Smith Rep. David Weeks and Mr. Jay Schwedler who is President & CEO of Sumter Economic Development.

Thanks for all you do and take care –

Thomas McElveen

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From: [redacted] @sc.rr.com <[redacted] @sc.rr.com>
Sent: Monday March 23 2020 4 31 PM
To: Thomas McElveen <tmcelveen@bryanlaw.com>
Subject: Sumter Mattress Factory to make mask aprons hospital mattresses

Hi Thomas McElveen,

My name is Pam Gambrell. My husband (Dwain Gambrell) and I have a mattress factory in Sumter, SC. Due to the current National Health crisis, many of our retail customers we sell to have closed down and the others have no business. This has in effect hurt our business.

With the ongoing National Health crisis we have decided to convert our factory over to making masks, medical aprons, and hospital mattresses. Our 45,000 square foot facility is equipped to manufacture these items.

After following the news over the past few weeks, we feel it would be advantageous to get ahead of the supply before the demand hits our state as it has others. We are willing to help other states as well. We want to get this project underway as soon as possible.

Dwain and I want to do our part helping our community, state, and country. I am reaching out to you with hope you can forward this information along to our Governor, DHEC and any other official that might be interested in our capabilities to produce these medical necessities.

The best phone number to reach me at is [redacted] (Pam's Cell) and of course email. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. Have a great day and may you and your family be safe.

Pam Gambrell

From: Neece, Michael
To: Morgan Brady; Rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [External] Re: Supplier of Emergency Face Masks
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 2:00:11 PM

Hi Rick,

Following up on our phone call earlier, Morgan Brady is a Managing Partner at Composite Resources, Inc. which has recently shifted some of their capacity to face mask production - additional details in the email chain below on this. Morgan reached out to me about getting linked up with someone at the state level who would be a buyer for face masks. Would you be able to put Morgan in contact with the appropriate person for this type of request?

Morgan, I am connecting you with Rick Caldwell. Rick is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control. He will be able to point you in the right direction.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Best,
Michael Neece | District Outreach Director
Office of U.S. Congressman Ralph Norman (SC-05)
Mobile: (202) 740-6881

Sent from Mobile Device

> On Mar 20, 2020, at 1:23 PM, Morgan Brady <mbrady@composite-resources.com> wrote:
>
> Hi Michael,
>
> I just want to let you know that we have shifted some of our capacity to fask mask production. We will be operation by Monday.
>
> This will be a basic mask with a cotton poly filter material. See picture below.
> [A person in a blue shirt Description automatically generated]
>
> Can you put me in contact with someone at the state level who would be a buyer for these?
> We are in the process of setting up a web store. They will be about $3 each.
>
> Let me know how we can help!
>
> Thanks,
>
> Morgan Brady
> P|201.965.9901

From:	Stenson, Kim
To:	"Coleman, Alvin"
Cc:	Blair, Jamie; Gierhart, Guy; Rick Toomey ; Nick Davidson; Joan Duwve; Batson, Steven; Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] RE: ThermoFisher Kits - South Carolina
Date:	Monday, May 11, 2020 4:51:22 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Thermo reagent request from states_11May2020.xlsx RE External SCBIO time sensitive request regarding SC-based COVID-19 test kit companies urgently needing swabs.msg

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Dr. Coleman,

Don't think we have any labs contact us directly but will forward this if they do. However, the Governor's Office was contacted by SCBIO (see attached email thread) so they will be very interested in this information and the request process. Your office may already be in contact with them but including to be sure.

Please let me know if we need to do anything else on our end.

Thanks!

Regards,

Kim

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From: Coleman, Alvin <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: Blair, Jamie <blairjd@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: ThermoFisher Kits - South Carolina

Hi Kim.
I just got this from FEMA/HHS regarding ThermoFisher testing supplies that have become available. PHL is well stocked with these materials. Your office has been contacted by laboratories in the state in need of supplies among them Vikor, Precision Genetics, Luxor Scientific and there may be others. If they are still in need of supplies DHEC can submit an

order for them based on this email.
Regards.
Atwell

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From: Newman, Carl I CIV DTRA CT (USA) <carl.i.newman.civ@mail.mil>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 02:33 PM
To: Coleman, Alvin <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>; r04-rrcc-lsc@fema.dhs.gov <r04-rrcc-lsc@fema.dhs.gov>; Griffing, Sean M LT USPHS (USA) <emx7@cdc.gov>; irrorders@cdc.gov <irrorders@cdc.gov>; CCDC IMS 2019 NCOV Response Health Dept Liaison Unit (CDC) <eocevent375@cdc.gov>
Subject: ThermoFisher Kits - South Carolina

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Dear Dr. Coleman,

I hope you're well. The Federal Government has acquired a limited number of ThermoFisher Extraction Kits, PCR Kits, and related consumables for COVID-19 testing for distribution to any lab in your state, including State Public Health Labs, Academic Labs, and Hospital Labs. We anticipate to be able to continue providing these reagents through at least the end of June.

If this is something you would be interested in for delivery this week, please provide the following information on the attached spreadsheet by 12PM ET tomorrow, May 12, 2020:

* List of individual labs with how many reagents needed at each lab

* POC and address for each lab receiving these reagents

Note that there is a tab for each week from now through the end of June. If you are not able to provide all of this information by 12PM tomorrow, please send what you can.

Cheers,
Carl

On assignment to HHS/FEMA COVID-19 Diagnostics Task Force

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NASEM 2020 Report Announcement:
https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2020/04/dod-biological-threat-reduction-program-should-be-part-of-a-new-interagency-mechanism-to-coordinate-efforts-to-prevent-biological-threats-including-natural-disease-outbreaks-report-offers-five-year-strategy-for-btrp
<https://www.nationalacademies.org/news/2020/04/dod-biological-threat-reduction-program-should-be-part-of-a-new-interagency-mechanism-to-coordinate-efforts-to-prevent-biological-threats-including-natural-disease-outbreaks-report-offers-five-year-strategy-for-btrp>

NASEM 2020 Report:
https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25681/a-strategic-vision-for-biological-threat-reduction-the-us-department <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25681/a-strategic-vision-for-biological-threat-reduction-the-us-department>

BTRP 101 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEE4-WuJYRA <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEE4-WuJYRA>

Research Culture https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03tPlwJ9UTo
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International Outreach https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djA1bfB2c-Q
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Zoonotics https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nocfl-kLtLw <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nocfl-kLtLw>

Lugar Center https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkiUlv_WYnE <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PkiUlv_WYnE>

From: Caldwell, Rick
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] RE: TN Personal Care Increases
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:38:49 AM
Attachments: image003.png
image001.png

Work through local healthcare coalitions and then local EMD for a resource request. Them they will work with State EMD to fulfill request.

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From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 06, 2020 4:59 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: TN Personal Care Increases

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Good Afternoon Sir,

How should they proceed for the PPE?

Thanks,
Sym

Sym Singh
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From: Wanda Crotwell <crotwell@thesoutherngroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Akin Watson <akin@allcaregivers.net>
Subject: [External] FW: TN Personal Care Increases

Good morning, Sym. I meant to copy you on this email to Jenny Stirling. If you recall, you received a letter of request from the Home Care Association of America's South Carolina Chapter for two considerations: assistance in obtaining PPE for their staff, and a temporary rate increase to ensure that individuals needing services were able to stay in their homes, rather than a facility.
I have been working with Jenny and she let me know last week that, while he would be supportive of trying to assist with PPE, Director Baker was not supportive of our request for a temporary rate increase for in-home care providers.

The email below and the attached notice from Tennessee are self-explanatory and I just wanted you to be aware. We are now out of step with all of our surrounding states and would greatly appreciate any reconsideration by the Governor and/or Director Baker.

Thanks, Sym.

Wanda

From: Wanda Crotwell <crotwell@thesoutherngroup.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Jenny L Stirling <LYNCHJEN@scdhhs.gov>
Cc: Akin Watson <akin@allcaregivers.net>
Subject: Fwd: TN Personal Care Increases

Hey, Jenny. I know Director Baker was not supportive of a temporary rate increase for in-home care providers, but here's yet another Southern State that has done so. If my information is correct, that now puts us behind NC, Georgia and Tennessee. Any reconsideration of his original position would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Wanda Crotwell
The Southern Group
T: 803.733.2255
C [redacted]

From: Kevin Lundy <kevin.lundy@brightspringhealth.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:07:08 PM
To: Wanda Crotwell <crotwell@thesoutherngroup.com>; Akin Watson <akin@allcaregivers.net>
Cc: Melissa Allman (mallman@bayada.com) <mallman@bayada.com>
Subject: TN Personal Care Increases

Wanda/Akin - wanted to share as FYI the attached notification released tonight on temporary personal care rate increases in Tennessee. Example of another regional state enhancing either personal care or nursing rates during covid in hopes of help in SC. Thx!

-Kevin

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Renwick, Laura A.; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: Today"s news release
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 2:05:23 PM

Thank you.

From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Today's news release

Please see attached. We'll issue during 4 p.m. presser.

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Re: Today"s news release
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:51:04 PM

Two additional deaths to announce today.

South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 4, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 217 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, including six additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 1,917, and those who have died to 40.

These additional deaths occurred in six individuals who were elderly and also had underlying health conditions. Two were residents of Lexington County, and the other individuals were residents of Beaufort, Georgetown, Richland, and York counties.

DHEC's COVID-19 webpage is updated daily with a map of positive cases as well as the most current recommendations for protecting against COVID-19.

Testing in South Carolina
As of April 3, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 7,017 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 806 were positive and 6,211 were negative. A total of 18,097 tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

Hospital Bed Capacity
As of April 3, 5,807 hospital beds are available and 6,362 are utilized, which is a 51.9 percent statewide hospital bed utilization rate. The overall trend this week has been in greater hospital bed availability, specifically a 6.4 percent decrease in hospital bed utilization since March 23.

How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves
South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside

their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:

- Monitoring for symptoms
- Practicing social distancing
- Avoiding touching frequently touched items
- Regularly washing your hands

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID-19**. Visit **scdmh.net** for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

***As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.**

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MEDIA: There's no teleconference today.

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:25 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Today's news release

Going out between 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Renwick, Laura A.; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Re: Today"s news release
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:34:18 PM

Thanks, Laura! Appreciate your hard work!

From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Today's news release

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From:	Caldwell, Rick
To:	Marsh, Jordan
Subject:	[External] Re: Update on Testing
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:06:05 PM
Attachments:	Outlook-1468858385.png testing - Sen Scott.docx

Please see attached.
Rick C.

Rick Caldwell, II
Director of Legislative Affairs
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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Update on Testing

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Rick,

Do you have an idea on when this will be available?

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:28 PM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Update on Testing

Hi Rick,

Senator Tim Scott sent the following request, and if possible, would like the information within the hour (all would be kept internal).

1. General status update on testing:

2. What is the biggest challenge regarding testing:

3. What is needed to increase testing:

4. Where are there needs for testing:

5. What is going well as it relates to testing:

6. What can Senator Scott do to be "helpful" at speeding things up:

It is my general understanding that the Senator is concerned/frustrated about the lack of testing being done given the federal government has allocated billions of dollars for testing, including an additional $25 billion that is in the legislation passed by the Senate on Tuesday.

Let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

Best,

Jordan Marsh
Director of Federal Affairs
Office of Governor Henry McMaster
State of South Carolina
(803) 509-0581
jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

From: Ouzounidis, Maria
To: Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] Re: Urgent need for Covid 19 test kits/ Beaufort County 5307339
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 6:45:08 PM

Hello, Leigh,

Thank you for for the inquiry.

DHEC gives information and instruction to providers and facilities through Health Action Network (HAN) Updates. COVID-19 related HAN updates can be found here.

As far as testing, DHEC eliminated the need for a DHEC physician to approve testing at our Public Health Lab and opened it up to healthcare providers to submit based on their discretion. In addition, several commercial labs are now testing for COVID-19.

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

Thanks,
Maria

Maria Ouzounidis
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Office: (803) 898-3598
Ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov

From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:32 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Urgent need for Covid 19 test kits/ Beaufort County 5307339

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Hi Maria, please see the issue below in Beaufort County.

Thank you,
Leigh

Leigh LeMoine
Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor
(803) 734-1229

-----Original Message-----
From: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 11:57 AM
To: governor@sc.lmhostediq.com

Subject: Urgent need for Covid 19 test kits/ Beaufort County

<APP>CUSTOM
<PREFIX>Mrs</PREFIX>
<FIRST>Diane</FIRST>
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<LAST>Stanton</LAST>
<ADDR1>[redacted]</ADDR1>
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<ZIP>29910</ZIP>
<EMAIL>[redacted]@gmail.com</EMAIL>
<PHONE_H>[redacted]</PHONE_H>
<ISSUE>HEALTH</ISSUE>
<SUBJECT>Urgent need for Covid 19 test kits/ Beaufort County</SUBJECT> <MSG> Dear Governor McMaster: Please be advised that Beaufort County hospitals are not testing potential Covid 19 patients for the virus UNLESS they have traveled out of the country! This is a dangerous practice right now given the fact that people are spreading this virus without knowing it. I have a neighbor who has been sick since March 10th with a fever, sore throat, breathing difficulties and of last night, a very rapid heart rate. She has been to Coastal Carolina 2 times and they refuse to give her a covid test based on unmet criteria that she has not traveled out of the country! A chest X-ray was done and antibiotics issued but this individual has no idea if she is carrying the Virus. If we are unable to test people at this point, then the numbers that your office project to the public each night can not be accurate. We cannot possibly know what our numbers are here, unless sick people are tested! Why the shortage of tests in the USA? 5his is not acceptable for our country and we cannot get our economy back until this virus is defeated! We need more testing. We are doing all we can to quarantine but not knowing whom is infected is going to be our downfall! Please help our beautiful state! Your hard work is always appreciated!

Sincerely,
Diane Stanton
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<CUSTOM1>64.20.153.224</CUSTOM1>
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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Re: Ventilator stats requested during the briefing
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:38:58 PM

As an update, we've requested 130 ventilators from the Strategic National Stockpile. Waiting to hear back on what we will get. FYSA.

From: Read, Jennifer
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:04 PM
To: TWalker@governor.sc.gov <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: Ventilator stats requested during the briefing

Currently, SC has 1,260 ventilators statewide (this includes EMS and pediatric types). As of Mar. 24, SC had 1,080 ventilators available of the 37 hospitals reporting. The total ventilators in use are 180, which is about 14% of the statewide allocation in use.

Jennifer Read
Deputy Incident Commander
SCDHEC
803-760-5124

From: Davidson, Nick
To: Osborne, Leslie A.
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Re: White House Follow Up
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:50:33 PM

Leslie, please contact Jordan Marsh at the phone number below.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson
Director of Public Health - Interim
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From: Osborne, Leslie A.
To: Davidson, Nick
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] RE: White House Follow Up
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 4:03:04 PM

Nick,

I have followed up with Jordan.

Thank you,

Leslie

Leslie Osborne, MPH
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From: Davidson, Nick
To: Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Re: wording for Gov order
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:37:38 PM

Mark and Cody, I added the numbers in the yellow highlighting below.

Thanks,
Nick

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Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:12 PM
To: Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>; csimpson@governor.sc.gov <csimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: wording for Gov order

Mark and Cody,

Three options for you on the stress/depression issue:

1. According to the American Pyschological Association, during a period of social distancing, quarantine or isolation, people may experience fear, anxiety, depression, boredom, anger, frustration, irritability and/or stigmatization. Furthermore, older adults, people with pre-existing mental health conditions and health-care workers helping with the response to the coronavirus may have an increased risk of experiencing psychological distress when they engage in social distancing, quarantine or isolation.

2. Social distancing, the stress of COVID-19 and the uncertainty it creates, can exacerbate any underlying risk for depression or anxiety, as well as feelings of loneliness..- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

3. Social Distancing, quarantine and isolation during an infectious disease outbreak can lead to anxiety, loneliness, symptoms of depression and PTSD. - SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

On the data, I will get you the yellow highlighted data a bit later this evening, but this will get you started:

SC deaths of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who are 65 years or older - 91%
SC deaths of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who had underlying medical conditions - 95%
SC deaths of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who are 65 years or older AND had underlying medical conditions - 89%

The national data is pretty incomplete, so I would tend to use SC data, if I were you, but...
US deaths of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who are 65 years or older = approximately 80%
US deaths with underlying medical conditions - data is very incomplete so I can't give you a reliable number

Thanks,
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From: Lanier, Hope
To: Lanier, Hope
Cc: Sara Hazzard (sara@myscma.com); John Wall; sunny.phillips@scchamber.net; Elaine Morgan (emorgan@bcoc.com); Bryan Derreberry (3100); Adrian Cain (3062) (acain@charlestonchamber.org); Ethel Bunch; Ashley Demosthenes (ademosthenes@lowcountrylandtrust.org); Jim Elliott; "John Powell"; MCCORMACK, JENNIFER; SHELEK, CHRISTINE; Gary Simrill (garysimrill@gmail.com); GSALAMIDO@NCCHAMBER.NET; Brewster Bevis; Ian Scott; ben.coppage@gmail.com; EVAN WHEELER; David McGowan (McGowanD@api.org); Dave Mica (Florida); Eric Hamilton (hamiltone@api.org); Hunter R. Hopkins; "harmonm@api.org"; Mike Williams; Jon Barganier; Kelly Robbins; Elizabeth Harmon (eharmon@scha.org); sweatmmc@musc.edu; Chris Crolley ([redacted]@gmail.com); Casey, Jose; Kathy_Crawford@scott.senate.gov; Shannon Erickson; Rep. Sylleste Davis; joejefferson@tds.net; Tom Hutto; Heather Jones (hjones@partnershipalliance.com); Allen, April; April Donnelly; [redacted]@gmail.com; ingramE@bcsdschools.net; Zacher, Jason; John DeWorken (john@lobbysc.com); Darrell Campbell (dc@thecampbellconsultinggroup.net); Darrell.scott@nexteraenergy.com; Billy Routh; Koszela, Kaylan; larry@larrygrooms.com; Reece, Myra; Allen, Tom; Payne-Hurley, Persia; perryman patrick; "Alison.patient@ccbcc.com"; mike.forrester@charter.net; chip@spiritlinecruises.com; [redacted]@gmail.com; Charles Lane; West, Raleigh; Antjuan Seawright; kblanchard@nutramaxlabs.com; Max.Metcalf@bmwmc.com; Rob Howell (Avison Young); Johnson, Will; Randy Lowell; Jonolyn Ferreri; Contiguous O"Gara ([redacted]@gmail.com); Alan Clemmons; Walker, Trey; bmcinni@CLEMSON.EDU; dan_head@lgraham.senate.gov
Subject: [External] Recall: BP Jet Fuel Donations
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:27:47 AM

Lanier, Hope would like to recall the message, "BP Jet Fuel Donations".

From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Simpson, Cody; Walker, Trey; Toomey, Rick K.; Duwve, Joan M.
Subject: [External] Recommendations on Restaurants & Close Contact Businesses
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:05:47 AM

Mark,

As a follow-up, please see our recommendations below:

Restaurant Re-Opening

Our recommendation is to wait to resume in-person dining at South Carolina restaurants until May 18. This will allow us to see if there is any impact to infection rates in the state from lifting the mandatory home or work order, partial resumption of retail sales, and resumption of outdoor dining services.

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- Maximum of 25% occupancy
- Tables must be spaced at least 6 feet apart
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- Limit tables to groups of no more than 6
- A minimum of 6 feet of distance must be maintained for people waiting to be seated
- For buffets, facilities must provide staff to serve the food directly to patrons
- Facilities must continue to follow DHEC COVID-19 guidance on cleaning

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Close Contact Businesses

(e.g., barber shops, hair salons, waxing salons, threading salons, nail salons and spas, body-art facilities and tattoo services, tanning salons, massage-therapy establishments and massage services, etc.)

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Please let us know if you have any questions.

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From: Jordan, Rebecca
To: SCSuptED@ed.sc.gov; ltraywick@ed.sc.gov
Cc: Chambers, Virgie; laddvj@dhec.sc.gov; Campbell, Karen
Subject: [External] Red Cross request to use school facilities for blood drives
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 11:52:20 AM

Good morning,

I know that you are all extremely busy so I will be brief. As you have heard on the news, the COVID-19 virus has resulted in many blood drives being cancelled. In South Carolina, we have had 162 drive cancel resulting in 4296 units uncollected. The need is still constant for us to be able to provide to our area hospitals. Every 2 seconds someone needs blood.

We are asking that the Red Cross be allowed to use school gymnasiums to host community blood drives. I can provide information that outlines the safety measures that the Red Cross has implanted to ensure the safety of our donors and staff.

Please let me know at your earliest convenience if you would be in agreement to this ask.

Thank you,
Rebecca

Rebecca E. Jordan, MPH
Executive Director of Central SC

American Red Cross
Palmetto SC Region
2751 Bull Street
Columbia, SC 29201
803.312.5176

From:	Harris, Cassandra S.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Cc:	Renwick, Laura A.
Subject:	[External] Release
Date:	Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:31:54 PM
Attachments:	04-29-2020_DHEC Conducts Cross Analysis of Death Certificates and Confirmed COVID.docx

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Hi Brian,

FYSA, we'll be sending the following release out in about 30 minutes. Thanks, Cassie

Cassandra S. Harris
Director of Strategy and Engagement
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From: Burton, Robert

To: Akers, Steve; MALLENEMD.SC.GOV; Almquist, Benjamin; Arant, Chad; Avery, Joey; Baker, David; Barnwell, Brittany; Baxley, Neil; Bedenbaugh, Mike; Bethea, Thesdia; Blackwell, William; Brown, Jason; MBROWNEMD.SC.GOV; Bryson, Doug; Bufkin, Vivian; Burch, Kristy; Byrd, Michael; Carroll, Ashley; Carver, Beverly; Channell, Mike; Woods, Wilton "Chase"; Chojnacki, David; Coffey, Deanna; Curtis, Terri; Darby, Ed; Doolittle, Chris; Edwards, Frank; Ellis, Brandon; Formisano, Mario; Fraim, Robert; JGRANTEMD.SC.GOV; Greene, David; Harper, Tim; GHASELDENEMD.SC.GOV; Hayes, Erik; Haynes, Chuck; Heyward, Moses; Holcombe, David; Jeffcoat, Wendy; Jones, Shawn; Kalec, Mike; Kara Troy; Kerr, David; King, Charlie; Krein, Scott; Kwiatek, Denise; Loflin, Gary; Long, Tommy; Mack, Anthony; Marett, Jay; Matthews, Paul; McAdams, James; McCord, Tim; McKinney, George; McNamara, Matt; Moore, Rhonda; BMORTONEMD.SC.GOV; Morton, Josh; Murphy, Edward; TPMURPHYEMD.SC.GOV; Nafziger, Rachel; Odom, Molly; Oliver, Derek; Owens, Dusty; Patno, Jason; Peeples, Susanne; Peterson, Rick; Player, Darren; EPRICEEMD.SC.GOV; Price, Joey; Riley, Roger; Runnion, Chuck; KSHIVERDECKEREMD.SC.GOV; Sides, Debbie; Smith, Arlene; Smith, Scott; Spurgeon, Suzy; Staley, Bill; Stanley-Banks, Gidget; Stumpf, Jessica; Swofford, Robbie; LTUCKEREMD.SC.GOV; ETURNEREMD.SC.GOV; Tuten, Bobby; Warren, Jill; Watkins, Phyllis; Webster, Ben; Webster, Randy; Wells, Russell; Womack, Pierce; SYARBROUGHEMD.SC.GOV; Allen, Tom; ERIKA.ANDERSONDSS.SC.GOV; ANDREWSMESCDOT.ORG; ANTHONY.WILLIAMSDSS.SC.GOV; SBATSONEMD.SC.GOV; DBECKEREMD.SC.GOV; EBENTLEYEMD.SC.GOV; BLAIRJDDHEC.SC.GOV; Boatwright, Glen; CBUNDYSCCOMMERCE.COM; ROBERT.BURRESSDSS.SC.GOV; ACHAFFINSSCCOMMERCE.COM; COFIELWGDHEC.SC.GOV; Corley, Joe; Crouch, George; BDAVISEMD.SC.GOV; Derrick, Perry; ELIEFFMADHEC.SC.GOV; Gregory, Jackie; Griffin, Sloan; DJONESSCFC.GOV; Krugler, Charlotte; BLANDRUMSLED.SC.GOV; Lindler, Col. Jay; MACKRSDHEC.SC.GOV; McCord, Tim; KMCLEODEMD.SC.GOV; Moore, Rhonda; "Nair, Anu"; MPOTTEREMD.SC.GOV; MRUSSELLEMD.SC.GOV; SANDELAGSCDOT.ORG; sgast; SHEALYRGDHEC.SC.GOV; Smith, Cynthia; Steadman, Robert; Stenson, Kim; WILLIAM.WELLSSCDMH.ORG; White, John; Willis, Sheila; Wojcik, Tim; Woods, IV Robert G.; DPERRYEMD.SC.GOV; GGIERHARTEMD.SC.GOV; Baker, Josh; "polattyj@scdhhs.gov."; JEFFREY.LEIERITZSCDHHS.GOV; Plowden, Mark; RBURTONEMD.SC.GOV; DPERRYEMD.SC.GOV; MWOODEMD.SC.GOV; RMCCASTEREMD.SC.GOV; Woods, Erika; APHILLIPSEMD.SC.GOV; warning1; warning2; Logdon, Christian P.; "sarahmc@clemson.edu"; "dennis.f.bradford@uscg.mil"; "Gretchen.birt@srs.gov"; ESF 1; ESF 2; ESF 3; ESF 4; ESF 6; ESF 7; ESF8; Fletcher, Beth; ROBERT.BAILESSCDMV.NET; ESF 9; ESF 10; ESF 11; ESF 12; ESF 13; esf14; esf15; "ESF16@emd.sc.gov"; ESF 17; esf18; esf19; esf24; "James.V.Mahney@uscg.mil"; "Colton.B.Bowles@usace.army.mil"; "Michael.B.Hind@usace.army.mil"; DTHACHIKEMD.SC.GOV; AKELLYEMD.SC.GOV; DELAINERSCDHHS.GOV; ELIZABETH.RYANSCDHHS.GOV; Reid, Tony; "tfunk@bcgov.net"; "Nicanor.Aguilar@srs.gov"; "cmedeiros@coastal.edu"; COLLEEN.MULLISSCDHHS.GOV; DELAINERSCDHHS.GOV; "tbarrineau@clarendoncountygov.org"; MURPHTDDHEC.SC.GOV; "jcoates@charlestoncounty.org"; "JOng@charlestoncounty.org"; Freeman, Christy; KMENAUGHEMD.SC.GOV; RENAYE.LONGSCHOUSING.COM; Tinsley, Harry; Page, Hank; Munn, Connie; Van Cleave, Jennifer

Subject: [External] REMINDER: COVID-19 Conference Call 10/19 1000

Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 10:02:53 AM

Attachments: image002.png
Conference Call Agenda_19 Mar.pdf

Good morning,

As a reminder, call-in info for the 1000 County/SERT call is below.

Thanks,

Robert

Rob "*Crash*" Burton

All Hazards Planning Manager

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, SC 29172

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From: Wood, Megan <mwood@emd.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:28 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Conference Call 10/19 1000

Good afternoon,

The next County and SERT conference call to discuss COVID-19 will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at **1000** . Please remember to mute your lines when you're not speaking**. Do NOT place the call on hold.** Due to technical difficulties, we will not use Webex for this call. Visuals will not be available. The agenda is attached and the conference call information is below:

Conference Call information:
Phone Number: 800-753-1965
Access Code: [redacted]

Thank You,
Megan Wood

Megan Wood
Dam Safety and Flood Response Program Manager
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2779 Fish Hatchery Road
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Cell: 803-542-2245
Office: 803-737-8562

From: Steven Long
To: Rick Caldwell; Singh, Sym
Subject: [External] Rep Long Constituent Request
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:17:02 AM

Good morning!
Thank you for everything you're doing during this time!! I'm sure it can be overwhelming.

Below is a request from a constituent of mine at Sherman College of Chiropractic.

Can you have someone check on this and get back with me?

Thanks,
Steven Long
SC House District 37
864-978-3104

-Sent from my iPhone-

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "jdonofrio@sherman.edu" <jdonofrio@sherman.edu>
> **Date:** April 27, 2020 at 11:52:47 AM EDT
> **Subject: Website email from Dr. Joe Donofrio**
>
> Dear Senator, I oversee our Chiropractic Health Center on campus. We see approxomimately 800 to 1000 patient visits per week and most of our patients are low income patients. Our clinic is not a high risk site, but we have not been able to open for patients due to the inability lo acquire ppe for staff. Is there any way you can help us out? Thank You, Joe Donofrio DC VPAA - Sherman College of Chiropractic
>
> Dr. Joe Donofrio
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From: Jason Elliott
To: Rick Caldwell; Singh, Sym; Ellen Andrews-Morgan
Subject: [External] Requests from Prisma
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:36:55 PM

Prisma Health recommends implementation of the following as soon as possible:

1. Allow healthcare providers to purchase non-hospital grade PPE. I understand that DHEC can do this through suspending regulation?

2. Notify healthcare providers of negative test results more quickly. Prisma has to treat each patient tested that is in one of its facilities as positive for COVID-19 until a negative test result is received. This unnecessarily utilizes personnel and PPE.

I am sure that DHEC is aware of these requests. MUSC supports the two recommendations.

Thanks for all that you are all doing.

Jason

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Subject: [External] Return of South Carolina Residents from Grand Princess Cruise Ship
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:07:38 PM

Dr. Perdue,

Concerning the South Carolina residents formerly on the Grand Princess cruise ship and transported to Dobbins Air Reserve base, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) is ready to take these residents into South Carolina's quarantine system. In consultation with Governor Henry McMaster, SCDHEC requests that the United States Department of Health and Human Services return these residents to South Carolina under the following conditions:

- The residents be transported directly to their places of residence by DHHS by the most convenient means necessary, which may include ground transportation; if residents are transported to their airport of departure from South Carolina, it is permissible for them to drive to their residence;
- That unless symptomatic or requested by a resident, they do not need to be tested for COVID-19;
- If tested, DHHS does not need to wait for a test result to return these residents to South Carolina;
- That these residents enter into a South Carolina Consent Order for Home Quarantine prior to transport.

A SCDHEC will be contacting each of these residents prior to transport to answer any questions they may have.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Dacosta asked me to distribute this report.

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From: Jeff Guimond
To: CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov; Singh, Sym
Cc: Patrick Lynch
Subject: [External] SC- Covid - 19 testing and PPE procurement
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 3:02:48 PM

Hello Sym and Rick:

Matt Gates recommended reaching out as a point of contact for submissions to the state regarding Covid-19 tests and PPE.

I wanted to touch base on Covid testing and PPE in SC. Patrick has been brought in to be counsel to a group of doctors associated with Brown University here in RI on a matter they are working on with a South Korean company called Osang. Osang recently was authorized by the FDA for Covid Testing. I have attached an article on that as well as an article that discusses a recent procurement that FEMA has undertaken with this company.

I have cc'd in Patrick here. He can provide you with further information on product and pricing for your review.

Best to Governor McMaster, Patrick served with him when they were both in the AGs office. Thanks and stay safe!

Jeff

https://www.bioworld.com/articles/434522-osang-becomes-first-korean-company-to-win-fda-emergency-authorization

https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/13/politics/south-korea-coronavirus-tests/index.html

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] SC death data breakdown
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 1:46:24 PM
Attachments: 2018 VMS_G_death p1-3.pdf

Please see attached.

The second page of the document breaks down the top 10 causes of death for 2018, which is the most recent year we have validated data. You'll notice under causes of death that "Pneumonia and Influenza" comes in 10th with 882 deaths. It's important to note that during the 2018 flu season, we recorded 105 deaths from flu, suggesting the majority of the deaths in this category were attributed to pneumonia. For the 2019 flu season so far, we've had 126 flu deaths.

As of today, we have 177 confirmed COVID-19 fatalities.

Please let me know if you have questions or need additional info.

Thanks,
Jen

From: Emily Farr
To: Sym Singh; Plowden, Mark; Walker, Trey
Cc: Richard (Rick) Toomey (rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov); Kristina Baker
Subject: [External] SC OSHA Interim Guide for Workplace Re-entry in the Close Contact/Service Industry
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:40:15 AM
Attachments: Re-Opening.CloseContact Official.pdf

Gentlemen,

Attached is an Interim Guide for Workplace Re-entry in the Close Contact/Service Industry from SC OSHA. This has been reviewed and approved by DHEC.

Please note there is not a one-size-fits-all or one checklist that can be provided for each industry. There is still consideration and decisions that must be made by the particular employer to implement these guidelines. This guide thus provides the parameters that employers in all close contact/service industries can utilize to make those decisions in order to maximize workplace safety for their employees.

We are also finalizing general guidance for workplace reentry in general that would be applicable to all businesses. We plan to have that ready and posted to the agency website in the next few days.

SC OSHA's scope is limited to *workplace* safety. Thus, guidance or steps required to protect customers or the public must come from the public health agency – i.e. DHEC. We understand that DHEC is finalizing a document to send separately to your office that will outline a recommended order for reopening businesses that may include that customer and general public component.

Please let us know how the Governor wishes to implement this guide. We will stand ready to disseminate it or answer questions about it at his convenience.

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Toomey, Rick K.; Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] SC Testing Capacity
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:42:59 PM

- Any South Carolina health care provider can order a COVID-19 test for a patient (available in doctor's offices, hospitals)
- South Carolina's public and private labs combined have **capacity to conduct about 11,700 tests per day** for COVID-19
    - Currently, **DHEC can do up to 1,600/day** (we are well-stocked with reagents at the moment)
- We **estimate that the public and private labs combined are conducting about 3,000 tests/day**
    - **DHEC and MUSC account for most of the tests run**
    - DHEC is averaging about 278 tests/day
    - MUSC is averaging about 500/day (they are running tests for their patients and 10 smaller hospitals)

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Megan
One of the questions asked was:

Can the Governor's office or the DHEC share a link or provide a contact to the supply chain of the PPE?

Currently, if a healthcare provider has a need for PPE they should make resource requests through their local EMD. If the local EMD cannot fulfill the request, they will send it to State EMD to fulfill. Currently there are breakdowns in the national supply chain for PPE. SC EMD has placed orders for PPE to be distributed statewide once received. The Department has distributed three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile to the counties to fulfill requests. (Healthcare providers will be required to pay for their resource requests.)

Best Regards
Rick C.

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Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:37:51 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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South Carolina Announces Two Additional Deaths Related to COVID-19

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announces two additional deaths related to the novel coronavirus COVID-19. This brings the state's total number of deaths to seven.

"Sadly, we have to announce again today that we've lost fellow South Carolinians due to complications from COVID-19," said Dr. Jonathan Knoche, DHEC physician. "Our thoughts and sympathies are with the individual's family and friends, as well as the medical professionals who extended the utmost care for this person. This unfortunate announcement is a reminder that we all have the responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, friends and community from this disease."

One patient was an elderly person from Florence County who had underlying health conditions. The second patient was an elderly person from Horry County with no underlying health conditions.

After further investigation, an individual who passed away and was reported as residing in Kershaw County has been determined to have a Sumter County residence. DHEC reports cases based on the county of residence.

"While we reiterate the importance of taking daily precautions to prevent spread, we want to make sure South Carolinians are also taking steps to address the feelings of stress and anxiety that arise in this type of prolonged situation," said. Dr. Knoche. "Our partners at the Department of Mental Health have resources available to help, and we continue to provide guidance for coping with stress on DHEC's COVID-19 webpage."

Visit scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health. DHEC continues to provide new and updated guidance about COVID-19 at scdhec.gov/COVID19.

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please

visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

*As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.

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Good afternoon,

While SCEMD continues to keep the PPE moving, we are mourning the loss of co-worker, Johnny Thomas. Johnny always wore a smile and will be greatly missed.

Stay well,

Betsy

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Second Allotment of Personal Protective Equipment Distributed to S.C. Counties for COVID-19 Response

COLUMBIA, S.C. — To help provide supplies for healthcare providers responding to COVID-19, South Carolina received a second shipment of medical equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile. DHEC inventoried the materials, and the S.C. National Guard distributed the face shields, surgical masks, gowns and gloves to every county in the state yesterday.

Please see the video footage available here of yesterday's distribution by U.S. Army National Guard Soldiers with the 59th Troop Command, South Carolina National Guard, and U.S. Air National Guard Airmen with the 169th Logistics Readiness Squadron, South Carolina National Guard. *(U.S. Army National Guard video by Staff Sgt. Roby Di Giovine and Spc. David Erskine, South Carolina National Guard)*

The breakdown of the second shipment is available on DHEC's COVID19 webpage. The distribution of materials was data driven to ensure needs are fairly met based on county populations based on the 2010 Census and emergent needs.

For the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

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Date:	Wednesday, March 18, 2020 3:55:07 PM
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Good afternoon. Please see the attached letter from Senator Senn.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Subject: [External] Sharing of information from DHEC
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:59:16 PM

All, see below. We just sent this to the County Administrators, County Emer. Mgrs, etc. group. Thanks to so many of you for your help with this and to the team working non-stop to have this ready.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson
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From: ACC-SituationUnit <ACC-SituationUnit@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:47 PM
Subject: Sharing of information from DHEC

County Emergency Managers, County Administrators and other interested parties,

I want to thank you for all that you are doing during this coronavirus response. I want you to know that we are sympathetic to the challenges that you face and we are trying hard to assist you. To that point, we appreciate all of the conversations (both individual and as various groups). I want you to know that we were listening.

We have been working behind the scene for many days now to try to devise a system by which we can securely provide you information. I am pleased to say that we are nearing completion on a system that will do that. We, as you do, take seriously our need to protect both privacy and personal/health information while still working to prevent the spread of the disease and investigate cases of illness.

We are working to have a system in place by the first of next week. While it may not be ideal or perfect, that system won't simply hand over a list of addresses for "insertion" into your 911 systems, particularly given the slight differences in compatibility of electronic systems, our solution will provide you with a highly secure web link. Into that secure link, when your 911 team has an address about which they need information, they can enter that address and the

system will confirm whether or not there has been a recent COVID-19 case at that address.

Again, I highly appreciate all that you are doing to serve residents. We want to be responsive to your needs and I hope this will be somewhat more helpful.

Thanks,
Nick

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Mark,

As discussed, see attached.

Thanks,
Nick

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To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: Requested Talking Points In Relation to Housing Options for Isolating/Quarantine Persons Not Requiring Hospitalization

Thank you,

Jay Daniels

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Mark,

Below is what I came up with based on the information that I have received from all of our counterpart Mass Care Leads (ESF-6) across the country. I have shared this information with DHEC as well. They are working on even more detailed guidance and will be able to expand on this topic further from their planning efforts. Sorry I took so long to get this to you but I wanted to make sure I could give you the best information possible from our perspective.

Let me know whatever else I can do to help. We will continue to gather more options from our partners and refine our recommendations as we get more detailed information.

Rob

PERTAINING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ISOLATED or QUARANTINED PERSONS NOT REQUIRING HOSPITALIZATION

South Carolina Mass Care in coordination with the South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control have been identifying options for populations that are not showing symptoms but cannot return home to further expose others.

Our state has been in contact with our counterparts across the nation to assess where they are in identifying options for their populations as well.

We have identified that most other states in various stages of this event are planning or actively housing these affected populations in motels and extended stay type facilities.

These populations are persons that do not require hospitalization but are isolating themselves or going into self-quarantine at the request of medical professionals.

From all reported states, all locations being used have health department support and allow for social distancing to be adhered to while completing their requested period of observation.

Other options available that we are looking into is state owned facilities like closed school dormitories, underutilized medical facilities and state parks with cabins.
We are continuing to expand our states options to further assist these efforts as these populations grow.

We are working diligently with our local, state, federal and private industry partners to ensure that our citizens have the best options available to slow the spread of this virus and ensure the highest quality of support both medically and for self-quarantining options.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Taylor, Marshall; Bell, Linda J.
Subject: [External] Shelter-in-place
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Mark,

Per our discussion, I have spoken to Dr. Bell and we would recommend, for the Governor's consideration, a shelter-in-place for the following reasons:

-We have seen an accelerated rate of new infections in South Carolina over the last week.
-While our state lab has no delay in testing, the private labs around the nation have significant delays which would indicate an even higher number of cases yet to be reported.
-We want to avoid the problems that the most-impacted areas are seeing related to stress on the health care system (hospitalization rates, ventilator availability, etc.)
-With continued instances of lack of compliance with the Governor's orders, all residents need to make smart decisions to protect themselves and a shelter-in-place would help to do that.

Thanks,
Nick

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Chuck and Ken,

Once your slides are ready for tomorrow's presentation (I know Chuck has slides - Ken, I don't know if you do), could you please send them to all of us on this email? Thanks again.

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South Carolina Announces Additional 22 Cases of COVID-19, Continues to Urge Residents to take Prevention Precautions

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“We recognize the hardships that are facing many South Carolinians as we continue to respond to this ongoing public health event,” **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician.** “We encourage the public to focus on things that each of us can do to limit the spread of illness by washing your hands, covering your mouth when you cough, and practicing social distancing.”

New positive cases

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- Colleton County: 1 case
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DHEC's COVID-19 webpage is updated daily with a map of positive cases as well as the most current recommendations for protecting against COVID-19.

"This will be an extended response and it will take all of us working together to stop the spread of this virus," **Dr. Traxler said.** "We want people to be prepared for more cases to occur and to continue to listen to and follow recommendations from public health officials."

In addition to taking daily precautions for preventing against the spread of the disease, residents can take the following preparedness recommendations:

- Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic
- If you're sick, stay home from work, school, and public events
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Don't share personal items
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Set up a separate room for sick household members
- Check in with family and friends who live alone, especially those who may be in a high-risk group

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COLUMBIA, S.C. - The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 46 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 173 cases* in 30 counties.

“We can all take steps every day to help limit the spread of this virus,” **said Dr. Michael Kacka, DHEC physician and medical consultant.** “As the number of positive cases throughout the state is expected to increase, we’re continuing to focus our efforts on preventing spread of the disease with special attention to those who are most high-risk for contracting the virus.”

New positive cases

- Anderson County: 4 cases
- Beaufort County: 4 cases
- Charleston County: 4 cases
- Colleton County: 1 case
- Darlington County: 1 case
- Dillon County: 1 case
- Edgefield County: 1 case
- Greenville County: 5 cases
- Greenwood County: 2 cases
- Horry County: 1 case
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- Lexington County: 4 cases
- Marlboro County: 1 case
- Newberry County: 1 case
- Orangeburg County: 1 case
- Richland County: 6 cases
- Spartanburg County: 1 case
- Sumter County: 2 cases
- York County: 1 case

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In addition to taking daily precautions for preventing against the spread of the disease, residents can take the following preparedness recommendations:

- Know the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if you become symptomatic
- If you're sick, stay home from work, school, and public events
- Regularly wash your hands with soap and water
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Don't share personal items
- Clean frequently touched surfaces
- Set up a separate room for sick household members
- Check in with family and friends who live alone, especially those who may be in a high-risk group

Additionally, residents can prepare for a possible illness or quarantine by:

- Periodically checking regular prescription drugs to ensure a continuous supply at home
- Having nonprescription drugs and other health supplies on hand, including pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medicines, fluids with electrolytes, and vitamins
- Getting copies and maintaining electronic versions of health records from doctors, hospitals, pharmacies and other sources and store them, for personal reference
- Talking with family members and loved ones about how they would be cared for if they got sick, or what will be needed to care for them in your home.

Individuals with signs of illness are asked to stay at home and not attend public gatherings. South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items (such as doorknobs and handrails), and regularly wash their hands, especially after being in a public place.

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Two previously reported cases, one in Lexington County and one in Lancaster County, have been subtracted from the total case count as those individuals were determined, through further investigation, to reside out of state. DHEC reports positive cases based on an individual's county of residence.

As part of the department's daily update to its COVID-19 webpage, current aggregate data for positive cases is available. This data, available on the Testing & SC Data page, includes reporting on positive cases by age group, gender, race and hospitalization at the time of illness. This information will continue to be updated on a weekly basis.

Additionally, projections for new cases of COVID-19 in the state through May 2 are also included in today's web update. This data projects 2,657 cumulative cases by April 2 and 8,053 cases by May 2, however, projected data is estimated and may change significantly due to various factors.

"As the number of cases in the state significantly increases, the method for controlling the disease spread changes from in-depth investigations of every individual case to community strategies," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician consultant.** "Residents should not expect individual notification that they were exposed to a case, rather everyone should practice social distancing, stay home

and stay away from other people if they're sick, and wash their hands frequently with soap and water."

New positive cases

- Abbeville County: 2 cases
- Anderson County: 3 cases
- Beaufort County: 4 cases
- Berkeley County: 1 case
- Charleston County: 16 cases
- Chesterfield County: 2 cases
- Dorchester County: 1 case
- Fairfield County: 1 case
- Greenville County: 11 cases
- Horry County: 1 case
- Kershaw County: 5 cases
- Marion County: 1 case
- Orangeburg County: 1 case
- Pickens County: 5 cases
- Richland County: 14 cases
- Spartanburg County: 5 cases
- Sumter County: 2 cases
- Union County: 1 case
- Williamsburg County: 1 case
- York County: 7 cases

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- Georgetown County: 2 cases
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- Greenwood County: 2 cases
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"We'd like to express our gratitude to South Carolina's public health professionals, medical workers, and first responders who are working tirelessly to help combat this disease," **Dr. Traxler said.** "Please help protect those on the frontlines so that they can continue to protect all of us. This includes staying home and away from people outside your household except for essential reasons, frequently washing your hands, and disinfecting surfaces, particularly ones touched often."

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 5,490 and those who have died to 174.

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Testing in South Carolina
As of April 26, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 14,029 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,801 positive and 12,228 were negative. A total of 50,761 total tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 5,253 and those who have died to 166. One previously reported death of an individual from Florence County has been confirmed and added back into the state's total number of deaths*.

The deaths occurred in eight elderly individuals from Berkeley (2), Colleton (1), Florence (2*), Greenville (1), Orangeburg (1), Richland (1), and one middle-aged individual from Lee county (1).

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At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts
To ensure all South Carolinians receive the most current information about protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities from COVID-19, DHEC continues to provide educational materials that are also available online at scdhec.gov/COVID19. Through TV and radio public service announcements; community telebriefings; local partnerships with faith-based groups; billboards and advertisements; social media; and coordination with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, Department of Aging, Office of Rural Health, and others; DHEC remains committed to ensuring all South Carolinians, especially those at higher risk for severe complications, have the latest information available.

Testing in South Carolina
As of April 25, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 13,739 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,766 positive and 11,973 were negative. A total of 49,014 total tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

Hospital Bed Capacity
As of this morning, 4,984 hospital beds are available and 6,410 are utilized, which is a 56.3% statewide hospital bed utilization rate.

Cases by County and ZIP Code
DHEC's interactive maps were updated to include the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by county and ZIP code. The estimated cases represent possible cases based on evidence that for every known case of COVID-19, there could be up to 9 people with the virus who remain unidentified in the community. By including estimates, we hope to better convey the risk of disease spread within our communities.

How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves
Evidence is increasing about the high rates of infection in people who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious. This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:

- Practicing social distancing
- Wearing a mask while out in public
- Avoiding touching frequently touched items
- Regularly washing your hands
- Monitoring for symptoms

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19. Visit scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 5,070 and those who have died to 157. One previously reported death of an individual from Florence County has been removed from the state's total number of deaths at it's being reviewed to confirm whether the individual's death was related to COVID-19.

The deaths occurred in six elderly individuals from Aiken (1), Beaufort (1), Charleston (1), Dorchester (1), Greenville (1), and Kershaw (1) counties, and two middle-aged individuals from Greenville (1) and Lexington (1) counties.

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DHEC Hosts Telebriefings for Faith-Based Leaders and Environmental Justice Advocates
Today, DHEC hosted two telebriefings with faith-based leaders and environmental justice advocates, which more than 300 participants registered to attend. DHEC recognizes that

community- and faith-based organizations and environmental justice advocates play an important role in statewide outreach efforts, and these telebriefings were focused on ensuring all South Carolinians receive the information and resources available to help them protect themselves and their communities from COVID-19.

At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts
While COVID-19 is exacting a great toll on all communities across the country, data reveals that African Americans make up a disproportionate number of positive cases, including in South Carolina. African Americans make up about 27 percent of the state's population but comprise 43 percent of COVID-19 cases and 56 percent of related deaths, as indicated in **our demographic data.**

At the core of this problem is that African Americans are disproportionately affected by conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, asthma, and obesity and are more likely to encounter circumstances that limit adequate access to care. People with such health conditions and limited access to care are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. DHEC recognizes the critical need to address these inequities and is collaborating with community partners by:

- Working with churches to help communicate prevention messaging
- Taking our WIC services 100% over-the-phone
- Expanding options in a variety of food categories to address WIC product shortages
- Working with environmental justice advocates to raise awareness
- Increasing availability of public health data to help provide information to assist in decision making
- Partnering with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) to reach minority and rural populations across the state

Increasing Testing in Rural Communities
FEMA recently provided to DHEC 15 COVID-19 rapid-testing machines that have been distributed to hospitals across the state with a special emphasis on those serving rural populations. Additionally, the agency is working with the South Carolina Primary Care Association and the Office of Rural Health to assess the FQHCs in the state and their testing capacity. DHEC is prepared to assist the FQHCs with any needed resources to increase testing capacity.

For today's latest data and information, including updated maps, demographics and more, visit www.scdhec.gov/COVID19.

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These additional deaths occurred in three individuals who were elderly. Two of the three elderly patients were known to have underlying health conditions, and one is under investigation. One patient was a middle-aged individual who had underlying health conditions. The residents were from Clarendon, Horry, Beaufort and Lee counties.

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- Greenwood County: 1 case
- Horry County: 4 cases
- Kershaw County: 7 cases
- Lancaster County: 1 case
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- Lee County: 3 cases
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- Florence County: 1 case
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- Greenville County: 6 cases
- Greenwood County: 1 case
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- Kershaw County: 7 cases
- Lancaster County: 1 case
- Laurens County: 2 cases
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One patient was an elderly individual from Beaufort County who had underlying health conditions. The other patient was an elderly individual from Anderson County with underlying health conditions.

"We're all in this together," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician**. "Today's announcement is a stark reminder of the serious threat that COVID-19 poses to our families, friends, and communities. We encourage all South Carolinians to continue to listen to the guidance of our public health professionals and to, when possible, stay home and limit your close contact with others."

Additionally, DHEC is reporting 151 additional cases of COVID-19 today. As of today, the total number statewide is 925 cases in 41 counties*.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

- Anderson County: 2 cases
- Barnwell County: 1 case
- Beaufort County: 24 cases
- Charleston County: 6 cases
- Chesterfield County: 2 cases

- Clarendon County: 2 cases
- Colleton County: 1 case
- Darlington County: 1 case
- Dorchester County: 2 cases
- Fairfield County: 1 case
- Florence County: 1 case
- Georgetown County: 1 case
- Greenville County: 17 cases
- Horry County: 1 case
- Kershaw County: 16 cases
- Lancaster County: 1 case
- Lexington County: 6 cases
- Marion County: 1 case
- Orangeburg County: 5 cases
- Pickens County: 2 cases
- Richland County: 40 cases
- Spartanburg County: 5 cases
- Sumter County: 4 cases
- Union County: 2 cases
- York County: 7 cases

Late last week, DHEC reported a backlog of specimens to be tested that had developed at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory due to a nationwide shortage in the reagents (chemicals) required to perform testing. As of March 27, 2020, DHEC's Laboratory now has the necessary reagents. The lab is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. As of today, DHEC's Laboratory will resume a turnaround time of 24-48 hours once specimens are received at the lab.

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"We recognize that this is a challenging time and that what we're calling on everyone across our state to do is not easy," **Dr. Traxler said.** "But the risk of inaction is far too great. If we all don't follow the guidance for social distancing and staying home, then we can anticipate seeing higher rates of cases similar to what we've seen in other states."

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Good Afternoon All,

Due to the ongoing COVID response operations we would like to vote on the funding priorities for DR-4479 (Severe storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and flooding) via email. Attached please find our recommended funding priorities for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) DR-4479. The only notable change between the funding priorities for DR-4464 and the draft priorities for DR-4479 is the addition of 0.5 point for applications that were submitted but not awarded under other grant opportunities. Please respond with your vote to approve, revise, or remove these priorities by close of business **Friday, 8 May**.

I have included the blank proxy form if any agencies need to update their proxy for the ICC. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have comments or questions or if I can be of assistance.

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Good Afternoon All,

Thank you all for your responses to unanimously approve the DR-4479 (February 2020 Severe Storms) funding priorities. The State of South Carolina recently received a disaster declaration for DR-4542 (April 13 Tornadoes). Given the multiple disaster declarations we have received already we believe it may be beneficial to move to annual funding priorities for HMGP. The recommended Annual Priorities are the same as those recently approved by the ICC for DR-4479.

Annual HMGP Funding Priorities Process:

1. At the end of the Calendar Year (CY) the ICC will vote to approve funding priorities for the next CY. Note that for CY2020 we are recommending voting now on priorities for the remainder of the year.
2. If/when a funding opportunity becomes available SCEMD will send the approved funding priorities to the ICC for review with a two week comment period
    a. If no comments are received within the two week period SCEMD will move forward with the priorities as previously approved
    b. If SCEMD receives any recommended changes to the priorities in that two week period SCEMD will collect and present those changes to the ICC for a vote

We would like to propose two items upon which for the ICC to vote:

1. To move to annual HMGP funding priorities that the ICC would vote and approve once a year
2. To approve the recommended funding priorities for CY2020 (see attached)

Please respond with any comments and/or votes on these motions NLT **COB 22 May.**

As always if you have any comments or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Governor McMaster and Senior Staff,

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to COVID-19 and plan for America's economic recovery including implementation of robust testing plans. Over the past several governors briefings with the President and Vice President, governors have shared best practices on leading their entire testing ecosystem, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, expanding testing in nursing homes and prisons, and bolstering contact tracing and surveillance.

Your state health official(s) has received a similar email with this information from the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). I wanted to ensure you all received this information as well.

On April 20, each governor and staff received state-by-state testing platform information that included a state-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details. Since then, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), CDC, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the White House have conducted one-on-one technical assistance calls with states.

This email provides details on testing supplies (i.e., swabs, transport media) being distributed to your state to support enhanced testing efforts in partnership with you all. We appreciate your team providing your state's shipping address for swabs and media, logistics point of contact, and lab testing supplies point of contact.

Attached You Will Find Some Helpful Documents

- Overview of Testing Technical Assistance For States (*7-page slide, attached*)
- FAQ On Testing Technical Assistance (*10-pages, attached*)
- State Specific Swab & Media Allocations And Federal Points Of Contact (Please Share Updates As Necessary)

Additional Questions

- For personnel and guidance questions, please have your state health official(s) reach out to their CDC point of contact.
- For lab capacity and specimen collection allocations questions, please reach out to your testing subject matter expert.
- For logistic questions regarding swab and media shipments, please reach out to your

FEMA Regional Administrator.

Follow-Up Technical Assistance

If it would be helpful, we are happy to organize another technical assistance call with your state health officials later this week or early next week to talk through the specimen collection supplies, lab testing supplies, or any other topics that would be helpful to you. If you would like to have a call this week, please let us know and we will work with your team to arrange it.

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Office of the Vice President or White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office.

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In addition to providing universal testing, several measures have been implemented statewide to protect residents and staff at nursing homes. DHEC's disease investigation staff work closely with facilities to prevent additional cases by investigating when a COVID-19 case is reported involving a staff member or resident. This includes that all nursing homes are required to report COVID-19 infections to DHEC. A typical response includes:

- Frontline epidemiologists contact the facility to collect preliminary information about residents and staff.
- Frontline staff connect the facilities with DHEC Infection Preventionists who provide facility-specific consultations.
- Guidance is provided about how to assess possible exposures, restriction of activities, isolation and quarantine measures, appropriate use of personal protective equipment and disease monitoring in staff and residents to rapidly detect additional cases.

On March 13, Gov. Henry McMaster issued an Executive Order that stopped public visitation to nursing homes in order to help protect the vulnerable population of residents, staff and visitors. This order is still in effect today.

DHEC continues to release new and updated information as it becomes available. For the latest COVID-19 information and updates, visit **scdhec.gov/covid19.**

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Hi Ladies!

Hope you all are doing well and hanging in there.

I'm emailing to see if you have an updated contact list with all of the state agencies listing director, address, phone and email that you can share with me? I have one from May 2017 and am trying to get an updated one for use with AccelerateSC.

Thanks so much!

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- covering your cough
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Trey - Per our conversation, our team did a very quick 50-state survey yesterday to see at what level other jurisdictions are sharing data on positive cases.

- 2 states are sharing zip code level data
- 1 is sharing town level data
- 2 are sharing city-level data
- 47 are sharing county-level data
- 4 are sharing regional level data.

There is overlap, which is why the numbers do not add up to 50.

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Subject: [External] Status of County Offices

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 11:46:21 AM

Attachments: Status of county offices.docx

See attached...

From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Cc: Davidson, Nick
Subject: [External] testing press conference today ??
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:31:52 AM
Attachments: image001.png

If there is one - May I propose that Nick Davidson and Dr. Bell be the key DHEC reps. Nick has led the effort for start to finish (re doing all nursing home patients and staff). As well as leading the group with Clyburn's outreach discussions. Nick would be the subject matter expert.

This will allow me to work with the protection TF in finalizing our document (due at Governor's office at 5 pm).

I am tentatively putting together a three pm conf call to complete the consensus building on our presentation.

See everyone at EMD.

Rick

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] Testing Talking Points
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:45:53 AM
Attachments: Testing Strategy - May 5 2020.docx

Please see talking points attached.

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Cc:	Noel Fletcher, Jennifer; Webb, Beth; Prested, Terrell
Subject:	[External] Thanks for the call!
Date:	Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:52:50 PM
Attachments:	COVID-19 Business Support and Coordination Group List (004).xlsx

Team SC:

Want to thank everyone for joining the call on yesterday. Felt it was very beneficial and lots of great information was shared. Let's utilize this group to continue to keep up-to-date with the latest information to help support our business community. I've attached a group contact list for everyone's reference.

As always any questions or suggestions feel free to reach out to me.

Have a good evening.

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From:	Kevin Kennedy
To:	Taylor, Marshall; Plowden, Mark
Subject:	[External] thermal cameras info from Astoria enterprises
Date:	Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:09:00 PM
Attachments:	Camera info and pricing .docx

We have these in stock as of noon today.

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: SCDHEC Media
To: Information, Governor"s Office
Subject: [External] TODAY: DHEC Media Telebriefing Update on COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 12:21:34 PM

For Immediate Release:
Tuesday, March 3, 2020

What: DHEC will provide an update to media on the COVID-19 response
Who: DHEC medical experts
When: 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4

DHEC will provide an update for media on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and our ongoing response efforts in South Carolina. At this time there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina.

To call in, please use the information below:

Dial-In: 1-800-753-1965
Access Code: [redacted]

For regular updates, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

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Contact: DHEC Media Relations
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803-898-7769

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To:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Today"s news release
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We're sending/posting shortly.

Thanks,

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 3:35:43 PM

Hi, Brian,

We're going to send/post shortly.

South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 25, 2020)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 25, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 180 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and 9 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 5,253 and those who have died to 166. One previously reported death of an individual from Florence County has been confirmed and added back into the state's total number of deaths*.

The deaths occurred in eight elderly individuals from Berkeley (2), Colleton (1), Florence (2*), Greenville (1), Orangeburg (1), Richland (1), and one middle-aged individual from Lee county (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (2), Barnwell (3), Beaufort (9), Berkeley (19), Charleston (8), Cherokee (1), Chesterfield (4), Clarendon (9), Colleton (2), Darlington (4), Dillon (1), Dorchester (2), Edgefield (1), Fairfield (1), Florence (16), Georgetown (2), Greenville (6), Greenwood (2), Horry (3), Kershaw (4), Lancaster (5), Lee (3), Lexington (18), Marion (5), Marlboro (3), Orangeburg (3), Richland (20), Saluda (5), Spartanburg (5), Sumter (3), Williamsburg (7), York (4)

DHEC's COVID-19 webpage is updated daily with a **map of positive cases** as well as the most current recommendations for protecting against COVID-19.

At-risk Community Outreach and Engagement Efforts
To ensure all South Carolinians receive the most current information about protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities from COVID-19, DHEC continues to provide educational materials that are also available online at **www.scdhec.gov/COVID19**. Through TV and radio public service announcements; community telebriefings; local partnerships with faith-based groups; billboards and advertisements; social media; and

coordination with the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs, Department of Aging, Office of Rural Health, and others; DHEC remains committed to ensuring all South Carolinians, especially those at higher risk for severe complications, have the latest information available.

Testing in South Carolina

As of April 25, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 13,739 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,766 positive and 11,973 were negative. A total of 49,014 total tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

Hospital Bed Capacity

As of this morning, 4,984 hospital beds are available and 6,410 are utilized, which is a 56.3% **statewide hospital bed utilization rate**.

Cases by County and ZIP Code

DHEC's **interactive maps** were updated to include the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by county and ZIP code. The estimated cases represent possible cases based on evidence that for every known case of COVID-19, there could be up to 9 people with the virus who remain unidentified in the community. By including estimates, we hope to better convey the risk of disease spread within our communities.

How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves

Evidence is increasing about the high rates of infection in people who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious. This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:

- Practicing social distancing
- Wearing a mask while out in public
- Avoiding touching frequently touched items
- Regularly washing your hands
- Monitoring for symptoms

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID-19**. Visit **scdmh.net** for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

**As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the person's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

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Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:34:15 PM
Attachments: April 23 news release FINAL.docx

Please see attached. We're issuing around 4 p.m.

Thanks,

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To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:58:42 PM
Attachments: April 21 news release FINAL.docx

Going live around 4 p.m.

We'll be issuing a news release around 6 p.m. today that will announce providing nursing homes/extended care facilities impacted by COVID-19, as well as the list of those facilities. Working on the draft news release now and will share with you before we send it around 6 p.m.

TY,

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:49:27 PM
Attachments: 04.09.2020_South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (Daguise, Virginie) (2).docx

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Telebriefing with Dr. T at 4:30 p.m.

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To:	Symmes, Brian
Cc:	Read, Jennifer
Subject:	[External] Today"s news release
Date:	Saturday, April 4, 2020 3:25:11 PM
Attachments:	04.04.2020 News Release.docx

Going out between 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Read, Jennifer; Harris, Cassandra S.; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:05:46 PM
Attachments: April 3 news release.docx

We'll send/post during the presser.

TY,

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To:	Read, Jennifer; Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Today"s news release
Date:	Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:02:51 PM
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From:	Renwick, Laura A.
To:	Symmes, Brian; Read, Jennifer
Subject:	[External] Today"s news release
Date:	Tuesday, March 31, 2020 1:52:26 PM
Attachments:	March 31 news release_LBT.docx

Please see attached. We'll issue during 4 p.m. presser.

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To: Read, Jennifer; Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 1:50:15 PM
Attachments: March 28 news release FINAL.docx

FYI, please see attached news release for today. My thoughts are to not hold a media telebriefing today, though we can of course to so if you think otherwise.

TY,

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To:	Read, Jennifer; Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Today"s news release
Date:	Friday, March 27, 2020 3:22:58 PM
Attachments:	03.27.2020 News Release.docx

Attached. Will send out during the presser.

Thanks,

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To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:09:50 PM

We'll send/post 4 p.m. and telebriefing w Dr B and DT at 4:15 p.m.

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Cc:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	[External] Today"s news release
Date:	Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:10:46 PM
Attachments:	FINAL draft news release for March 21.docx

Jennifer,

Please see attached. I added the note at the bottom to qualify why numbers may change. Once you let me know you're good, I'll send/post.

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To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: [External] Today"s news release
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:01:09 PM
Attachments: May 8 COVID-19 Release FINAL.docx

We'll send while Dr. Bell speaks during presser.

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To: Symmes, Brian
Cc: Renwick, Laura A.
Subject: [External] Today"s Press Release
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:34:02 PM
Attachments: 04.02.2020_Draft Release.docx

Hi Brian,

Please see attached release. Planning to send out shortly.

Thanks,
Cassie

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To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] today"s release
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:29:22 PM

South Carolina Announces Additional 44 Cases of COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 24, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 44 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 342 cases in 36 counties*.

"As the number of cases and community spread expectedly increase in our state, we reiterate the importance of taking daily prevention practices to protect yourself and your community," said Dr. Jonathan Knoche, DHEC physician. "We all have the responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, friends and community."

New positive cases

- Aiken County: 1 case
- Anderson County: 1 case
- Beaufort County: 1 case
- Charleston County: 5 cases
- Chesterfield County: 1 case
- Clarendon County: 1 case
- Darlington County: 1 case
- Dorchester County: 1 case
- Florence County: 2 cases
- Greenville County: 8 cases
- Horry County: 3 cases
- Jasper County: 1 case
- Kershaw County: 4 cases
- Marlboro County: 1 case
- Richland County: 4 cases
- Spartanburg County: 1 case
- Sumter County: 4 cases
- York County: 4 cases

Individuals with signs of illness are asked to stay at home and

not attend public gatherings. South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items (like doorknobs and handrails), and regularly wash their hands, especially after being in a public place.

"While we reiterate the importance of taking daily precautions to prevent spread, we want to make sure South Carolinians are also taking steps to address the feelings of stress and anxiety that arise in this type of prolonged situation," said. Dr. Knoche. "Our partners at the Department of Mental Health have resources available to help, and we continue to provide guidance for coping with stress on DHEC's COVID-19 webpage."

Visit scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health. DHEC continues to provide new and updated guidance about COVID-19 at scdhec.gov/COVID19.

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

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From: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
Cc: Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] Update from DHEC on COVID-19 (March 31, 2020)
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:33:35 PM
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Legislative Update # 15— March 31, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or **rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov**
- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or **ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov**

Constituent inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **http://scdhec.gov/covid19** is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

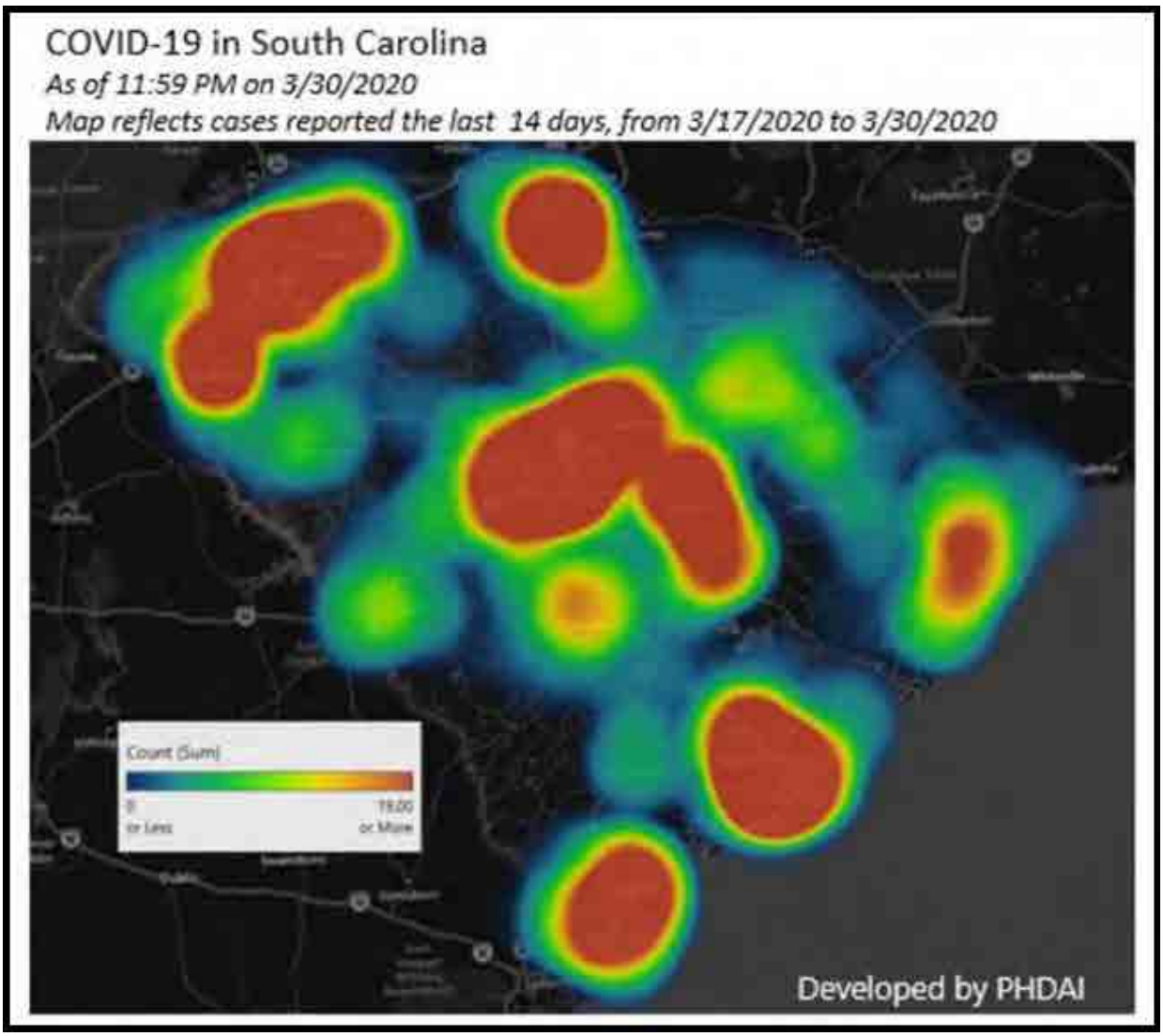
Covi D-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **158 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,083 cases** in **42 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **22.** Both patients were elderly individuals who had underlying health conditions. Three patients were elderly individuals who also had underlying health conditions, and one patient was a middle-aged individual who did not have underlying health conditions. They were residents of Aiken, Calhoun, Marion, and York counties.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This page also contains the projections for COVID-19 in the state and other detailed data updated weekly (on Wednesdays).

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	1	4	Greenwood	2	5
Aiken	4	13	Hampton	0	0
Allendale	0	0	Horry	5	37
Anderson	8	39	Jasper	0	3
Bamberg	2	2	Kershaw	6	105
Barnwell	0	1	Lancaster	1	15
Beaufort	17	91	Laurens	0	3
Berkeley	1	15	Lee	0	5
Calhoun	1	3	Lexington	13	54
Charleston	19	142	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	0	0	Marlboro	0	2
Chester	0	2	McCormick	0	0
Chesterfield	0	6	Newberry	0	2

Clarendon	**7**	**25**	**Oconee**	**1**	**5**
Colleton	**0**	**5**	**Orangeburg**	**1**	**22**
Darlington	**0**	**11**	**Pickens**	**1**	**14**
Dillon	**0**	**1**	**Richland**	**13**	**148**
Dorchester	**5**	**17**	**Saluda**	**0**	**1**
Edgefield	**0**	**2**	**Spartanburg**	**7**	**37**
Fairfield	**1**	**6**	**Sumter**	**5**	**39**
Florence	**4**	**19**	**Union**	**0**	**3**
Georgetown	**2**	**13**	**Williamsburg**	**0**	**2**
Greenville	**18**	**106**	**York**	**13**	**56**
TOTAL— 158 new cases, 1,083 total cases					

- **Heat Map:** The **heat map** shows reported cases for the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.



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Public Health Laboratory Update

- As of 10 AM this morning, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 5,170. Of those, 4,616 were negative.
- 553 tests were resulted yesterday at the PHL.
- Additional reagents were received this morning. Late last week, DHEC reported a backlog of specimens to be tested that had developed at DHEC's Public Health Laboratory due to a nationwide shortage in the reagents (chemicals) required to perform testing. DHEC's Laboratory now has the necessary reagents and has eliminated the backlog. DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week, and it has returned to its regular timeframe of 24 to 48 hours after specimen arrival for providing testing results to health care providers.

Logistics Update

- **PPE Request and Distribution Plan:** DHEC is working with the S.C. Emergency Management Division on a Medical PPE Request and Distribution Plan.
- **PPE Requests:** Healthcare facilities/providers seeking assistance with obtaining PPE should work through their **county emergency management office.** These requesting entities are responsible for the costs of any PPE received.
- **PPE Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

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Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources

Healthcare:

DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:

DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:

DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Guidance for Restaurants/Retail Food Service
SLED Guidance on Executive Order 2020-10
DHEC Guidance for Water Management
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:

DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
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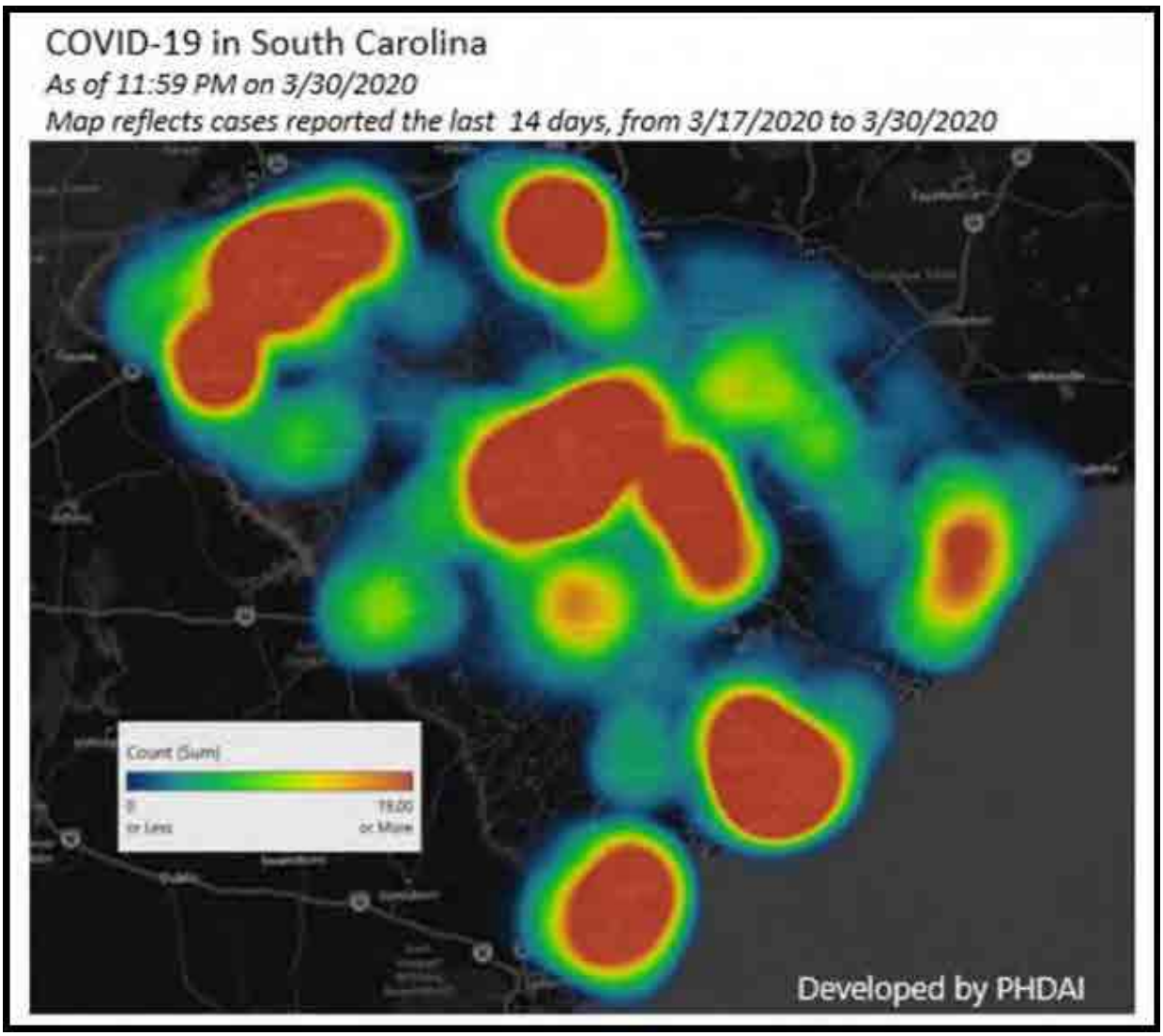

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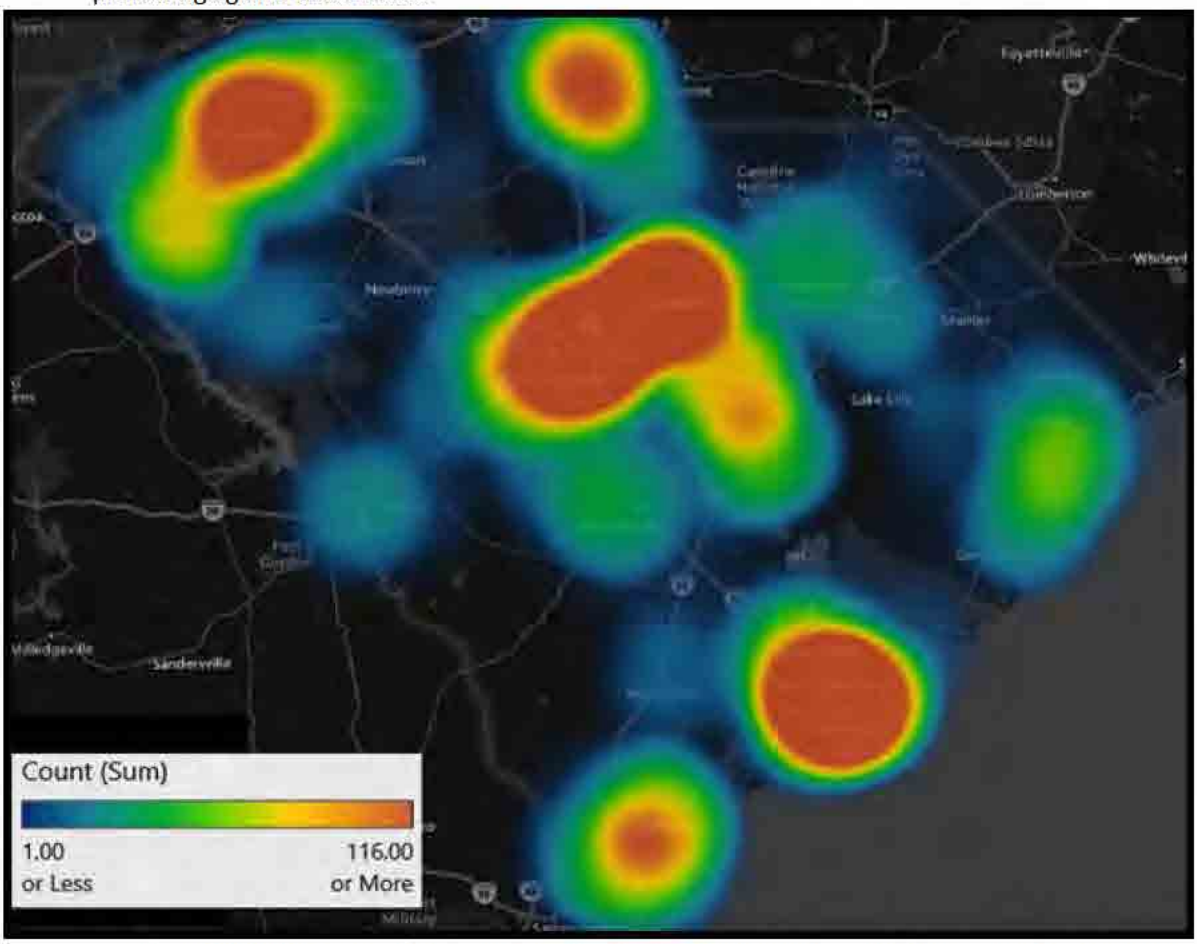

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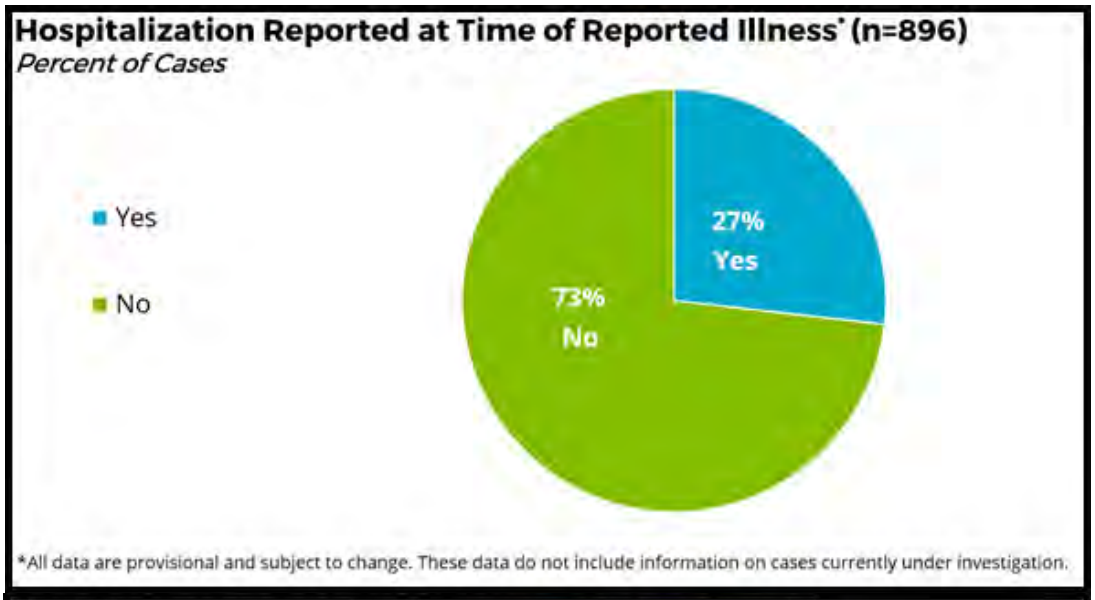

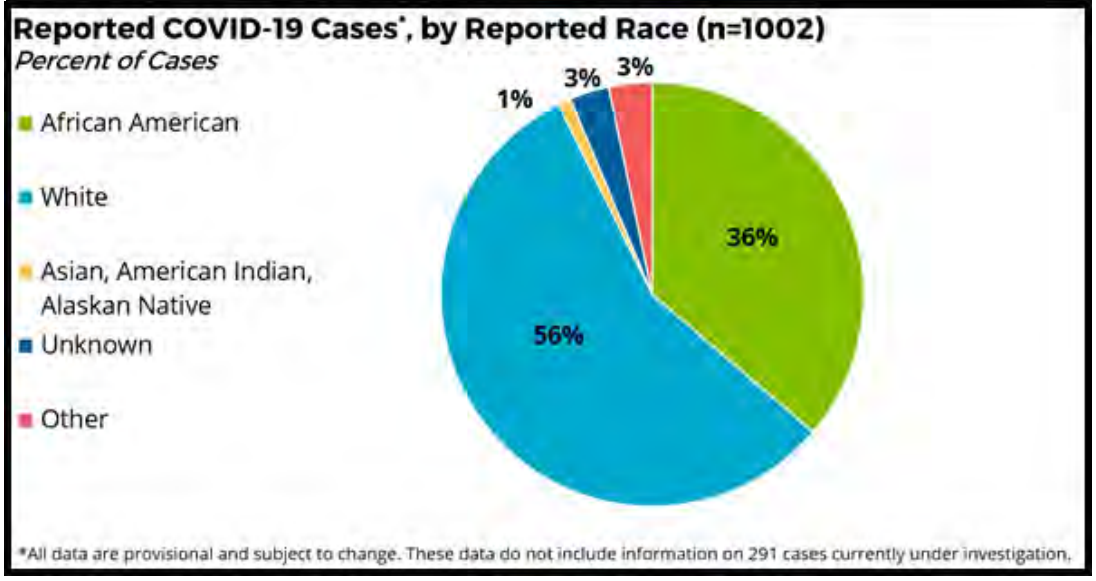

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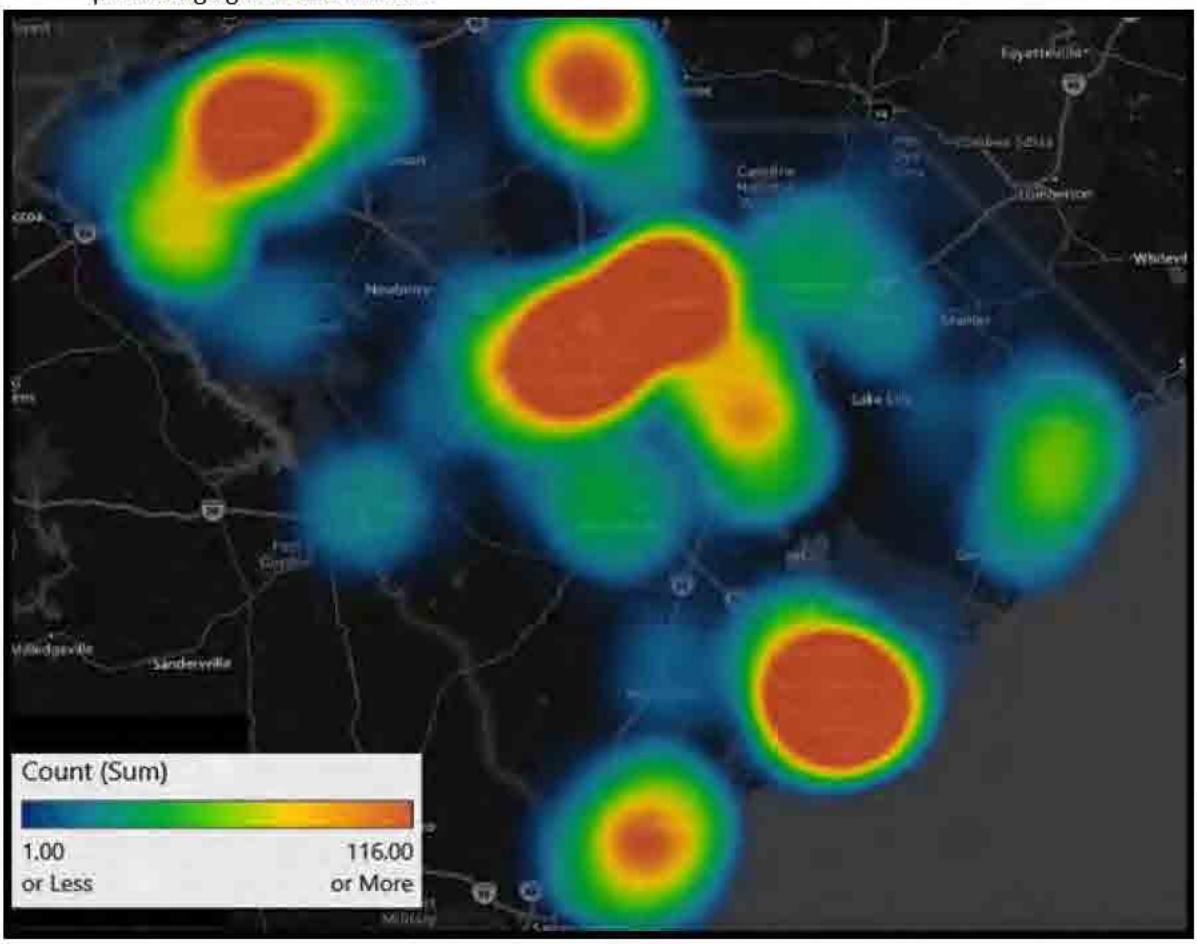

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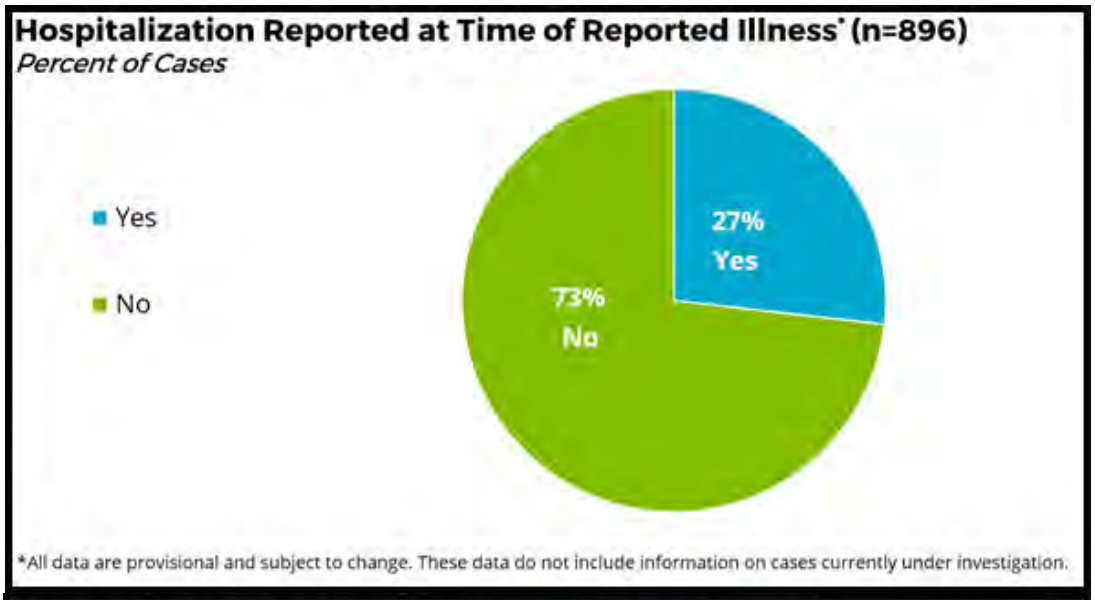

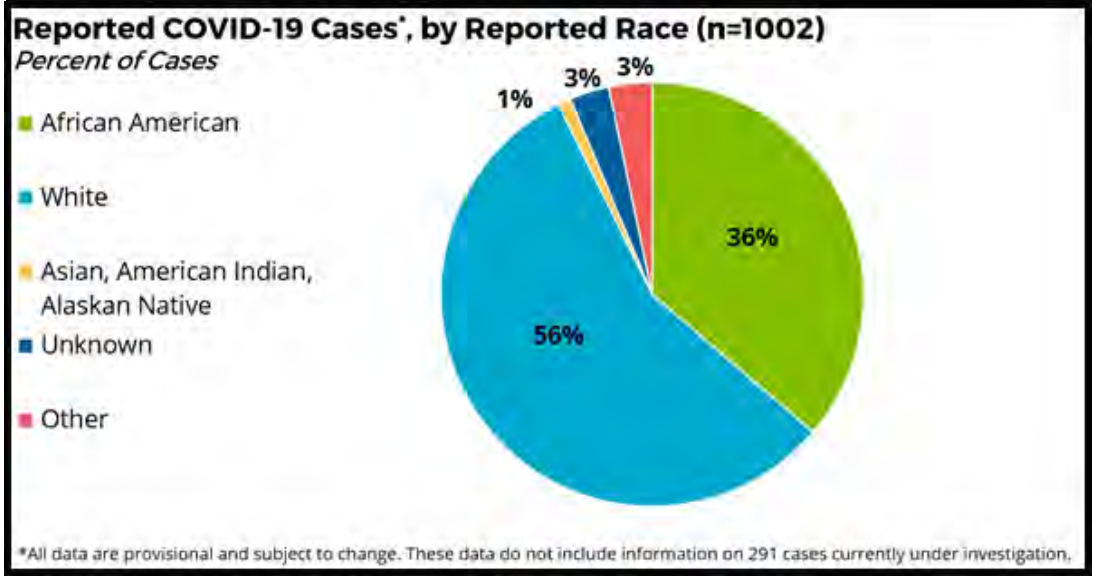

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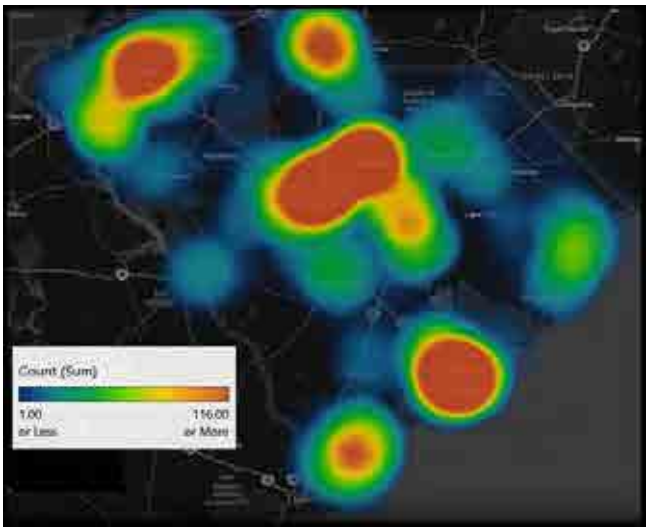

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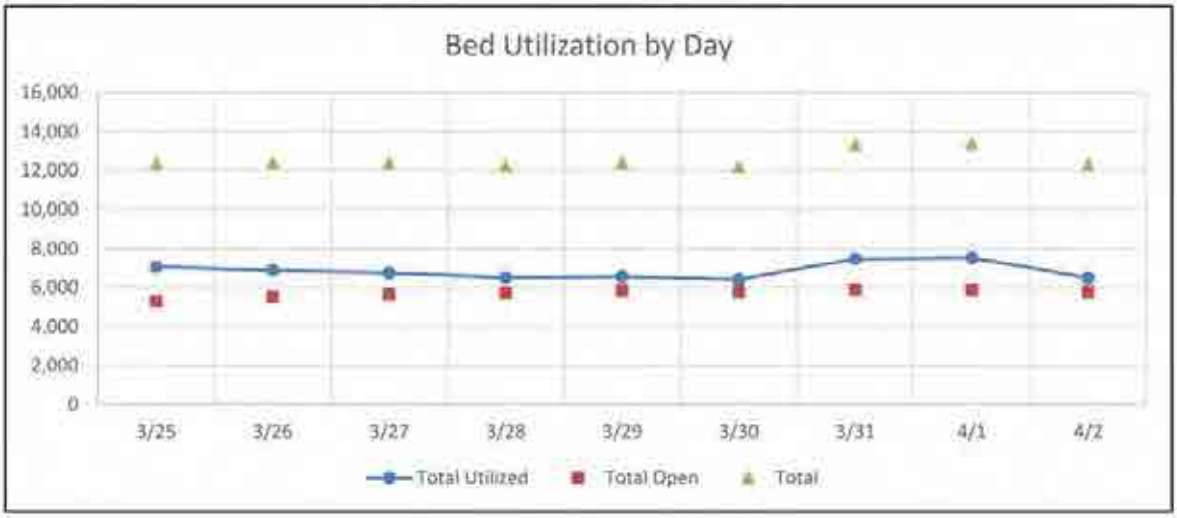

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From: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen
Cc: Caldwell, Rick
Subject: [External] Update on COVID-19 from DHEC (April 2, 2020)
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 6:17:06 PM

DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 17— April 2, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
- Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or ellen.andrews@dhec.sc.gov

Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
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Aiken	4	22	Hampton	1	1
Allendale	0	1	Horry	8	50
Anderson	10	57	Jasper	3	7
Bamberg	1	5	Kershaw	13	129
Barnwell	1	2	Lancaster	9	26
Beaufort	29	130	Laurens	1	4
Berkeley	15	33	Lee	3	8
Calhoun	0	3	Lexington	9	70
Charleston	41	231	Marion	0	2
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Chester	3	6	McCormick	1	1
Chesterfield	1	10	Newberry	2	4
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Colleton	1	6	Orangeburg	2	24
Darlington	4	15	Pickens	1	15
Dillon	0	1	Richland	24	200
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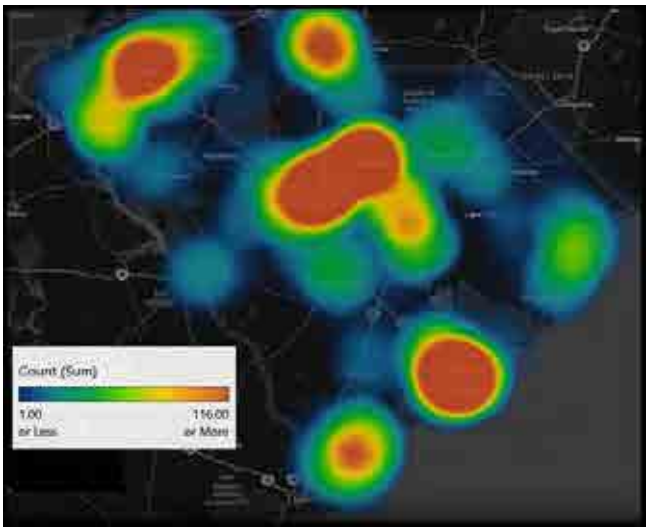

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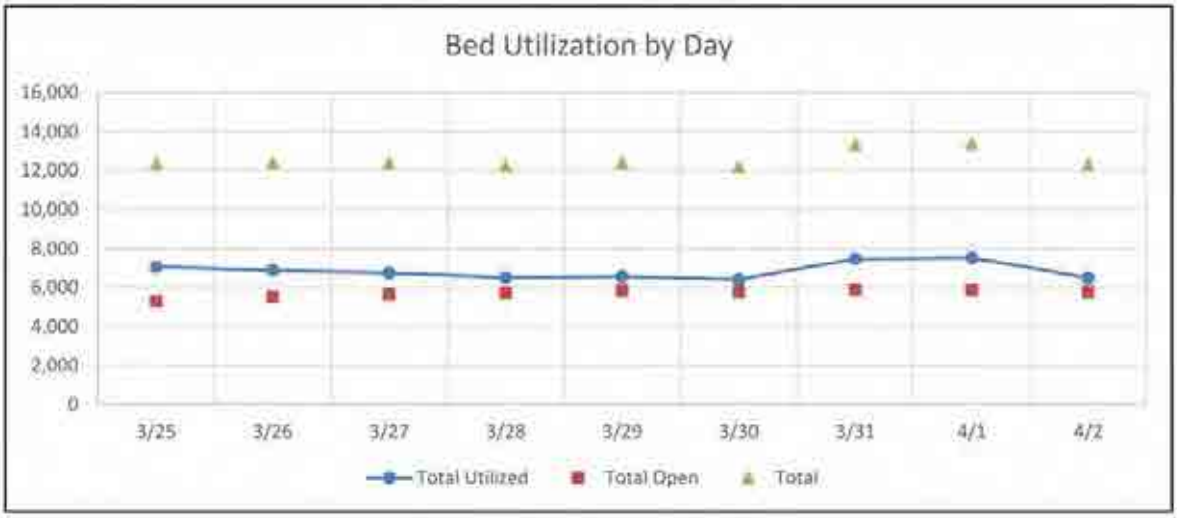

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To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.
Subject: [External] Update on priority action items
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:37:19 PM

For your situational awareness:

- Guidance for correctional facilities/jails went out to counties today.
- First responder priority testing guidance will be sent out to the counties tonight. Will go through at Governor's briefing Wed.
- Plan to shelter indigent and homeless has been finalized. Will brief plan during the county call Wed. and then distribute to counties.
- Updated epi projections/modeling for SC completed. Will go through at Governor's briefing Wed.

Any questions, don't hesitate to call.

Thanks

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark; Symmes, Brian; Simpson, Cody; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Updated case counts - 4/1
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:28:28 AM
Attachments: Daily county tally.xlsx

Please see attached. There are 210 new cases; total of 1,293 over 43 counties. Two new deaths for 24 total as of 9 AM.

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From: Johnston, Alicia L.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: [External] Updated CDC Guidance: Dental
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 1:38:56 PM

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have released *Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response*. **Per this guidance, "services should be limited to emergency visits only during this period of the pandemic".** This recommendation aligns with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid services, which states to limit all non-essential planned surgeries and procedures, including dental, until further notice. See: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html

Per SC Code of Regulation 39-10 (A) (1) and 39-10 (A) (2),

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To:	Symmes, Brian
Cc:	RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV; READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject:	[External] Updated Draft
Date:	Friday, March 6, 2020 6:34:45 PM
Attachments:	DRAFT-Confirmed2019-nCoV-Release_(Final Draft Template as of 1.29.2020).docx

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
To: Symmes, Brian; Harris, Cassandra S.; Read, Jennifer
Subject: [External] Updated news release for today
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:43:31 PM

COVID-19 Reported in All 46 Counties Across South Carolina, 5 deaths, 261 New Cases

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 2, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today reported 261 additional cases of COVID-19. That brings the statewide total cases to 1,554 in all 46 counties*.

"There are now documented cases of COVID-19 in every county across our state," **Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician.** "The level in which it continues to spread will hinge on all of our actions. Please do your part and stay home and limit your close contact with others."

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

- Abbeville County: 2 cases
- Aiken County: 4 cases
- Anderson County: 10 cases
- Bamberg County: 1 case
- Beaufort County: 29 cases
- Berkeley County: 15 cases
- Charleston County: 41 cases
- Cherokee County: 1 case
- Chester County: 3 cases
- Chesterfield County: 1 case
- Clarendon County: 3 cases
- Colleton County: 1 case
- Darlington County: 4 cases

Dorchester County: 8 cases

- Fairfield County: 1 case
- Florence County: 5 cases
- Georgetown County: 1 case
- Greenville County: 25 cases
- Greenwood County: 2 cases
- Hampton County: 1 case
- Horry County: 8 cases
- Jasper County: 3 cases
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- Lancaster County: 9 cases
- Lee County: 3 cases
- Lexington County: 9 cases
- Marlboro County: 1 case
- McCormick County: 1 case
- Newberry County: 2 cases
- Pickens County: 1 case
- Richland County: 24 cases
- Saluda County: 1 case
- Spartanburg County: 5 cases
- Sumter County: 18 cases
- Union County: 2 cases
- Williamsburg County: 3 cases

DHEC's COVID-19 webpage is updated daily with a **map of positive cases** as well as the most current recommendations for protecting against COVID-19. In addition, the agency today launched a new interactive heat map to visually represent the spread of the virus in the state.

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All South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Everyone is encouraged to monitor themselves for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items, and regularly wash their hands.

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**As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

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To: Walker, Trey; Plowden, Mark
Cc: Toomey, Rick K.; Stenson, Kim
Subject: [External] Ventilator stats requested during the briefing
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:04:39 PM

Currently, SC has 1,260 ventilators statewide (this includes EMS and pediatric types). As of Mar. 24, SC had 1,080 ventilators available of the 37 hospitals reporting. The total ventilators in use are 180, which is about 14% of the statewide allocation in use.

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From: SCDHEC Media
To: Walker, Trey
Subject: [External] VIDEO FOR MEDIA: Materials from National Strategic Stockpile Distributed to S.C. Counties for COVID-19 Response
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:00:30 PM

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Subject: [External] Video From Today"s Event
Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 5:26:34 PM

Hey Brian,

As an FYI, our team filmed the q&a section of today's event. It will be posted to our webpage with our other videos, but wanted to make sure you had a copy as well. Thanks, Cassie

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Subject: [External] webex link
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:22:41 PM
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Need to pass out the link information for our Monday 10 am meeting.

Thanks

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From: Davidson, Nick
To: Plowden, Mark; Simpson, Cody
Subject: [External] wording for Gov order
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 7:12:49 PM

Mark and Cody,

Three options for you on the stress/depression issue:

1. According to the American Pyschological Association, during a period of social distancing, quarantine or isolation, people may experience fear, anxiety, depression, boredom, anger, frustration, irritability and/or stigmatization. Furthermore, older adults, people with pre-existing mental health conditions and health-care workers helping with the response to the coronavirus may have an increased risk of experiencing psychological distress when they engage in social distancing, quarantine or isolation.

2. Social distancing, the stress of COVID-19 and the uncertainty it creates, can exacerbate any underlying risk for depression or anxiety, as well as feelings of loneliness..- American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

3. Social Distancing, quarantine and isolation during an infectious disease outbreak can lead to anxiety, loneliness, symptoms of depression and PTSD. - SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration)

On the data, I will get you the yellow highlighted data a bit later this evening, but this will get you started:

SC deaths of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who are 65 years or older - 91%
SC deaths of individuals diagnosed with COVID-19 who had underlying medical conditions - pending for later this evening
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The national data is pretty incomplete, so I would tend to use SC data, if I were you, but...
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US deaths with underlying medical conditions - data is very incomplete so I can't give you a reliable number

Thanks,
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To:	Parrish, Duane; Hitt, Bobby; rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov; Adams, Marcia; Gaines, Brian; mark.binkley@scdmh.org; dellzey@dew.sc.gov
Cc:	James Burns; Barton, Melanie; Symmes, Brian; Singh, Sym; Lemoine, Leigh
Subject:	2:00 PM call today (4/21) with James Burns re accelerateSC Meeting on 4/23
Date:	Tuesday, April 21, 2020 12:37:50 PM
Attachments:	image002.png

Hi all,

James Burns would like to speak with each of you on a conference call at 2:00 pm today, if possible, re the accelerateSC meeting set for 4/23 from 2-4 pm at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center. Please see below for the call-in number and the conference code.

Call in number:
800-753-1965

Conference number/code:
[redacted]

If you cannot attend this conference call, please have your Deputy Secretary, Chief of Staff, or next-in-command participate.

Thanks,
Beth Webb

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From: Plowden, Mark
To: DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: 12 residents
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:10:00 AM
Attachments: Questions for DHEC, 3.12.20.docx

Nick – Please see attached list of additional questions sent to me over night. Call if needed.

Thanks

Mark Plowden

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From: Pippin, Zach
To: csoura@scha.org; PASTIDES@mailbox.sc.edu; POPE, PAM; sprice@scsba.org; tommy@tommypope.com; lhewitt@gardencityrealty.com; Monhollon, Rusty; Singh, Sym; Higgins, Teresa
Cc: Tommy Pope
Subject: accelerateSC Governance Sub-group Meeting

Note: This meeting will also be available for viewing on scetv.org/accelerateSC

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From: Pippin, Zach
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Subject: accelerateSC Protection Sub-group Meeting

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From: Cleveland, John
To: rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Caldwell, Rick; James Burns
Subject: AccelerateSC Protection Sub-Group
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:20:00 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Director Toomey,

I hope you're doing well. I'll be staffing the Protection Sub-Group for the Governor and will be attending meetings on behalf of the office. Please let me know how I can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

John Connor Cleveland
Director of Policy and External Communications
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Phone: 803-734-2201

From: Blair, Jamie D.
To: Singh, Sym
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Best Mattress help Sewing-Donation
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:21:21 PM

I will be off Thursday March 26 and Friday March 27. Please contact acc-log@dhec.sc.gov or Scott Hagins
haginsms@dhec.sc.gov
803-920-6833
for immediate assistance. I will be back in the ACC on Saturday March 28.

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From:	Moore, Cristi Y.
To:	Symmes, Brian
Subject:	Automatic reply: [External] DHEC News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 11, 2020)
Date:	Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:22:59 PM

Media: For questions about **COVID-19**, please email **covid19news@emd.sc.gov** or call **803-737-8515**. This will put you in contact with the State Emergency Response Team's Joint Information Center that is coordinating information for media regarding COVID-19.

From: Bell, Linda J.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Invitation
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 12:43:36 PM

Thank you for your email. Please be aware that due to our public health emergency, my email responses may be delayed. I will respond as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Linda J. Bell, M.D.

State Epidemiologist

Director, Bureau of Communicable Disease Prevention and Control

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

From: Blair, Jamie D.
To: Hall, Madison
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Medical Mask (N95 & surgical) from China
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:01:02 PM

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From: Read, Jennifer
To: Symmes, Brian
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 26, 2020)
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:12:06 PM

I will am currently away from the office.

If you need immediate assistance related to our COVID-19 response, please contact Nick Davidson at davidsne@dhec.sc.gov or (803) 995-0269.

Thank you,
Jennifer Read

From: Blair, Jamie D.
To: Finnern, Megan
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Quick question
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:18:25 AM

I am on leave until 5/3/2020. Please contact acc-log@dhec.sc.gov or
Katherine Price
pricekh@dhec.sc.gov
(803) 530-5774
for immediate assistance.

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From: Toomey, Rick K.
To: Plowden, Mark
Subject: Automatic reply: [External] Timing.
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:18:02 PM

I am out of the office with limited access to my mailbox.

From: Marsh, Jordan
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:39:03 AM

Rick,

Senator Scott's chief just sent me a screenshot of a message that was sent to Senator Scott regarding two confirmed cased of COVID-19 in Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community. The CEO, Sarah Tipton, is asking for additional tests and masks.

Of course, I know that this issue exist throughout the state. However, if possible, can you have someone at DHEC contact Senator Scott's chief or email an update on Bishop Gadsden?

The best contact for Senator Scott is Joe McKeown at 843-343-4991 or joe_mckeown@scott.senate.gov.

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Webb, Beth
To: blairjd@dhec.sc.gov; Hall, Madison; Singh, Sym
Cc: Tammie Greene (tgreene@sccommerce.com)
Subject: Call re masks/equipment, etc
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:07:40 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Jamie,

I hope this finds you well. Could you get on a call with the Governor's Office (me and Sym Singh and Madison Hall in Legislative Affairs), and Tammie Greene in the Department of Commerce to discuss how to handle all the offers of masks and others supplies coming in? We would love to know how to best get these to you in an organized fashion that is most helpful. 2 pm? 2:30 pm?

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From: Walker, Trey
To: marshall.taylor@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Can you call me on mobile 803-206-0847?
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:23:00 AM
Attachments: image001.png

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From: Marsh, Jordan
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Community Testing
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:27:00 AM

HHS Statements on Authorizing Licensed Pharmacists to Order and Administer COVID-19 Tests (HERE) The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health issued new guidance under the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act authorizing licensed pharmacists to order and administer COVID-19 tests that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized.

Community-based Testing Sites and HIPAA Flexibilities: The Office for Civil Rights at HHS announced that it will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties for violations of the HIPAA Rules against covered entities or business associates in connection with the good faith participation in the operation of COVID-19 testing sites during the COVID-19 nationwide public health emergency. This Notification was issued to support certain covered health care providers, including some large pharmacy chains, and their business associates that may choose to participate in the operation of a Community Based-Testing Site (CBTS), which includes mobile, drive-through, or walk-up sites that only provide COVID-19 specimen collection or testing services to the public.

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From: Marsh, Jordan
To: Plowden, Mark; Toomey, Rick K.
Cc: Walker, Trey
Subject: Cong. Clyburn"s Staff Request a Call re mobile testing
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:50:02 PM

Seth, with Congressman Clyburn's office, proposed setting up a call for tomorrow at 11:15am to discuss mobile/community testing with the following organizations.

Governor McMaster's Office
TBD
Mark Plowden, Deputy Chief of Staff
Jordan Marsh, Federal Affairs

Congressman Clyburn's Office
Ashleigh Wilson, Legislative Director
Seth Ismail, Legislative Assistant

Department of Health and Environmental Control
TBD

Medical University of South Carolina
Allie Dodd, Director of Health Policy
Mark Sweatman, Director of Governmental Affairs
Chad Schulken, Consultant

Clemson University
Angela Leidinger, Vice President for External Affairs

Office of Rural Health
Graham Adams, CEO

Palmetto Care Connections
Kathy Schwarting, CEO

Let me know if you'd like to proceed with this call, and if so, does the 11:15am time work on your end?

Thanks,
Jordan

-----Original Message-----
From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>

Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Call Tomorrow?

Copying RT here. He and TW just met on the topic. DHEC needs to work through you to set up the particulars. TW might have additional input.

-----Original Message-----
From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Call Tomorrow?

Follow up on rural/community testing. Congressman Clyburn's office would like to get everyone on a call to discuss the next steps. Are you okay with me scheduling this call? If you agree, I'd assume we would include DHEC on the call, but I'll defer to you on who should join from the agency.

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From:	Marsh, Jordan
To:	CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc:	Plowden, Mark
Subject:	Congressional Questions re COVID-19
Date:	Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:06:12 PM
Attachments:	Congressional Delegation Questiosn as of 3.17.2020.docx

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Hi Rick,

I've received several requests/questions from the Congressional Delegation. I've separated them out in the attached word document. Please let me know if you have a minute to get on a call to review the requests and assign appropriate staff/response.

Best,
Jordan

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From: Finnern, Megan
To: OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV; Polatty, Jan
Cc: Quattrone, Kristy; nate.wilbourne@precisiongenetics.com
Subject: Connection: COVID-19 Test Kit Capacity
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:18:32 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Good morning Ms. Ouzounidis and Ms. Polatty,

I am writing today to connect you with Nate Wilbourne, CEO of Precision Genetics based out of Greenville, SC. He reached out to the Lt. Governor via a mutual acquaintance to share that his company has the capacity to handle thousands of COVID-19 tests daily and would like to be of help if needed. He asked to be put in touch with the Lt. Governor, and I thought best to connect him directly to your agencies to see what opportunities exist.

I have copied Mr. Wilbourne on this email and he can also be reached via phone at: [redacted]

Mr. Wilbourne – If you weren't previously aware, the state of South Carolina posts its contracting and procurement opportunities on the following webpage: SCBO.SC.GOV. We would encourage you as a prospective vendor to check this website.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
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From: Singh, Sym
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV; Sid Gaulden (sidgaulden@scdps.gov)
Cc: Quattrone, Kristy
Subject: Constituent Point of Contact for the Governor"s Office
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:21:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png
Importance: High

Will you provide a constituent services point of contact to Kristy Quattrone. This poc will handle constituent calls related to the agency that come into the Governor's Office. Please provide this contact to Kristy as soon as possible (she is copied on this email).

Thanks,
Sym

Sym Singh
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From: Quattrone, Kristy
To: Adams, Marcia; Goldsby, Sara; Hitt, Bobby; Stirling, Bryan; Dan Ellzey; Baker, Josh; Farmer, Raymond; Freddie Pough; EMILY.FARRLLR.SC.GOV; Shwedo, Kevin; Parrish, Duane; Adger, Jerry; Hartley Powell; MICHAEL.LEACHDSS.SC.GOV; McCarty, Roy BG; Keel, Mark; BOYLESRDNR.SC.GOV; Whittle, Amanda; Lamkin, Brian; Munn, Connie; Woods, IV Robert G.; RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV; Hall, Christy; william.grimsley@scdva.gov
Subject: Contact for the Governor"s Office
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 10:30:00 AM

If I have not already spoken with you please to this message with the name, email, and number of a contact in your agency the Governor's Office can refer COVID-19 constituent questions to for the duration of this event.
Thank you,
Kristy

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From: Marsh, Jordan
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: Plowden, Mark
Subject: Contact Tracing Request for WH
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:25:00 AM
Importance: High

Rick,

HHS is coordinating the below data request on behalf of the White House. The White House needs this information by EOB today. If needed, I can set up a call with HHS to review this request in more detail. Please advise if you can compile this information today. Of course, do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

Jordan –

In order to help with contact tracing and COVID-19 numbers - we are collecting data on your opening plans, for your state.

1. What is your current strategy for conducting contact tracing?
2. What is your plan for potential increased need for contact tracing?
3. How many contact tracers did you have prior to COVID-19?
    a. Do you currently have tracers now and how is this pool staffed?
    b. How many contact tracers will you need to implement your plan?
4. What is your definition of a close contact?
5. Do you utilize digital application tools in your contact tracing?
    a. If yes, what type and where is it in use?
    b. Do you need technical support for digital application tools?
6. Do you currently have a data collection and transmission method identified?
    a. If yes, please provide the details.
7. What additional resources are needed to increase contact tracing in your state/territory?

Next, we'd like to ask about surveillance and testing efforts to address the needs of vulnerable populations:

1. What is your current strategy to monitor surveillance and implement any proactive testing in:

a. Nursing homes/long-term care sites – symptomatic and asymptomatic

b. FQHCs

c. IHS sites

d. Others?

2. What additional resources are needed to enhance surveillance and increase testing for vulnerable populations in your state/territory?

Finally, do you have any other pressing needs that will assist you in opening and keeping open your state?

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Subject:	Coronavirus Response - April 11
Date:	Saturday, April 11, 2020 12:42:00 PM
Attachments:	SC Governor"s Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.11.20.pdf

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Subject:	Coronavirus Response Summary - April 7
Date:	Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:17:00 AM
Attachments:	SC Governor"s Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.7.20.pdf

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Subject:	Coronavirus Response Summary - April 8
Date:	Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:23:00 AM
Attachments:	SC Governor"s Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.8.20.pdf

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Hi Maria, we were reviewing our correspondence and I wanted to share this letter with DHEC for your reference.

Thank you,
Leigh

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Good morning,
Thank you for providing the point of contact for constituents who will be referred to your agency from the Governor's Office.
Please review the attachment. All of the contacts and the directors have been copied on this email.
Thank you,
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Good afternoon,

Please email me any updates to the initial top 3 -5 actions taken by your agency.

This is a follow-up to the information communicated to me two weeks ago by each agency.

Thank you,

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DHEC Announces Additional 14 Cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

Updated: March 17, 2020, 4:35 pm

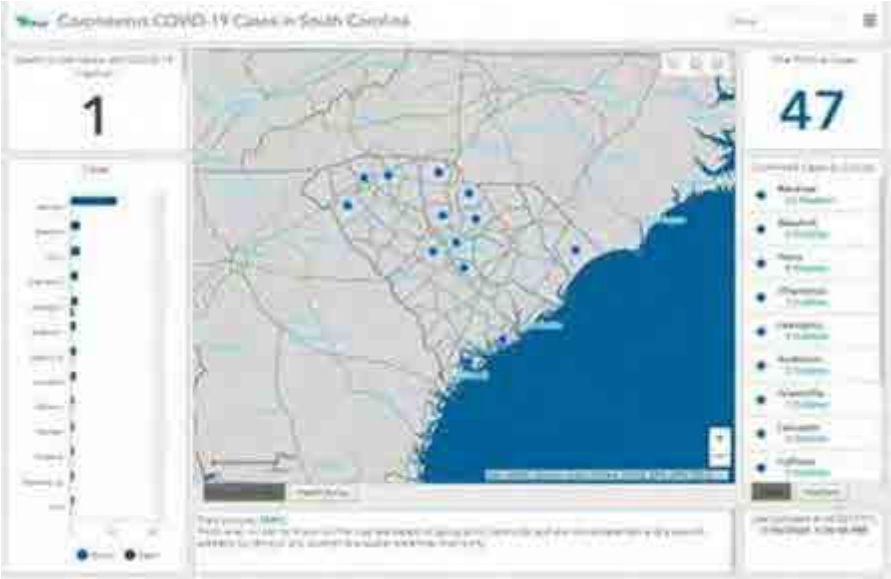
COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 14 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 47 cases in 13 counties.

"We emphasize the importance of practicing disease prevention measures and following recommendations for social distancing to protect our community as a whole," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician consultant**.

County location of new cases

- 1 new case from Beaufort County
- 2 new cases from Charleston County
- 1 new case from Calhoun County
- 5 new cases from Kershaw County
- 1 new case from Lexington County
- 1 new case from Richland County
- 1 new case from York County
- 1 new case from Greenville County
- 1 new case from Horry County

As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. One case previously reported in Kershaw County has been corrected to a Fairfield County case. **DHEC's new COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily**.



"We know that many South Carolinians are concerned about what impact this virus may have on themselves, their loved ones, and our state," **Traxler said**. "This is a rapidly evolving public health event, and DHEC takes every new infectious disease seriously."

DHEC encourages the public to follow recommendations for social distancing to protect the health and safety of all South Carolinians. This includes:

- washing your hands frequently,
- covering your cough,
- staying home when you're sick and not attend public gatherings, and
- appropriately disposing tissues and other items that you've sneezed or coughed into.

Several South Carolina health systems are offering telehealth options to the public.
For **telehealth** options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19**. For more information about COVID-19, visit the CDC website **here**.

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 19—April 5, 2020

Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, contact:

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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.
- The DHEC COVID-19 site at **http://scdhec.gov/covid19** is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed **Educational & Outreach Materials** for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's **COVID-19 webpage.**

COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, **DHEC announced** it is investigating **132 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 2,049 cases** in **all 46 counties.**
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **44**. These additional deaths occurred in three individuals who were elderly. Two of the three elderly patients were known to have underlying health conditions, and one is under investigation. One patient was a middle-aged individual who had underlying health conditions. The residents were from Clarendon, Horry, Beaufort and Lee counties.
- DHEC's **COVID-19 county map** provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence. This map also shows the locations of hospitals, specimen collection sites, and alternate care sites.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	6	Greenwood	0	10
Aiken	3	27	Hampton	1	2
Allendale	0	2	Horry	1	64
Anderson	1	69	Jasper	0	9
Bamberg	0	5	Kershaw	7	148
Barnwell	1	3	Lancaster	2	41
Beaufort	8	156	Laurens	0	6
Berkeley	1	46	Lee	1	17
Calhoun	1	5	Lexington	22	117
Charleston	0	274	Marion	0	2
Cherokee	0	2	Marlboro	0	3
Chester	0	12	McCormick	0	1
Chesterfield	0	13	Newberry	-1	7

Clarendon	9	54	Oconee	0	8
Colleton	-1	8	Orangeburg	1	27
Darlington	0	19	Pickens	1	18
Dillon	0	1	Richland	56	298
Dorchester	-1	44	Saluda	2	4
Edgefield	1	6	Spartanburg	3	75
Fairfield	2	14	Sumter	1	80
Florence	1	36	Union	2	11
Georgetown	1	18	Williamsburg	1	10
Greenville	3	186	York	4	85
TOTAL— 132 new cases; 2,049 total cases					

- **Zip Code Data:** The latest confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code are available here. In addition, the agency is working to develop estimated cases by ZIP code and anticipates having the data available by Monday, April 5. These estimated counts will represent individuals who are potentially undiagnosed. By including estimates, we hope to better convey more meaningful information about the risk of disease spread in our community. We encourage everyone to continue to take action to protect themselves and those they love.
- **Heat Map:** DHEC has updated the heat map; the map is now animated to show change over time. The heat map shows the number of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the previous 14 days, an estimate of when an individual may be contagious. **However, there are many people within our communities who have the virus and have never been tested, and because of this, we'll never have information that accurately represents every case of COVID-19.** Regardless of the number of reported cases within an area, all South Carolinians should take seriously the recommended precautions for protecting against the disease.

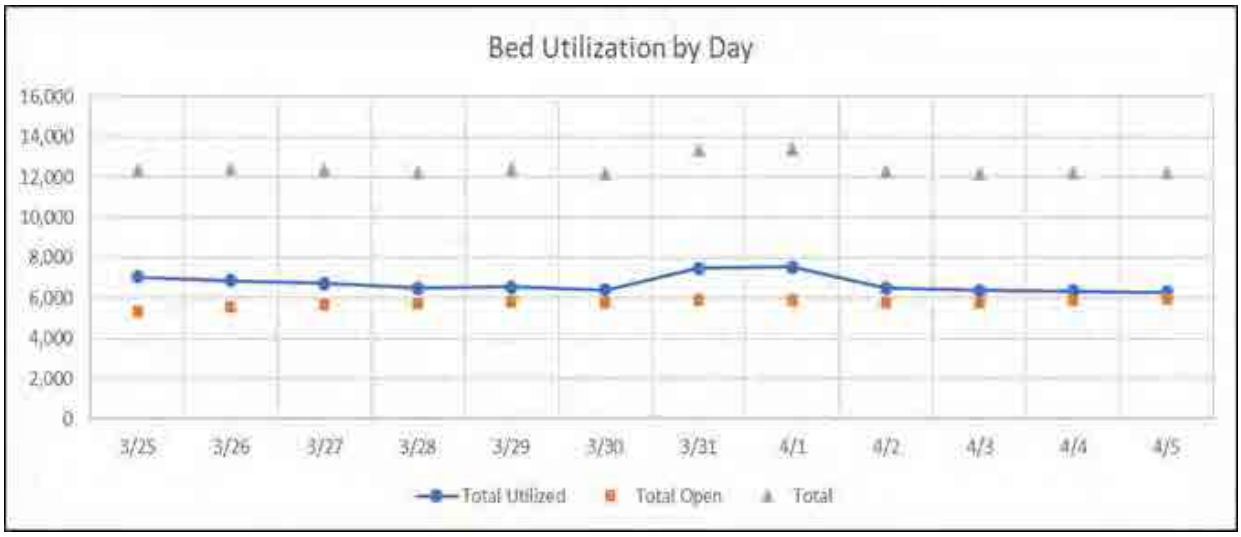
COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	**18,976**
Total positive tests	**2,094**
Total negative tests	**16,927**
Negative - DHEC PHL	6,695
Negative - private labs	10,232

- **Private Labs:** Data related to testing at private labs has been received by DHEC and is being prepared for publishing on our website. To date, there have been 10,232 negative tests at private labs.
- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 7,571. Of those, 876 were positive and 6,695 were negative.
  - 554 were resulted yesterday. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
  - The PHL has now received adequate levels of reagent to continue testing without delays; the lab is operating extended hours and testing specimens seven days a week. The current timeframe for providing results to healthcare providers is 24 to 48 hours, with specimens typically tested the same day received.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of April 5, 5,917 hospital beds are available and 6,283 are utilized, which is a 51.5 percent statewide hospital bed utilization rate.
- The overall trend this week has been in greater hospital bed availability, specifically a 6.8 percent decrease in hospital bed utilization since March 23.



Indigent Population Guidance

- DHEC continues to work with its state and federal partners to assist with local planning for sheltering of indigent individuals impacted by COVID-19. The counties have been provided with an indigent/sheltered population FAQ and guidance document today; this document will be reviewed and updated as needed throughout the response.
- CDC resources for those experiencing homelessness and for homeless shelters are available **here.**

How South Carolinians Can Protect Themselves

- South Carolinians are encouraged to stay home and minimize contact with people outside their households to prevent the spread of the disease. Other steps the public should take include:
    - **Monitoring for symptoms**
    - **Practicing social distancing**
    - **Avoiding touching frequently touched items**
    - **Regularly washing your hands**
- Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.
- Visit scdmh.net for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

Logistics Information

- **Strategic National Stockpile:** The allocation for the third wave of PPE received from the Strategic National Stockpile was delivered to the counties Thursday and Friday of this week **has been published online.**
- **PPE Request and Distribution Plan:** DHEC is working with the S.C. Emergency Management Division on a Medical PPE Request and Distribution Plan.
    - **PPE Requests:** Healthcare facilities/providers seeking assistance with obtaining PPE should work through their **county emergency management office.** These requesting entities are responsible for the costs of any PPE received.
    - **PPE Vendor Offers:** DHEC has received many offers from vendors regarding PPE. As the S.C. Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) is ordering PPE for resource requests, and DHEC is only ordering small amounts for our health departments, SCEMD has established an email address for vendors that are interested in conducting business with the state for COVID19 response. These vendors should send their information to **PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.**

Helpful Links, Resources, and Guidance

We encourage residents to visit **scdhec.gov/COVID19** often for the latest updates on COVID-19. Much of the information in this update can be found on our website, including many of the links below.

General:

Act 116 COVID-19 Response Account Expenditures
DHEC List of Telehealth Providers
State of South Carolina COVID-19 Job Opportunities
SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD)
CDC COVID-19 Resources
FEMA COVID-19 Rumor Control
SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources
CDC Guidance - Homelessness
SC Department of Insurance Resources

DHEC FAQ for Coroners

Healthcare:
DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals
DHEC Certificate of Need (CON) Regulation FAQ
DHEC FAQ for Nursing Homes/Assisted Living
DHEC Health Alert Network (HAN) Messages

EMS/Law Enforcement/Corrections:
DHEC State EMS Protocol on Emerging Diseases
CDC Interim Guidance for EMS
CDC Guidance for Law Enforcement
DHEC COVID-19 Guidance for Correctional Facilities

Business/Environment:
DHEC Guidance for Businesses
CDC Guidance - Businesses
DHEC Environmental Regulatory Assistance (Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.)
EPA COVID-19 Policy on Enforcement
EPA Water Utility COVID-19 Resources
EPA COVID-19 Resources
Small Business Administration Disaster Loans
FEMA Ways for Private Sector to Help Fight COVID-19
SC Virtual Business Emergency Operations Center

Children:
DHEC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program Resources
SC Department of Social Services Child Care Resources
SC Department of Education Food Sites

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DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 2—March 18, 2020

DHEC would like to provide the General Assembly with an update on COVID-19 response efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact DHEC's Legislative Affairs team if you have questions about DHEC's response efforts. For legislative inquiries regarding DHEC's role in the Coronavirus response, please contact:

- Rick Caldwell at (803) 508-9073 or rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call ***1-855-472-3432***. Staff are answering calls 8 a.m.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish.

- The Call Center is handling up to 3,000 calls per day, including scheduling appointments and Care Line response to COVID-19.

- Calls are being answered quickly with assessments for transfer to the Nurse Triage Line happening within a minute of the call being answered. Implementation of updated scripts takes place immediately upon receipt which speaks to the flexibility of the associates and management.

- The DHEC COVID-19 site at http://scdhec.gov/covid19 is being updated on an ongoing basis to provide the public with the most up-to-date information on the virus. In addition, DHEC has developed Educational & Outreach Materials for community use. For additional resources, residents may also visit CDC's COVID-19 webpage.

New Cases

- The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 13 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 60 cases in 14 counties.

- New Cases by County:

Beaufort County	2
Charleston County	1
Greenville County	1
Horry County	1
Kershaw County	3
Lee County	1
Lexington County	1
Richland County	3

- DHEC's COVID-19 county map provides the number of cases by county and is updated daily. As the state's number of positive cases expectedly increases, DHEC will continue to provide the number of positive cases and the county of residence.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

Negatives (DHEC Public Health Lab)		**583**
All South Carolina Positives		**60**
from DHEC Public Health Lab	53	
from private labs	7	

Note: While a test positive for COVID-19 must be reported to DHEC, private laboratories are not required to report negative tests. Therefore, the number above represents the total at the DHEC Public Health Lab.

Vital Records

To protect our customers and employees, we are limiting the number of customers in our statewide Vital Records offices to ten (10) customers at a time. We feel this change is needed to help prevent the spread of germs and keep everyone who visits or works in our offices healthy. We are offering other options to get birth certificates or other vital records. You can order:

1. Through VitalChek at http://www.vitalchek.com or 1-877-284-1008.
2. By Mail. See scdhec.gov/birthcertificates for details.

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Guidance for Restaurants

DHEC has published guidance relating to Executive Order No. 2020-10's restrictions on restaurants:

- To facilitate social distancing, restaurants and bars can no longer provide sit down dining. This applies to both indoor and outdoor dining areas. The Governor is encouraging all affected facilities to provide take out, drive through or delivery service. Patrons may come into the facility to place orders. However, to promote social distancing, we are encouraging that orders be taken via phone, online or at a service window.

- Retail food establishments are not required to notify DHEC or the Division when they become aware of an employee who tests positive for COVID-19. There is also no requirement for public notification by your facility should you have a report of a positive employee. COVID-19 is a reportable disease, but that requirement is the responsibility of the medical provider or the testing laboratory, not the patient or their employer.

- Retail stores, convenience stores and hotel breakfast service may continue to offer self-service food service such as grab and go, hot dog and pizza or other food pick up; however, any seating areas need to be closed.

- If you choose to temporarily close your facility due to the Governor's Executive Order, you do not need to notify DHEC, and you can reopen without notifying DHEC.

- If a follow-up is scheduled for your facility, DHEC will be contacting you by phone to discuss the processes for conducting the inspection.

- For the duration of the emergency restrictions and to encourage social distancing practices, DHEC will not be conducting routine inspections. However, we will come and provide a non-graded evaluation and consultation upon request. Requests can be made to the Division of Food and Lead Risk Assessments at (803) 896-0640 / foodsafetyteam@dhec.sc.gov or to your regional BEHS office.

- DHEC is continuing to encourage all retail food service establishments to be vigilant by emphasizing employee health, good hygiene and sanitation practices for your employees. While COVID-19 is not spread by food, continued action should be taken to prevent the person to person spread of COVID-19 from an infected food worker to co-workers and/or customers.

- SLED has published guidance relating to enforcement issues related to alcohol.

Strategic National Stockpile

- DHEC received the first, of what may be multiple shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) on March 17. Shipments may continue over the next three weeks. South Carolina may receive N-95 masks, face shields, surgical masks, gowns, and gloves. The materials received from the SNS are expired but have been granted shelf-life extensions by appropriate federal agencies.

- When DHEC is authorized to distribute materials, DHEC will be able to distribute the items within 12 to 24 hours. The distribution of materials will be data driven to ensure needs are fairly met. Plans are to distribute in accordance with the SC Logistics Annex to the SC Emergency Operations Plan.

- South Carolina requested its full allocation, based on the 2010 census, from the Strategic National Stockpile. The items and the amounts in the state allocation are not made clear ahead of time and are subject to change.

Visitation Restrictions at Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities

DHEC has provided administrators of nursing homes and assisted-living facilities a memorandum providing guidance relating to Executive Order No. 2020-08, directing that visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities be restricted with the exception of end-of-life situations. DHEC has provided the following guidelines to nursing homes and CRCFs to assist with the implementation of these restrictions:

- Facilities must restrict all visitation, except for end-of-life situations. This means no patient or resident visitors shall be allowed into the facility, except for end-of-life situations. End-of-life situations may include patients receiving hospice, palliative, or other compassionate care. End-of-life situations should be considered on a case by case basis, and should include careful screening of the visitor (including clergy, bereavement counselors, etc.) for fever or respiratory symptoms. In end-of-life situations, DHEC suggests the facility make efforts to allow for safe visitation for residents and loved ones. For example, limit the visitation to a specific room and suggest refraining from physical contact with residents and others while in the facility.

- In lieu of visits, DHEC suggests that facilities should consider:
    - Offering alternative means of communication for people who would otherwise visit, such as virtual communications (phone, video-communication, etc.).
    - Creating/increasing listserv communication to update families, such as advising to not visit.
    - Assigning staff as primary contact to families for inbound calls and conduct regular outbound calls to keep families up to date.
    - Offering a phone line with a voice recording updated at set times (e.g., daily) with the facility's general operating status, such as when it is safe to resume visits.

Alternate Care Sites

Alternate Care Sites provide hospitals flexibility to address potential surge in an emergency, permitting them to treat patients outside of the traditional setting. Every ACS should be planned, designed, and equipped to provide adequate accommodations for the care, safety, and treatment of each patient; activation of an ACS is coordinated with DHEC Healthcare Quality. As of noon today, DHEC Healthcare Quality had received a total of 19 Alternate Care Site requests.

- Five hospitals have designated specimen collection sites only
- Two hospitals have approved Alternate Care Sites that are currently activated
- Nine hospitals have ACS under review by Healthcare Quality

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South Carolina Announces Additional 44 Cases of COVID-19

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 24, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 44 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 342 cases in 36 counties*.

"As the number of cases and community spread expectedly increase in our state, we reiterate the importance of taking daily prevention practices to protect yourself and your community," **said Dr. Jonathan Knoche, DHEC physician**. "We all have the responsibility to protect ourselves, our families, friends and community."

New positive cases

- Aiken County: 1 case
- Anderson County: 1 case
- Beaufort County: 1 case
- Charleston County: 5 cases
- Chesterfield County: 1 case
- Clarendon County: 1 case
- Darlington County: 1 case
- Dorchester County: 1 case
- Florence County: 2 cases
- Greenville County: 8 cases
- Horry County: 3 cases
- Jasper County: 1 case

- Kershaw County: 4 cases
- Marlboro County: 1 case
- Richland County: 4 cases
- Spartanburg County: 1 case
- Sumter County: 4 cases
- York County: 4 cases

Individuals with signs of illness are asked to stay at home and not attend public gatherings. South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items (like doorknobs and handrails), and regularly wash their hands, especially after being in a public place.

"While we reiterate the importance of taking daily precautions to prevent spread, we want to make sure South Carolinians are also taking steps to address the feelings of stress and anxiety that arise in this type of prolonged situation," **said. Dr. Knoche**. "Our partners at the Department of Mental Health have resources available to help, and we continue to provide guidance for coping with stress on **DHEC's COVID-19 webpage**."

Visit **scdmh.net** for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health. DHEC continues to provide new and updated guidance about COVID-19 at **scdhec.gov/COVID19**.

Anyone with concerns about their health should reach out to their healthcare provider or use the telehealth services provided by several health care systems. For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit **scdhec.gov/COVID-19**.

As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the individual's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.

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Good afternoon.

I hope that you are all well and staying safe in these trying times.

We have received a request from DHEC for Inpatient and Emergency Department drug overdose data to send the CDC for their surveillance project. DHEC has requested the data by county and month so the numbers get fairly small. We have requested that DHEC fill out the encounter level DOC application and have the CDC sign the confidentiality agreement. This seemed to fit since that application does not need formal approval from the DOC due to no restricted variables. This would also allow RFA to send the data to them without worrying about cell suppression. CDC actually has a under 10 cell suppression for their work on this compared to under 5 restriction the DOC imposes. Unfortunately, the CDC cannot sign individual agreements with states.

For your information, I have attached the technical document that provides the guidelines for providing this information (The main guidance with case definitions, SAS instructions, and how to use the template is in the "OD2A Technical Guidance for DOSE" document sections starting on page 39.). As well as the Excel file templates that were provided (OD2A Data Submission Template_Quarterly_ED_Hosp_Historical.xlsx).

We discussed this internally and the opinion of RFA is that the CDC is a public health authority and should be able to receive the data for this specified public health purpose (see below references to HIPAA and the DOC Principles and Protocols).

HIPAA
The HIPAA Privacy Rule permits covered entities to disclose protected health information without authorization for specified public health purposes. In addition, if a covered entity engages a business associate to assist in a specified public health activity, the business associate's written agreement with the covered entity should identify these activities, and the business associate may make the disclosure for public health reasons in accordance with its written agreement. See 45 CFR 164.512(b)(1)(i).

https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/special-topics/public-health/index.html

RFA's "written agreement" with the hospitals is 44-6-170-180.

DOC Principles and Protocols (attached)
First principle in the P&P: The release or re-release of data, in raw or aggregate form, that can be

reasonably expected to reveal the identity of an individual patient will be made only when a mandate has been established by statutory law. (Statutory law = HIPAA)
Page 6: However, the RFA has permission to release aggregate customized reports based on encounter-level data without a signed agreement.

HIPAA allows for the release of PHI (and the PHI in this case are the small cell sizes by county) for public health activities. RFA has discretion to forgo a signed data use agreement but keep all documentation as to the CDC's measures to protect the data would be needed (page 4 of the SOP document, the first paragraph especially).

Please let me know by **COB on Friday, April 10th** if you have any objection to RFA providing this information to DHEC, which will then be sent on to the CDC.

Kind Regards.
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Would love to have a quote from Dr. Bell in this so we can get it out as soon as the press conference begins this afternoon. Some of this is subject to change, but this will be the operating document/direction moving forward.

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Gov. Henry McMaster Allows Restaurants to Open for Outdoor Seating May 4th

Governor also Makes "Work-or-Home" Order Voluntary Beginning May 4th

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today announced that restaurants throughout South Carolina will be permitted to open for outdoor seating beginning Monday, May 4th, and that the statewide "Work-or-Home" order will become voluntary on May 4th.

Governor McMaster and state epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell strongly urged anyone considered to be "at-risk" based on CDC guidance to limit exposure to others and for all South Carolinians to continue prioritizing their travels between home and work, when possible. Anybody who is sick or is showing symptoms of COVID-19 should immediately contact a healthcare provider and self-quarantine for a minimum of 14 days.

"Our goal from the onset of this deadly pandemic has been to protect South Carolinians, but as we all know, the state's economic health is a major component of the state's public health," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "South Carolinians, now more than ever, should be vigilant in protecting themselves, their loved ones, and their communities by practicing social distancing and continuing to follow the advice and recommendations from our public health experts."

"This virus will continue to spread and still presents a very real and serious threat to our people, but I believe in South Carolinians and their ability to act wisely and safely," the governor continued. "We are a strong, resilient, and compassionate people who care for one another and will act in the best interest of our state as a whole."

The governor's announcement follows a week of meetings of AccelerateSC – a group created by the governor to develop a coordinated economic revitalization plan which includes healthcare professionals, representatives from large and small businesses, local government officials, and education professionals.

Based on advice and recommendations from DHEC and the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association, Governor McMaster has established the following guidelines for restaurants to follow if they choose to open for outdoor seating.

Existing approved outdoor seating areas:

- Tables are to be spaced a minimum of 8 feet from each other (measured from all edges of the table);
- Limit table groups to 8 individuals;
- Eliminate gatherings in the building when entering or exiting outdoor seating area;
- Maintain strict social/physical distancing guidelines;
- Tables, chairs, and seats should be sanitized after every customer

If open areas and/or temporary tents are utilized by existing, permitted restaurants, all sides of the tent must be open and the following conditions are required:

- Tables are to be spaced a minimum of 8 feet from each other (measured from all edges of the table);
- Table groups are to be limited to 8 individuals;
- State approved fire extinguisher within 75 feet of tent area;
- Minimum of 7-foot-6 inch head room (ceiling height)

These guidelines, along with a list of frequently asked questions, can be found here.

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Whitney read through a list of facilities this morning on the 10:00 call. Please send me that when able. Thanks

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Please see below:

Today, Governor McMaster ordered and directed that an individual who enters the State of South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread, to include the Tri-State Area (consisting of the States of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut) and the City of New Orleans, Louisiana, shall isolate or self-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days from the time of entry into the State of South Carolina or the duration of the individual's presence in South Carolina, whichever period is shorter.

Governor McMaster instructed and ordered the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC") to provide any necessary and appropriate supplemental guidance regarding the interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Order.

Here is the link to the Executive Order:

https://governor.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/Executive-Orders/2020-03-27%20eFILED%20Executive%20Order%20No.%202020-14%20-%20Self-Quarantine%20for%20Individuals%20from%20High-Risk%20Areas.pdf

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Gov. Henry McMaster Orders Public Access to All Beaches Closed

Public Boat Ramps and Landings Closed on All Lakes, Rivers and Waterways

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2020-16, which orders the closure of all public access points to the state's beaches, as well as closure of all public boat ramps, landings and other access points on the state's lakes, rivers and waterways.

"As a result of behavior observed this past weekend by the Department of Natural Resources and SLED, it has become necessary to close public access to our state's beaches, and to close boat ramps and landings on our state's lakes, rivers and waterways," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "This is unfortunate for those who chose to responsibly follow the instructions of our public health officials, but it is a necessary action to prevent the spread of this dangerous virus."

The governor's executive order authorizes and instructs the S.C. Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control and the Attorney General's office, to provide any necessary supplemental guidance.

"This Section does not apply to individuals possessing a current, valid commercial fishing license or permit to the extent such individuals may seek to utilize or rely upon public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps, or boat landings in connection with commercial fishing activities," the governor's order reads.

The order does not impact the rights of private property owners living on beaches, lakes, rivers, or waterways in any way.

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Date:	Monday, March 30, 2020 6:23:40 PM
Attachments:	ATT00001.htm 2020-03-30 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-16 - Emergency Access Restrictions for Public Beaches & Waters Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.pdf ATT00002.htm

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Subject:	Executive Order No. 2020-17 - Closure of Non-Essential Businesses
Date:	Tuesday, March 31, 2020 4:59:00 PM

For your reference, please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-17, a copy of which is also available on the Governor's website. The corresponding press release is included at the bottom of this email.

Best,

Thomas

March 31, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
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Gov. Henry McMaster Orders Non-Essential Businesses Closed Throughout S.C.

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2020-17, which orders the closure of non-essential businesses, as defined by the executive order, throughout the state in order to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The businesses that will be closed as a result of the governor's executive order are as follows:

Entertainment venues and facilities as follows:

- Night clubs
- Bowling alleys

- Arcades
- Concert venues
- Theaters, auditoriums, and performing arts centers
- Tourist attractions (including museums, aquariums, and planetariums)
- Racetracks
- Indoor children's play areas *(excluding daycare facilities)*
- Adult entertainment venues
- Bingo halls
- Venues operated by social clubs

Recreational and athletic facilities and activities as follows:

- Fitness and exercise centers and commercial gyms
- Spas and public or commercial swimming pools
- Group exercise facilities, to include yoga, barre, and spin studios or facilities
- Spectator sports
- Sports that involve interaction with another person in close proximity and within less than six (6) feet of another person
- Activities that require the use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment
- Activities on commercial or public playground equipment

Close-contact service providers as follows:

- Barber shops
- Hair salons
- Waxing salons
- Threading salons
- Nail salons and spas
- Body-art facilities and tattoo services
- Tanning salons

- Massage-therapy establishments and massage services

Clarification Assistance Provided by the South Carolina Department of Commerce

If a business has a question as to whether they qualify as essential, they should complete the Essential Business Clarification form located on the South Carolina Department of Commerce website, which will be easily accessible on the South Carolina Department of Commerce's website. Questions can also be sent to covid19sc@sccommerce.com, or business representatives can call 803-734-2873. A team from South Carolina Department of Commerce will review the business's request for clarification, and the business will receive a response with their determination, essential or non-essential, within 24 hours. **If a business is not explicitly addressed in the governor's executive order, the business should continue normal operations until a determination is made.**

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Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-21
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:04:00 PM

For your reference, please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-21, a copy of which is also available on the Governor's website. The corresponding press release is included at the bottom of this email.

Best,

Thomas

April 6, 2020
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Governor McMaster Issues "Home or Work" Order

Governor's Order Also Places Occupancy Limitations on Essential Retail Businesses

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2020-21, which includes a mandatory "Home or Work" order and mandates capacity limitations to retail businesses still operating.

"As we have said before – when the science, data, facts and experts determine it's time to take action, it would be taken. It's time," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "Taking this measure now will hopefully slow the future rise in infections and the virus' toll on our state's economy."

The governor's "Home or Work" order goes into effect tomorrow, Tuesday, April 7 at 5:00 PM. As indicated in the executive order, permitted travel includes commuting for work, visiting family, and obtaining essential goods or services. The order will not

impact any individual's ability to exercise outdoors or go for a walk as a family, but everyone should act responsibly and practice social distancing and proper personal hygiene.

No additional businesses or activities will be limited as a result of this order. On Friday, Governor McMaster issued Executive Order 2020-18, which extended the list of non-essential businesses to be closed at 5:00 PM today.

The governor has also ordered that all retail business still operating limit customer activity by only allowing five customers per 1000 square feet or 20% of their posted capacity in a store, whichever is less.

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Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-22 - Authorizing COVID-19 Support Payments by Employers
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:34:00 PM

For your reference, please see attached for a filed copy of Executive Order No. 2020-22, which is also available on the Governor's website. The corresponding press release is included at the bottom of this email.

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April 8, 2020
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Gov. Henry McMaster Orders that Furloughed Employees Qualify for Unemployment Benefits

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today issued Executive Order 2020-22, which allows furloughed employees to receive "COVID-19 Support Payments" from their employers and still qualify for unemployment benefits.

"Every day, our primary objective is to protect South Carolinians, but we also must act to protect the state's economy," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "This order does both. It allows our businesses to take care of their employees as best as they can and will help our economy recover from this unprecedented time."

The governor's executive order specifically directs the S.C. Department of

Employment and Workforce to consider “a voluntary payment, or series of payments, made by an employer to an employee in response to furloughing the employee” as a form of severance pay. This means that the furloughed employee will not lose eligibility for unemployment benefits.

“Our state’s workforce and employers have never faced a crisis of this magnitude,” said Sara Hazzard, President & CEO of the S.C. Manufacturers Alliance. “On behalf of our state’s manufacturing community and the more than 250,000 South Carolinians they employ, I want to thank Governor McMaster for issuing this Executive Order to provide flexibility for businesses to assist employees during this time of need.”

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Subject:	Executive Order No. 2020-23
Date:	Sunday, April 12, 2020 8:51:00 PM
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Subject:	Executive Order No. 2020-24
Date:	Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:58:00 PM
Attachments:	2020-04-13 FILED Executive Order No. 2020-24 - State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather Event.pdf

Please see attached for a filed copy of Executive Order No. 2020-24, a copy of which is also available on the Governor's website. The corresponding press release is included at the bottom of this email.

Best,

Thomas

April 15, 2020
For immediate release
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Gov. Henry McMaster Declares State of Emergency for Monday's Severe Weather Event

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster has issued Executive Order 2020-24, declaring a state of emergency in response to the devastation caused by Monday morning's severe weather event.

This declaration does not impact any executive orders issued by the governor in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus in any way. It does, however, direct that the state's Emergency Operations Plan be further placed into effect to continue the state's response to the severe weather event.

Currently, local emergency management officials are assessing the damage caused by the storms in the impacted counties. Once those assessments are completed and

relayed to the S.C. Emergency Management Division, the governor will request a federal disaster declaration accordingly.

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Subject:	Executive Order No. 2020-29
Date:	Monday, April 27, 2020 5:56:00 PM
Attachments:	2020-04-27 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-29 - State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic Response & Other Measures.pdf

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For your reference, please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-29, a copy of which is also available on the Governor's website.

Thanks,

Kristy

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This is going to become a much higher fire very quickly.

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To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] 4/13 Follow-Up - Governors Briefing on COVID-19

Did you have any success with getting more information from DHEC on our testing strategy? I understand that the White House used Saturday's call to compile state-specific testing data which was just mentioned on today's POTUS call.

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 1:53 PM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: RE: [External] 4/13 Follow-Up - Governors Briefing on COVID-19

Hi Rick,

Do you have an update on the integrated public-private testing strategy? Today's Vice President call reviewed testing, and the governor asked us several questions about our efforts in South Carolina. I shared the Senator Scott document and contact tracing document with the governor. Any additional information relating to the overall testing strategy that the VP requested would be helpful.

Best,

Jordan

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:54 PM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] 4/13 Follow-Up - Governors Briefing on COVID-19

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This may come up on the NGA call tomorrow.

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Testing 101 – Operationalizing COVID 19 Testing For Diagnosis & Surveillance

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Governors and Senior Staff,

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. Below and attached are follow-up items from today's briefing.

Data & Reporting Ask from the Vice President

The Vice President has asked each governor to ensure their State is reporting key information to the Federal Government to get resources to the right place, at the right time. Friday, the Vice President wrote a letter to governors asking them to ensure their State is reporting broad healthcare capacity and personal protective equipment data to FEMA. Over 45 States are now reporting quality healthcare capacity data on a daily basis. ***Please continue to ensure your State is reporting answers to the questions below on a daily basis***. ***Attached you will find the letter from the Vice President.***

- Separately, HHS Secretary Azar sent a **letter** on hospital utilization and lab data reporting to hospital administrators. States can waive hospitals from reporting directly to the Federal Government if the State takes over the Federal reporting responsibilities.

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Key Recommendations for Long-Term Care Facilities

We thank our nation's governors for taking action to protect patients and healthcare workers in long-term care facilities. You can find more details about Gov. Hogan's (MD) Statewide strike team efforts (**here**) and Gov. Baker's (MA) nursing home mobilize testing program (**here**). We know there countless other leading practices from governors and we welcome hearing about your efforts.

- Recent Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance on supplies, infection control procedures, screening, staffing, and managing facilities: **Here**.

Readout from the April 13 Briefing with Governors

Today, Vice President Mike Pence led a discussion with the chief executives of approximately 50 States, territories, and Washington, DC, and their State emergency managers and health officials to provide an update on the all-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the effects of COVID-19.

The Vice President, Ambassador Debi Birx, FEMA Administrator Pete Gaynor, CMS Administrator Seema Verma, and Rear Adm. John Polowczyk with the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and all 10 FEMA Regional Administrators urged State, local, and tribal leaders to continue to regularly highlight community mitigation efforts to "**Slow the Spread**." Participants also discussed the Federal government's historic efforts to support State, local, and tribal leaders including, already approving 55 major disaster declaration requests and approximately 40 Title 32 requests to 100% federally fund State National Guard activities related to COVID-19 response efforts. The Vice President discussed his letter to America's governors on data reporting for healthcare capacity, personal protective equipment, and hospital utilization and lab testing. The importance of the $150 billion of CARES Act funding for States to effectively respond to COVID-19 was discussed.

Participants discussed CDC guidance on implementing safety practices for critical infrastructure workers, the significant increase in testing capacity and discussed strategies State and local leaders can take to further increase testing capacity through proactive partnerships with the private sector and various laboratories in their State. Multiple States shared examples of best practices they are taking to regarding caring for people in long-term care facilities nursing homes. Administrator Gaynor and Admiral Polowczyk discussed their supply chain support efforts to get critical supplies to the healthcare providers. Administrator Verma discussed expanding telehealth options through Medicaid and the importance of CARES Act funding for hospitals and Americans impacted by COVID-19.

The leadership of governors, mayors, county commissioners, and tribal officials is vital for effective emergency management. Emergency management in America is locally-executed, State-managed, and Federally supported, which allows for innovative solutions to be identified at the local and State level for the majority of issues. Since January 2020, the Trump Administration has held nearly 144 briefings – including 12 governors briefings – with over 66,000 State, local, and tribal leaders in every State and territory in the Nation. Leaders at every level of government and the private sector are working in partnership to bend the curve.

Treasury Eligibility Guidance on CARES Act Funding to State Governments

The U.S. Department of the Treasury released **eligibility guidance** for CARES Act funding to State, Local, and Tribal Governments. States, Tribes, and eligible local governments are encouraged to provide payment information and required supporting documentation on **Treasury's portal** no later than April 17. Additional guidance on eligible uses of Fund disbursements by governments will be posted as it becomes available.

Below, you will find additional information and resources mentioned on today's briefing call:

- Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator
- Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers
- Medical Supplies "Control Tower" Updates from FEMA & RADM Polowczyk
- Maximizing Testing Resources & Medical Supplies
- Guidance on Telehealth Reimbursement & Coverage Options
- Assistance for Small Businesses & American Families

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Office of the Vice President or White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office.

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natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.).

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Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers

CDC has released has released guidance on implementing safety practices for critical infrastructure workers who may have had exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. **This is for Federal, State, & local law enforcement; 911 call center employees; Fusion Center employees; hazardous material responders from government and the private sector; janitorial staff and other custodial staff; workers – including contracted vendors – in food and agriculture, critical manufacturing, informational technology, transportation, energy and government facilities.** To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue work following potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the community. More guidance on pre-screening, regulator monitoring, wearing a mask, social distancing, and dissenting and cleaning work spaces **here**.

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Medical Supplies "Control Tower" Updates from FEMA & RADM Polowczyk (see graphics at end of the email)

Joint Chiefs of Staff Rear Adm. John Polowczyk's provided an update to governors on rapidly increasing supply and expanding domestic production of medical supplies and equipment.

- **Project Air-Bridge**: FEMA is expediting movement of critical supplies from the global market to medical distributors in various locations across the U.S. As of April 13, 37 flights have landed containing critical PPE and then distributing in areas of greatest need; then, the remainder will be infused into the broader U.S. supply chain. Prioritization is given to hospitals, health care facilities, and nursing homes around the country. An additional 43 flights are scheduled over the next three weeks. As of April 12th, FEMA has coordinated the delivery of the following to areas in greatest need: 38 million N95 respirators, 32.6 million surgical masks, 5.5 million face shields, 4.7 million surgical gowns, 30.3 million gloves, 212,000 coveralls, and 10,448 ventilators.
- **Obligations to States**: FEMA has obligated nearly $5.2 billion in support of COVID-19 response efforts.
- **Ventilator Distribution**: FEMA is distributing ventilators to hard hit States. As of April 12, FEMA and HHS have provided or are currently shipping 10,888 ventilators from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and the Defense Department. FEMA through the Regional Administrators are tracking data closely provided by your State to understand data-based needs. For more information, please call your FEMA Regional Administrator.

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Guidance on Telehealth Reimbursement & Coverage Options

The Trump Administration has taken historic steps to expand Americans' access to telehealth, so that patients, particularly our Medicare beneficiaries, can receive a wider range of services without having to travel to a healthcare facility. Keeping vulnerable patients at home whenever possible will help to limit community spread of the virus, and States should examine your own policies to determine if there are undue barriers to maximizing telehealth service delivery for your residents in this time of national emergency. In particular, States have broad authority to deliver and reimburse Medicaid covered services through telehealth modalities, and additional federal approval is often not required to do so. CMS is available assist you in utilizing all available flexibilities as we fight this pandemic together.

- CMS issued telehealth reimbursement guidance and coverage options in the Medicaid program **here**.
- Op-Ed from Surgeon General Jerome Adams and CMS Administrator Seema Verma on Telehealth (**Telehealth Plays Big Role in Coronavirus Cure**).
- Federal Community Commissioner $200 million COVID-19 Telehealth Program (**here**).

Maximizing Testing Resources & Medical Supplies

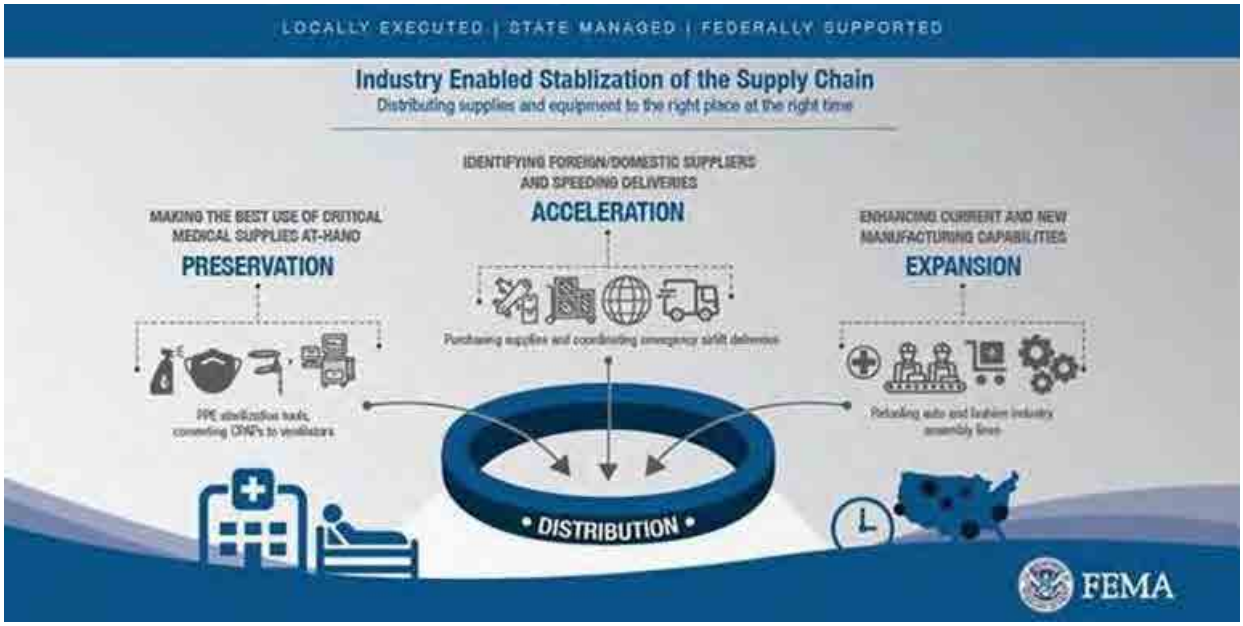
- **Swab Flexibilities**: Initially, collecting specimen required using a specific type of swab (nasopharyngeal), however the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) is now permitting the use of other available swabs including oropharyngeal, mid-turbinate, or anterior nares. We will provide additional swab flexibility guidance soon. If you are having swab supply needs, please make sure labs in your State are utilizing all available swab

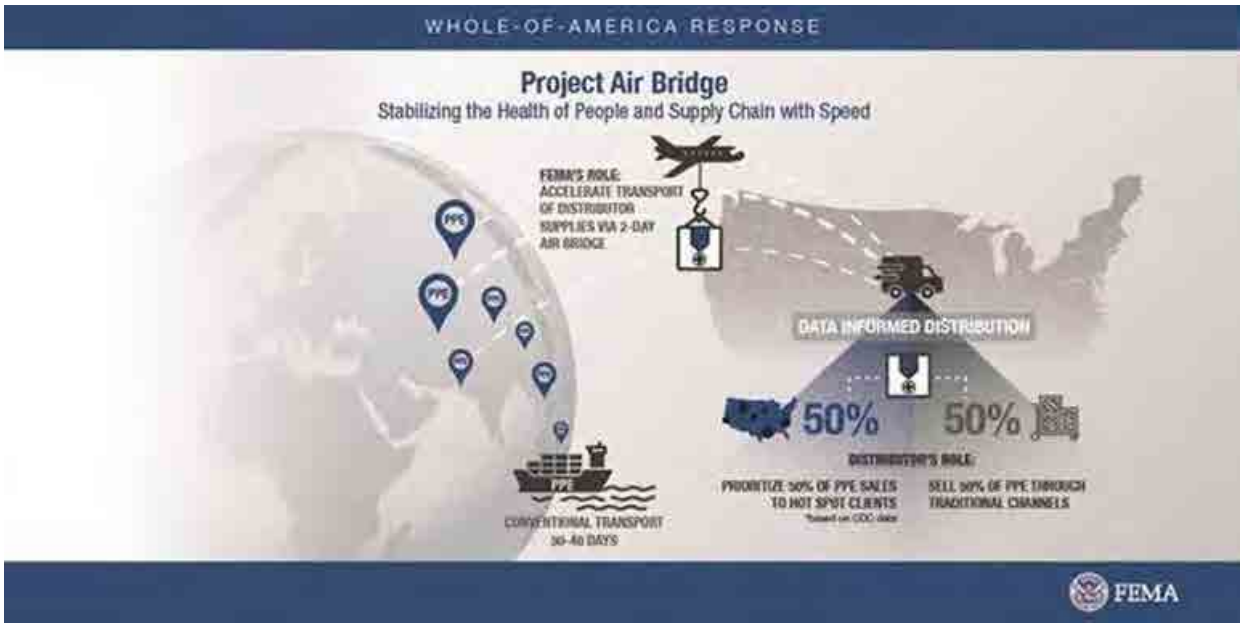
supplies and techniques. More information **here**.

- **Reagent Flexibilities**: FDA has provided flexibilities on alternative reagent supplies. Labs in your State can utilize several alternative methods to meet your reagent supply needs. If your State has reagent supply needs, you can develop alternative reagent supplies. More information **here**.
- **Commercial Testing**: We would encourage all governors to focus on utilizing and expanding commercial testing options. If you have not yet connected with the representatives from Abbott, Roche, and Thermofisher, Hologic, and Expert other private sector testing platforms, we would encourage you to do so as that is where the high-speed testing solution is moving forward.
- **Additional Testing Resources**: FDA **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** and 24/7 technical assistance for labs (1-888-463-6332).
- Strategies to **Optimize the Supply of PPE** (extend capacity and supply) (more **here**).
- Strategies for **Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators** (more **here**).
- **Maximizing the Types of Ventilators**: The FDA has issued an emergency use authorization for ventilators allowing anesthesia gas machines and positive pressure breathing devices to be modified for use as ventilators. The guidance will also assist health care personnel on how to use other ventilators like CPAP devices for sleep apnea, with COVID-19 patients in respiratory distress, as well as on shelf life of existing ventilators (more **here**).

Assistance for Small Businesses & American Families

- **Paycheck Protection Program** prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by authorizing up to $349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, Veterans organizations, and Tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards. (FAQ **here**). For more information and updates, visit **Treasury.gov/CARES** and **SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection**.
- **Economic Impact Payments**: Americans will begin seeing fast and direct relief in the form of Economic Impact Payments. More information **here**.

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Is you team aware of this call? And if so, do they plan to call in?

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THE WHITE HOUSE

Governors and Senior Staff,

Thank you for your efforts in the whole-of-America approach to respond to COVID-19 and plan for America's economic recovery. Below are follow-up items from today's briefing.

Guidelines for Opening Up American Again

April 16, the President and Vice President released the ***Guidelines for Opening Up American Again*** (20-page slide deck; **Opening America**). The guidelines give States gating criteria in a proposed three phased approach based on the following criteria: (1) Up-to-Date Data and Readiness; (2) Mitigates Risk of Resurgence; (3) Protects the Most Vulnerable; and (4) Implementable on Statewide or County-by-County Basis at Governors' Direction.

State-by-State Testing Platform Information

Governors' leadership of the testing ecosystems in their States is critical, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, managing the workflow to maximize all testing capacity through high-throughput platforms. We want to thank you for your leadership in this endeavor.

As we work together to support the optimal use of the diagnostic assets in your state, it may also be helpful to consider locations that could act as regional testing centers in order to service specific, targeted geographies within your State in a hub and spoke manner than can help provide technical support and communication across the State. The platforms are a mix of high and low throughput of tests with differential turn-around times and will need to strategically be matched to daily needs. **The development of an integrated lab strategy in your State will allow for a more efficient use of diagnostic reagents, facilitate optimal workflows and workforce utilization, and provide more continuity of testing capacity with defined turnaround times for results. Rapid and efficient testing will help identify pockets of viral emergence and allow for rapid contact tracing and effective control**.

- **State-by-State Testing Platform Information**: Prior to today's briefing, each governor and staff received State-by-State testing platform information that included State-specific high and low throughput machine location map and location details (if you need this state-Specific information re-sent, please let me know).
- **Testing Approach Presentation**: Attached you will find the testing approach slide deck that Amb. Birx discussed on today's call (this document was previously provided in read ahead material today).

Testing Resources

- **Swab & Media Options**: In today's briefing, Adm. Giroir highlighted the vast swabs and media options available. *Attached you will find a tables of swab and media options by laboratory*. More information **here**.
- **Technical Briefing for State Leaders & Staff**: The White House is holding a State-Federal COVID-19 testing technical assistance briefing call on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time. Federal participants on the call include Amb. Birx, HHS Adm. Giroir, and others from FDA, CDC, and FEMA. You can register for the call **here**.
- **Increase Payment for High-Production Coronavirus Lab Tests**: CMS announced Medicare is doubling payment for certain lab tests that use high-throughput technologies to rapidly diagnose large numbers of COVID-19 cases. Additional information **here**.
- **CMS Pays for COVID-19 Specimen Collection: CMS will pay specimen collection fees for COVID-19 testing for homebound and non-hospital inpatients**, to help facilitate the testing of homebound individuals and those unable to travel. As a result of these actions, laboratories will have expanded capability to test more vulnerable populations, like nursing home patients, quickly

and provide results faster. Additional information **here**.

- **FDA, Gates Foundation, UnitedHealth Group, Quantigen, and U.S. Cotton Collaborate to Address Testing Supply Needs**: FDA announced a further expansion of COVID-19 testing options through the recognition that spun synthetic swabs – with a design similar to Q-tips – could be used to test patients by collecting a sample from the front of the nose. More details **here**.
- **Reminder – FDA Delegates Authority to States**: On March 16, the FDA put in place a policy for states to take responsibility for tests developed and used by laboratories in their states. States can set up a system in which they take responsibility for authorizing such tests and the laboratories will not engage with the FDA. This includes expanding swab options as Colorado as done. More information **here**.
- **Additional Testing Resources**: FDA **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)** and 24/7 technical assistance for labs (1-888-463-6332).

Project Airbridge State & County-Level Data

Prior to today's briefing, each governor and staff received State- and county-specific information on personal protection equipment (PPE) and other critical supplies being distributed to healthcare providers through the normal commercial supplier distribution system as the result of Project Airbridge and additional commercial supply chain acquisitions. The PPE was distributed to healthcare facilities in your State through the normal commercial supplier distribution system. Project Airbridge has greatly helped expedite sourcing of key materials from around the world and more efficiently distribute these vital resources to hospitals, nursing homes, long-term care facilities, pre-hospital medical services, state and local governments, and other facilities critical to caring for the American people during this pandemic. If you need this state-Specific information re-sent, please let me know.

BEST PRACTICE: Vice President Pence and Amb. Birx both highlighted the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis (FL) for Florida's informative and user friendly COVID-19 website. You can find the website **here**.

Below, you will find additional information and resources mentioned on today's briefing call:

- Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator
- Recommendations to Re-Open Health Care Systems in Areas with Low Incidence of COVID-19
- CISA Releases Version 3.0 of Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers
- FEMA COVID-19 Best Practices
- Leading Testing Practices from & for Our Nation's Governors

If you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Office of the Vice President or White House Intergovernmental Affairs Office.

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Thanks,

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FEMA Regional Administrator. This is the same process as natural disasters (e.g., hurricane recovery, flood recovery, tornado recovery, etc.).

Please ensure your State is reporting key information from their State emergency manager to the FEMA Regional Administrator. Most States are reporting this data on a daily basis, which is appreciated and ***we ask you to take action to ensure your State continues doing this on a regular basis***. This reporting includes:

- Daily broad healthcare capacity data reporting on key hospital capacity and ventilator use metrics.
- Daily State's stockpile inventory and hospital PPE supplies to assist with our prioritization of supplies and equipment deliveries to areas most in need.

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Recommendations to Re-Open Health Care Systems in Areas with Low Incidence of COVID-19

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new recommendations specifically targeted to communities that are in Phase 1 of the Guidelines for President Trump's Opening Up America Again with low incidence or relatively low and stable incidence of COVID-19 cases. The recommendations update earlier guidance provided by CMS on limiting non-essential surgeries and medical procedures. The new CMS guidelines recommend a gradual transition and encourage health care providers to coordinate with local and state public health officials, and to review the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies, workforce availability, facility readiness, and testing capacity when making the decision to re-start or increase in-person care. Recommendations can be found **here**.

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CISA Releases Version 3.0 of Guidance on Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) released version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers guidance to help State and local jurisdictions and the private sector identify and manage their essential workforce while responding to COVID-19. Version 3.0 of the guidance clarifies and expands critical infrastructure workers in several categories and provides additional information as considerations for both government and business. The guidance can be found **here**.

- As a reminder, the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has **released guidance** for implementing safety practices for critical infrastructure workers who may have had exposure to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.

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FEMA COVID-19 Best Practices

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) are collecting and sharing best practices and lessons learned

from the whole-of-America response to COVID-19. The best practices are intended to help medical practitioners, emergency managers, and other critical stakeholders learn from each other's approaches and apply solutions to current response and recovery operations. The **FEMA Coronavirus Emergency Management Best Practices** page provides a one-stop shop to explore best practices and lessons learned across all levels of government, private sector, academic institutions, professional associations, and other organizations. Key best practices for States include:

- **Personal Protective Equipment Preservation**
- **Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators**
- **Recovery Planning and Implementation Financial Management Guide**

Leading Testing Practices from & for Our Nation's Governors

Below are leading practice from and for our Nation's governors who are leveraging enhanced testing, improving community monitoring and contact tracing. We welcome learning more about your State's best practices.

- **Gov. Doug Ducey (AZ) announced** antibody testing for 250,000 health professionals and first responders through a partnership between the state of Arizona and the University of Arizona following Federal approval.
- **Gov. Gavin Newsom (CA) announced** a new testing task force creating 5-7 high-capacity testing "hubs" through a partnership with U.C. San Diego and U.C. Davis.
- **Gov. Andy Beshear (KY) announced** a public-private testing partnership with Kroeger to expand drive-through COVID-19 with the goal of testing 20,000 people in five weeks. UPS and Gravity Diagnostics are working to provide test results in 48 hours.
- **Gov. Ron DeSantis (FL) announced** major expansions to statewide testing with the goal of opening up additional testing sites and expanding spot testing by enlisting members of the Florida National Guard to test in Florida nursing homes and long-term care facilities.
- **Gov. Kim Reynolds (IA) worked** with the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics to leverage further testing capacity at an academic institution. Gov. Reynolds also **announced** Iowa is dispatching state employees to assist in contact tracing.
- **Governor Eric Holcomb (IN**) **announced** additional free drive-thru testing clinics.
- **Gov. Gretchen Whitmer (MI) announced** 13 new or expanded COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites in partnership with Michigan Primary Care Association, 11 health centers, and NxGen MDX Laboratory. Additionally, Michigan is partnering with Walmart to expand drive-thru testing sites. Walmart has announce additional partnerships in 10 total states.
- **Gov. Doug Burgum (ND) announced** pilot project to expand COVID-19 testing and improve tracing to slow spread of virus.
- **Gov. Pete Ricketts (NE) worked** with the Nebraska State Health Lab in maximizing reagent by pooling multiple people's COVID-19 samples together, saving resources and time.
- **Gov. Andrew Cuomo (NY) signed** an executive order to expand antibody testing that will expand the number of people who are eligible to conduct the coronavirus antibody test.

- **Governor Mike DeWine (OH)** **worked** with the Ohio State University Wexler Medical Center to expand and accelerate testing creating a sterile solution to transport testing swaps (called viral transport media) that stabilizes the virus, and has worked with university engineering and dentistry departments to 3D print more than 50,000 swabs for tests.
- **Gov. Greg Abbott (TX)** **announced** Walgreens drive-thru testing site sites in Texas. Walgreens is operating additional sites in Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, and Tennessee.
- **Gov. Bill (TN)** **expanded** testing options by establishing 15 drive-through testing sites across the State available to anyone. In addition to drive-through testing sites, Tennesseans can get a test free of charge, five days a week at every rural county health department in the state.
- **Gov. Gina Raimondo (RI)**, **Gov. Charlie Baker (MA)**, **Gov. Brian Kemp (GA)** have all **announced** a rapid COVID-19 tests partnership with CVS Health.
- **Governor Jim Justice (WV)** **ordered** all nursing home residents and staff statewide to be tested for COVID-19.

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Let me know if there is any interest in exploring.

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To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
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I'm not sure of the current testing situation over at DHEC. Let me know if you'd like to review in more detail.

Scott is a good contact up here. He did govt. affairs for Lowes until the Trump Transition Team tapped him to serve as their congressional liaison. He is now with Holland & Knight but lives in Charlotte.

Let me know if you are interested in exploring.

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Scott.Mason@hklaw.com <Scott.Mason@hklaw.com>
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Subject: [External] 5 MILLION TEST KITS
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Jordan – Hope all is well and you are staying healthy. Crazy times.

I'm sure you heard about Maryland Gov. Hogan buying 500,000 of their own test kits from S Korea. A former colleague of mine from Lowe's who was previously part of their worldwide supply chain team has access to up to **5 million test kits** that give a result in 10 minutes. (He's now a worldwide supply chain consultant.) I'm attaching the docs, but they are available at almost half what Gov. Hogan paid (@ $11-$12/kit vs $18/kit). Attached are 3 files on the test kits.

Please let me know if the State is interested in pursuing this opportunity and I'm happy to put you and the Governor's team in direct comms with my colleague.

Hang in there. Stay healthy.

Thanks,
Scott

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Hi Beth,

Can you please pass this onto your colleagues inside the Governor's task force regarding worker safety. We have been starting to work with manufacturers and food supply companies across the US with our digital solution and testing platform.

I am happy to discuss the program with anyone who is interested.

Best regards,

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As requested below. (?)

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Subject: [External] Amazon Workplace, Health and Safety Contact Info
Importance: High

Dear Mark,

I am writing to provide you with a direct contact to Amazon Workplace Health and Safety for questions or matters related to workplace protections. Carla Gunnin is our Director of Workplace Health and Safety. Carla and her team can be reached at covid19-reg-request@amazon.com. Please also share this information with your Public Health Department to ensure they can reach us for immediate response.

We are working hard to keep our employees safe while serving communities, and especially the most vulnerable. We have taken extreme measures to keep people safe, tripling down on deep cleaning, procuring safety supplies that are available, and changing policies and processes to ensure that those in our buildings are keeping safe distances. The health and safety of our employees is our top priority as they work to provide an essential service to our country. We've provided additional detail below.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Very best,
Joe

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Steps We Are Taking to Keep Our Employees Safe

As communities institute social distancing or shelter-in-place policies, we recognize that our employees and delivery partners continue to come to work and serve the people in their communities in a way that very few can—delivering critical supplies directly to the doorsteps of people who need them during this difficult time. This is especially vital for the elderly, for people with underlying health issues, and for those who are sick or quarantined. Last week we announced that we are temporarily prioritizing household staples, medical supplies and other high-demand products coming into our fulfillment centers so that we can more quickly receive, restock, and ship these products to customers.

At the same time, health and safety is the top priority in all of our buildings and stores. We continue to consult with medical and health experts, and take all recommended precautions in our buildings and stores to keep people healthy.

Specifically, we have:

- Increased the frequency and intensity of cleaning at all sites.
- Adjusted practices to ensure social distancing within our buildings, including:
    - Prohibiting stand-up meetings during shifts; all business essential information is being shared via message boards, digitally through screens at workstations, and through conversations with managers, or Human Resources team members;
    - Increasing social distancing protocols at work stations;
    - Moving chairs and spreading out tables in breakrooms and conference rooms to promote distancing;
    - Staggering shift starts and break times to alleviate queues; and
    - Requiring training to take place in small formats and with in-app training tools.
- Required employees to sanitize and clean their work stations and vehicles at the start and end of every shift.
- Paused public guests to our buildings.

We have also established the Amazon Relief Fund with a $25 million initial contribution to support our independent delivery service partners and their drivers, Amazon Flex participants, and seasonal employees under financial distress during this challenging time.

As the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve, we continue to revisit policies to better serve customers and ensure the well-being and safety of our employees, communities, and customers. The health and safety of our employees is our top priority as they work to provide an essential service to our country.

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Work hard. Have fun. Make history.

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Sharing in the e ent there is need.

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Trey & Mark - we ha en't had the pleasure of meeting yet but we ha e many friends in common and specifically Scott Reed who mentioned you might be interested in state data analytics for CV-19 Cloudreach s a company already working with the State of Florida and I th nk would be a good fit in SC....If you are interested I could get Brooks & Chris from Cloudreach on the phone with either of you or whome er you recommended asap.
I look forward to hear ng from you .
Best
Eli

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Eli

Here's a qu ck summary of the work we're doing for the State of Flor da assisting with their Pandemic Response.

Brooks

COVID-19 Projector Platform

Cloudreach is a leading cloud engineering and data sciences company currently engaged by the State of Florida to assist w th their COVID-19 emergency response. They ha e built a data isual zation and project on platform focused on answering the Go ernor's Task Force specific and complex ques ions around COVID-19 at the State County and down to the Zip Code le el. By combining publ c (Waze Weather mobility) and pri ate (healthcare department of transportation department of emergency management) data feeds with leading national models from UPenn and UW he pla form is able to concisely present and project the impact to support executi e orders emergency response and supply chain logistics.This pla form has been built to be quickly instantiated and rapidly cus omized for other S ates o assist in heir pandemic response planning and allowing each State to build customer models to address their own questions such as

- Where spec fically are infec ion rates increasing and decreasing?
- At what point w ll specific hospitals run out of suppl es such as ent lators and beds?
- Where to deploy support infras ructure for maximal benefi ?
- How effecti e are stay-at-home orders in reducing the spread immediately and o er time?
- How does influx of traffic (flight auto etc.) from external loca ions dri e the spread of COVID-19 within my s ate?

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From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Toomey, Rick K.; Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	FW: [External] Confirmation -- Governor-Only Briefing with the President & Vice President Today, Monday April 27 at 2:00 p.m. ET
Date:	Monday, April 27, 2020 12:47:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Read Ahead - COVID-19 Testing by Site Type - 04-27-2020.pdf

Please see attached, related to the ongoing conversation on testing. This can be shared further on your end.

MP

From: Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 12:01 PM
To: Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>
Cc: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>; Campana, Ariella M. EOP/WHO <Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov>
Subject: [External] Confirmation -- Governor-Only Briefing with the President & Vice President Today, Monday April 27 at 2:00 p.m. ET

THE WHITE HOUSE

Your Governor is **CONFIRMED** to participate in today's (Monday, April 27) briefing at 2:00 p.m. ET with the President and Vice President. They will be joined by White House Coronavirus Task Force members.

Attached is a read ahead document.

Read Ahead

- COVID-19 Testing by Site Type (attached)

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As a reminder, participation in this call is for governors only, but we encourage governors to be joined by their respective state health officer, homeland security advisor, emergency manager, and other key state leaders in the state's preparedness and response efforts to COVID-19. Interactions will be limited only to governors and Federal leaders.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Name	Cell Phone	Email
Zach Swint	[redacted]	Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov

Ella Campana	[redacted]	Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov

Thanks,
Zach

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Zach Swint
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
C: [redacted] | E: Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov

From:	Marsh, Jordan
To:	rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov; Davidson, Nick
Subject:	FW: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan
Date:	Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:29:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png SC Community Based Testing Prooposal v1.6 -ND.docx

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Is this the most up to date document?

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan

Jordan
This is what we discussed. We were wanting to chat with Congressman Clyburn's staff but Yebbie has had some challenges he is working through. Waiting to hear from Ashley from Clyburn's office.
Rick C.

Rick Caldwell, II
Director of Legislative Affairs
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
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Connect: www.scdhec.gov Facebook Twitter

From:	Finnern, Megan
To:	Ouzounidis, Maria
Cc:	Evette, Pamela; Milisic, Sonja
Subject:	FW: [External] Considerations for Lt. Governor on AccelerateSC Task Force
Date:	Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:16:24 PM
Attachments:	image001.png Lt. Governor Pamela Evette.pdf image003.png

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Maria and Chuck,

Please see attached letter.

Lt. Gov – FYI

Megan

Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Ann Warner <awarner@scwren.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Considerations for Lt. Governor on AccelerateSC Task Force

Dear Megan,

I would be grateful if you could share the attached letter with the Lieutenant Governor, which summarizes recent research on the impact of the pandemic on women and some policy recommendations for considerations. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Best regards,
Ann

Ann Warner
Chief Executive Officer

**Women's Rights &
Empowerment Network**

1201 Main Street, Suite 320
Columbia, SC 29201
803-939-2192
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers (what's this?)

From: Symmes, Brian
To: READJH@DHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] Contact at DHEC
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:36:00 PM

I recognize that you guys have a ton going on, but is there anyone who can get on the phone with these folks?

Thank you.

-----Original Message-----
From: Sandra Furnell <sfurnell@miraclehill.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Contact at DHEC?

Hi Brian-

Thanks so much for taking my call and providing insight.

Who would be the best contact for me to connect with at DHEC so we can make an informed decision about whether or not to cancel our March 17th banquet?

Thanks again for your help-

Sandy Furnell
Miracle Hill Ministries
https://gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?
url=www.miraclehill.org&data=02%7C01%7Cbsymmes%40governor.sc.gov%7Ca46ba470c7d643a8e20d08d7c69aff10%7Ce9f8d01480d84f27b0d6c3d6c085fcdd%7C1%7C0%7C637196241314379814&sdata=Z3yfTvHuGH2Lw6xcU1TqmavYn2TgbvF83G%2BlwmEdaI0%3D&reserved=0

From: Symmes, Brian
To: RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: READJHDHEC.SC.GOV; HARRISCSDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] Coronavirus info for SC Spanish-speaking population
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 11:26:00 AM
Attachments: Outlook-1518792812.png
image001.png

I'm going to rely on you guys to answer this for Gabe, if you haven't already.

Best,

From: Cavallaro, Gabriel <gcavallaro@greenvillenews.com>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:18 AM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Coronavirus info for SC Spanish-speaking population

Hi Brian,

Is the state taking any steps to get information on Coronavirus to South Carolina's Spanish-speaking population? If so, what ways is the state doing that?

Thanks,
Gabe Cavallaro

Gabe Cavallaro
Growth and Local Government Reporter

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Our ethics

From: Quattrone, Kristy
To: Plowden, Mark
Cc: Taylor, Marshall
Subject: FW: [External] Covid 19 medical supplies -urgent
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 4:08:00 PM

More about medical supplies –

From: Anthony Camelot Healthcare <anthony@camelothealthcare.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 2:12 PM
To: matthew.block@la.gov
Subject: [External] Covid 19 medical supplies -urgent

Covid 19 Medical Supplies Available!

Good Afternoon, (PLEASE FORWARD TO THE RIGHT GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT)

My name is Anthony Trawick, I am a healthcare consultant. I am watching the news briefing saying there are no supplies. I don't understand this? We work with a few companies in China and Thailand that have medical supplies available that can be here in less then two weeks. You would pay cost from the factory and avoid the price gougers.

I don't understand why this is not already happening… China is trying now to stop the flow of supplies to America but as of right now you can still order. Don't take this as a shady sales call. Im serious. Ill connect you right with the factory. Lets just get this moving… I don't understand why NY and other states are not already doing this if supplies are available overseas. The company is based in Hong Kong and works direclty with customs for expedited delivery.

Medical Supplies Available:

Masks
Gowns / Full Suits
Ventilators
Respirators
Instant Covid 19 testing kits that are being used in China, Thailand and Korea.

These products are available. If there is a real need please call me, I can help. This is not bullshit… Call me if there is a real need for these products.

Anthony Trawick
407-970-7863

From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Davidson, Nick
Subject:	FW: [External] COVID- 19 Pre-Screening and Testing App from Microsoft
Date:	Monday, April 6, 2020 2:16:00 PM
Attachments:	COVID-19 Pre-Screening and Testing App.pdf
Importance:	High

I don't know if this is helpful, but they are on numerous state contracts, to my understanding.

From: Angela Leon <Angela.Leon@microsoft.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 1:21 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] COVID- 19 Pre-Screening and Testing App from Microsoft
Importance: High

Hi Mark!
I hope you are staying well. Just keeping you in the loop of this solution that has been rolled out in NY and in progress in some of our neighboring states. Sharing this with DHEC as well but happy to discuss with your office if there is any need.
Biggest thing here…don't let SC pay for apps like this until they research a few options. This is an example of a project were we (Microsoft) are truly wanting to help and have the resources to do so, without a great deal of investment from the state.

Call me or text if you need anything.

Angela Leon
Account Executive| Microsoft Corporation | State and Local Government | South Carolina
M[redacted] | angela.leon@microsoft.com

From: Singh, Sym on behalf of Philip Kent
To: Caldwell, Rick; Singh, Sym; Don Oneill; Dr. Ellen Shaver; Hani El Shawa
Subject: FW: [External] Covid 19 Testing Call

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Philip Kent <pkent@copernicusmd.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:28 PM
To: Philip Kent; Singh, Sym; Don Oneill; Dr. Ellen Shaver; Hani El Shawa; Rick Caldwell
Subject: [External] Covid 19 Testing Call
When: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:30 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where:

Dial-In: (267) 930-4000

Participant Access: [redacted]

Attendees:

Sym Singh – Director of Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor of SC

Rick Caldwell – Director of Legislative Affairs, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

CopernicusMD:

Dr. Ellen Shaver – Medical Director

Dr. Hani El Shawa – Medical Director

Philip Kent – External Affairs Director

Don O'Neill – Healthcare Consultant

From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Toomey, Rick K.; Read, Jennifer
Cc:	Walker, Trey
Subject:	FW: [External] COVID analysis from USC scientist
Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:27:00 AM
Attachments:	SC CORONA cases[3].pdf ATT00001.htm

See below.

This has also been a recurring theme on the County Calls -- If you need assistance with modeling/forecasting, now is the time to bring in a number of people within the state who are ready and able to assist. We need to get very aggressive with thinking toward outside alternatives and assistance.

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] COVID analysis from USC scientist

FYI

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Date: March 24, 2020 at 10:04:22 AM EDT
To: "Limehouse, Thomas" <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] COVID analysis from USC scientist

Thomas,
I hope this email finds you well. My neighbor, Jim Morris, is a researcher and professor at USC. He is trying to get the attached letter to the Governor and the appropriate people on your team.
Anything you can do to pass this along would be greatly appreciated. Jim's phone number is on the letter and his email is [redacted] @yahoo.com if you need to reach him.
Please do not hesitate to call if I can be of assistance.
Thanks,
Chris

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From: Singh, Sym
To: Caldwell, Rick
Subject: FW: [External] COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 4:34:00 PM
Importance: High

FYI.

-----Original Message-----
From: treybyars26@gmail.com <treybyars26@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:59 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code

Sym,

Senator Grooms asked me to convey his extreme disappointment that DHEC no longer reports COVID-19 cases by zip code. Reporting by county only, without zip code, is not nearly as useful information.
Please forward this to the appropriate person and let me know if there will be a remedy.
Thanks.
Trey Byars
Office of Senator Larry Grooms

Sent from my iPhone

From: Singh, Sym
To: Tammie Greene (tgreene@sccommerce.com); Blair, Jamie D.
Cc: Webb, Beth
Subject: FW: [External] COVID-19 Emergency Medical Relief Units Offered by Thor Industries
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:47:00 PM
Attachments: Relief Letter.pdf
Emergency_Disaster_Medical RV Concept 032720.pdf
image001.png

Please see the below email and attachments.

Thanks,
Sym

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
SSingh@governor.sc.gov
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Office: 803-734-9271

From: Barb Montague <bmontague@thorindustries.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Todd Woelfer <twoelfer@thorindustries.com>
Subject: [External] COVID-19 Emergency Medical Relief Units Offered by Thor Industries

Good morning –

Please see letter from Thor Industries, Inc. regarding COVID-19 Emergency Medical Relief Units Offered by Thor Industries.

Todd Woelfer | Thor Industries, Inc. | Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
601 East Beardsley Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46514 | Fax: 866-549-4259

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From:	Finnern, Megan
To:	Ouzounidis, Maria
Cc:	Evette, Pamela
Subject:	FW: [External] COVID-19 Rapid Test
Date:	Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:39:00 PM
Attachments:	image001.png 100599 - COVID-19 IgG IgM EUO Emergency Use Only Pkg Insert_v4.0.pdf image002.png

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Good afternoon Maria,

I am passing this along for your awareness. I realize that your office may very likely have already received this information, but I wanted to ensure you had seen it and were aware as RLGA distributed it to all members this afternoon.

All the best,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Megan Finnern <megan@finnernconsulting.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] COVID-19 Rapid Test

> **From:** Dee Duncan <dduncan@rslc.gop>
> **Subject: FW: [External] COVID-19 Rapid Test**
> **Date:** April 2, 2020 at 2:34:19 PM EDT
> **To:** Elizabeth Bentler <EBentler@rslc.gop>
> **Cc:** Celia Cooke <ccooke@rslc.gop>
>
> All-
>
> Lieutenant Governor Forest's team asked that I pass along the below email and attachment to everyone as you may find it helpful.
>
> Please let me know if there is anything I can be doing to be helpful to you. Look forward to speaking with everyone this evening.
>
> Dee

Begin forwarded message:

Subject: [External] COVID-19 Rapid Test

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Jamey:

Thanks for the opportunity to get this information to you for distribution to any contacts that you and the team may have.

Aytu is honored and excited to be able to offer this important diagnostic tool and our goal is to get this distributed to the people who need it most as quickly as possible. This tool can offer results in 2-10 minutes with a simple drop of blood from a finger prick.

Our team has been in close contact with the FDA to follow all procedures and labeling requirements to allow for this test to be available.

In addition to the information that you had requested, I am including the following materials for your review:

- Package Insert
- Link to our website:
  - www.aytubioscience.com[gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]
- Certification:
  - https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfrl/rl.cfm?lid=653272&lpcd=QKO[gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]
- FDA Guidance:
  - https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-fda-issues-first-emergency-use-authorization-point-care-diagnostic[gcc02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com]

We will have a limited number of these tests available to ship TODAY and expect that production will be able to start to catch up to demand over the coming weeks. The kit contains 25 individually packaged test cassettes and the cost is $625 per kit ($25 per test cassette).

Additionally, if you are interested, we suggest submitting a PO ASAP. The ordering information is as follows:

COVID-19 IgG/IgM Rapid Test
Item # 100598

1 Kit (contains 25 individually packaged rapid test cassettes)
$625 per Kit

Phone: 1-855-298-8246
Email: COVID-19@aytubio.com
Fax: 303-200-7466

Please let me know if anyone else that you may know could be in need of this test and if you could pass this information along, make an introduction or give them my contact information, I would be grateful.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to call if we can help in any way.

All the Best -

Matt V. Phillips
Executive Vice President, Commercial Operations
Aytu BioScience, Inc.
373 Inverness Parkway, Suite 206
Englewood, CO 80112
C: [redacted]
E: mphillips@aytubio.com

From:	Finnern, Megan
To:	Ouzounidis, Maria
Cc:	Caldwell, Rick
Subject:	FW: [External] Covid-19 Test kits and Contact Tracing in buildings
Date:	Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:20:00 PM
Attachments:	Seegene white paper.pdf Seegene Allplex 2019-nCoV Assay Brochure_EN (2).pdf image002.png

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Good afternoon,

Please see below.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Randy Gerson <randy@rgersonassociates.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Covid-19 Test kits and Contact Tracing in buildings

Hi Megan,

Thank you for connecting with me and I hope I can help South Carolina with any test kit needs they have.

I recently secured a deal with one of the best Covid-19 test kit makers in the world, Seegene. If you're unfamiliar, this is the company that helped flatten the curve in South Korea more effectively than any other country has so far. Their kits test for 3 different Covid-19 gene markers and have a far lower rate of false positives then other testing methods.

Due to overwhelming demand, I am helping facilitate orders for Seegene because their sales force cannot keep up with inquiries. I am working directly with the head of US operations for Seegene and can help New Jersey get these kits fast if you need them.

Please have whoever is in charge of test kit procurement reach out when they have a moment with any questions you have. I am including my personal cell phone for expediency.

(I am based out of San Diego in California so Pacific time for me.)

My Cell: [redacted]

Below is more information on Seegene's capacity and about their test kits.

Hope to hear from you soon,

Randy Gerson - Partner
Gerson & Associates
10180 Mayor Circle
San Diego, CA 92126
Cell - [redacted]

Info on Covid 19 Test Kits

We are currently working directly with one of the global leaders of Covid-19 test kit manufacturing in the world, Seegene.

We have also partnered with a technology company with hardware and software that integrates with commercial buildings to help trace and monitor employees returning to work. This technology integrates directly with our test kit manufacturer.

Bottom Line: We can supply Covid-19 test kits and help large hospitals and commercial buildings integrate testing into a comprehensive tracing strategy that helps contain new outbreaks and increase workplace safety.

Details about Seegene:

- Seegene currently supplies **over 1 million test kits per week to over 40 countries globally.**
- Seegene's real-time PCR Tests have **received Emergency Use Authorization from the USFDA** and are among the most accurate tests in the world.
- Seegene was one of the **key players in helping South Korea control the spread of Covid-19** more effectively than any other country in the world.

Their kits are considered the gold standard of testing and follow the World Health organization guidelines of testing for 3 different target genes in the virus genome (N, RdRP, and E genes) versus 1 target gene for the CDC test (N gene). Quest Laboratories, in their FDA EUA submission, benchmarked their internally developed test to Seegene Allplex 2019-nCoV assay as the global gold standard test.

Attached to this email are brochures, white papers, and documents with additional technical information should you need it.

Due to overwhelming demand, Seegene is working with us to help field, qualify, and organize inbound requests for information and help get orders to those who need it the most. We are connected directly to the head of US Operations for Seegene and can fast track any test kits you might need to order.

We can also help any organization with large buildings such as hospitals, office buildings etc. implement an effective tracing program that combines testing with tracking to make sure any outbreak is quickly contained.

To arrange an order for Covid-19 test kits or provide more information if needed please contact us either by email or schedule a call directly using this link:

https://calendly.com/randygerson/info-call

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Randy

Randy Gerson - Partner
Gerson & Associates
10180 Mayor Circle
San Diego, CA 92126
Cell - [redacted]

"Excellence is not a skill. It is an attitude."
Ralph Marston

Additional information:

Exact Sciences FDA EUA on Seegene test
https://www.genomeweb.com/regulatory-news-fda-approvals/exact-sciences-receives-fda-eua-sars-cov-2-diagnostic#.Xp5epMhKg2w

Cirrus Dx FDA EUA on Seegene test
https://news.yahoo.com/cirrusdx-laboratory-receives-emergency-authorization-210000334.html

Hyundai - Seegene Collaboration - Children's Hospitals Across the US
https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/hyundai-doubles-support-for-covid-19-drive-thru-testing-locations-across-america-301039919.html

Seegene Collaboration with Los Angeles City and County
https://www.dailynews.com/2020/03/27/l-a-county-receives-200-coronavirus-kits-in-first-shipment-from-abroad/

https://www.forbes.com/sites/forbesasia/2020/04/05/how-one-firms-covid-19-tests-help-control-the-virus-in-south-korea/#3c936c6b5bff

From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Toomey, Rick K.
Subject:	FW: [External] COVID-19 Testing Swabs Purchase
Date:	Monday, March 23, 2020 3:07:00 PM
Attachments:	Azar_Testing Swabs to States.pdf ATT00001.htm

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:42 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] COVID-19 Testing Swabs Purchase

Please share

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** "Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA)" <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
> **Date:** March 20, 2020 at 12:39:14 PM EDT
> **To:** "Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA)" <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>, "Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA)" <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
> **Subject: [External] COVID-19 Testing Swabs Purchase**
>
> Dear Governors,
>
> As acknowledged in the attached note, Secretary Azar has sent your state health department viral testing swabs to help meet your immediate needs. Additionally, we want to make you aware of companies through which you can purchase COVID-19 testing swabs:
>
> **Copan Diagnostics**
> 26055 Jefferson Avenue Murrieta, CA 92562
> 800-216-4016
>
> **Becton, Dickinson and Company**
> 1 Becton Drive
> Franklin Lakes, NJ 07417-1880
> Phone: 201.847.6800
>
> **Thermo Fisher Scientific**
> 168 Third Avenue | Waltham, MA 02451

781-622-1000
800-678-5599

Princeton BioMeditech Corporation
P.O. Box 7139, Princeton, New Jersey 08543-7139 U.S.A. Tel: (732) 274-1000
4242 U.S. Route 1, Monmouth Junction, New Jersey 08852-1905 U.S.A. Fax: (732) 274-1010
Internet E-mail: info@pbmc.com
World Wide Web: https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=8ce4f646-d0b0ef3a-8ce4c779-0cc47adc5fa2-6d424e887a2fb0e6&u=http://www.pbmc.com/

Darcie L. Johnston
Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Secretary
202-690-1058 (office)
[redacted] (cell)

From:	Marsh, Jordan
To:	rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject:	FW: [External] COVID-19 Update: FDA Issues Revised Policy on Antibody Tests - Invitation to Call at 12:30 PM (ET) Today for Governors" Fed-State Representatives
Date:	Monday, May 4, 2020 11:59:00 AM

Can someone from DHEC participate on this call? I have three conflicting calls during the same time.

In addition, FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs staff will be hosting a conference call for Governors' offices Federal-State Representatives, and staff of the National Governors Association, at 12:30 p.m. EST today to discuss this policy change. Presenting on behalf of FDA on the call will be Dr. Jeff Shuren, Director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health, and Dr. Anand Shah, the Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs. Karen Meister, Acting Director of FDA's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, will host the call.

To join the call, please use the numbers below:
Dial in: (toll) 1-210-234-0034 (toll-free) 800-779-1165
Participant passcode: [redacted]

From: Gras, Ruth <Ruth.Gras@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:38 AM
To: Gras, Ruth <Ruth.Gras@fda.hhs.gov>
Cc: Gras, Ruth <Ruth.Gras@fda.hhs.gov>
Subject: [External] COVID-19 Update: FDA Issues Revised Policy on Antibody Tests - Invitation to Call at 12:30 PM (ET) Today for Governors' Fed-State Representatives

Dear Colleagues,

This morning, the FDA revised its policy to improve antibody testing quality. The revised policy is entitled, "Policy for Coronavirus Disease-2019 Tests During the Public Health Emergency (Revised): Immediately in Effect Guidance for Clinical Laboratories, Commercial Manufacturers, and Food and Drug Administration Staff." FDA is issuing this guidance to provide a policy to help accelerate the availability of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) tests developed by laboratories and commercial manufacturers for the duration of the public health emergency. This guidance describes a policy for laboratories and commercial manufacturers to help accelerate the use of tests they develop in order to achieve more rapid and widespread testing capacity in the United States. Under the new policy, FDA expects commercial manufacturers to submit Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) requests, including their validation data, within 10 days of publication of the updated policy or the date they notify FDA of their test validation, whichever is later. FDA has also issued several documents with more information:

- **FDA Voices:** "Insight into FDA's Revised Policy on Antibody Tests: Prioritizing Access and Accuracy," by Anand Shah, M.D., Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs, FDA,

and Jeff Shuren, M.D., Director, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, FDA

- **FDA Fact Sheet:** "Antibody Test Oversight & Use for COVID-19" (May 4, 2020)

We expect to issue a related Press Release later today with more information, and will forward that to you when it becomes available.

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If you should have any questions, please contact **FDA's Intergovernmental Affairs staff** at: IGA@fda.hhs.gov

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Office: 301-796-8927
ruth.gras@fda.hhs.gov

From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Toomey, Rick K.
Subject:	FW: [External] Denominational Leader List
Date:	Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:33:00 AM
Attachments:	church denomination heads.xlsx

This is an excellent resource to recruit Tracing Academy members.

From: Oran P. Smith [redacted]@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 7:00 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Denominational Leader List

Mark:

We literally have any kind of church list you would need, but it sounds like for this project you only want the ***leaders*** of the religious denominations. It is attached.

If the Governor or Trey is interested in the list of the "Nehemiah **network"** of pastors he has been hosting at the mansion from time to time, we also have that. A few hundred.

Finally, we have a very large list of **all churches** with good addresses but not very current pastors' names. A few thousand.

Please let me know if I can provide additional support.

Yours----

Oran

Oran P. Smith, PhD | Senior Fellow | Palmetto Promise Institute | Columbia, SC

From: Finnern, Megan
To: Ouzounid s, Maria
Cc: Lemo ne, Leigh; Evette, Pamela; P owden, Mark
Subject: FW: [Externa] DHEC issues
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:59:18 AM
Attachments: Let er to McMaster re lackof testing for first responders.pdf

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Good morning Maria,

I realize you likely already have this letter. Mr. Verd Odom called me about this yesterday via phone. I explained to him that Dr. Bell from DHEC has repeatedly stated that those who are not showing signs of illness should not seek testing due to limited PPE and also the need to not overwhelm the labs / utilize scarce materials as we need to ensure these are available for individuals who are showing signs of illness and to protect our heathcare workers. That being said, Mr. Munnerlyn still wanted to ensure that the Lt. Governor was aware of this letter, and therefore I am passing it along to you.

CC: Leigh and Mark for awareness

Thank you,
Megan

-----Original Message-----
From: Munnerlyn, Ron <jrmunnerlyn@marlborocounty.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: verd odom <verdodom@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: [External] DHEC issues

Megan-

Please see the attachment and link below. I'm happy to speak by phone if you need additional information.

Thank you for your help.

Ron

https://gcc02.safelinks.protection outlook.com/?url https%3A%2F%2Fwww.postandcourier.com%2Fhealth%2Fcovid19%2Fsc-counties-say-dhec-falling-short-in-helping-first-responders%2Farticle_7fc483c6-6ea3-11ea-aced-9733b3264b7e.html&data 02%7C01%7CLLemoine%40governor.sc.gov%7C07e717e25955f4a1954dd08d7d18de009%7Ce9f8d01480d84f27b0d6c3d6c085fcdd%7C1%7C0%7C637208279582058504&sdata yqTdjbKwYXCDv%2FDYK84jM4F6C3RGi8k4OnsZLGZ0 To%3D&reserved 0

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From: verd odom [mailto:verdodom@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Munnerlyn, Ron <jrmunnerlyn@marlborocounty.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] DHEC issues

Megan Finnern, Senior Advisor to Lieutenant Governor Pam Evette said to send her an email with the issues you had with DHEC. I briefly talked to her about some but she said feel free to email her with specific issues you have. Email address: Mfinnern@governor.sc.gov Sent from my iPhone

From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Toomey, Rick K.
Subject:	FW: [External] Donate Life SC - Request for Governor"s Support
Date:	Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:19:00 PM
Attachments:	image003.png COVID-19_McMaster Request.pdf
Importance:	High

Please see attached. It was briefed on today's Exec Call. We would like to assist them ASAP. Thanks

MP

From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:08 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Donate Life SC - Request for Governor's Support
Importance: High

Please see attached. I told Tracy that if they were in contact with Dr. Bell at DHEC and Director Toomey that would be the most appropriate contacts. I told her I would share with the Governor and appropriate staff aware of the request.

Thank you,
Leigh

From: Tracy Moore <tmoore@donatelifesc.org>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Donate Life SC - Request for Governor's Support
Importance: High

Hello Leigh,

I enjoyed our conversation this morning and I would like to extent my sincere thanks to you for getting back to me so quickly and helping us with this life-saving issue. Please let Governor McMaster know, that we are in the process of working with Dr. Linda Bells office at DHEC on this request but would love to have his support as well if he thinks it is necessary.

If you need additional information, please feel free to contact me. Stay Safe!

Tracy Moore cell: [redacted]
David DeStefano cell: [redacted]

Warmest,

Tracy L. Moore
CEO/Executive Director
4200 East North Street #22
Greenville, SC 29615

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From: Finnern, Megan
To: Ouzounidis, Maria
Subject: FW: [External] Face Mask Covers- LinkedIn Follow Up
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:34:00 AM
Attachments: Catalyst Business Card - Chuck Smith- President.pdf
Catalyst W-9 2020.docx
Reusable Cloth Face Mask Cover Catalyst Fabric SolutionsR1.ppt
image002.png

Good morning Maria,

I shared the email address with him that Jamie provided yesterday, but I didn't know whether or not I should still send this over. Figured I'd cover my bases with both.

Please let me know what's best for the future and thank you!
Megan

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o. 803-734-1505

From: Brent Campbell <bcampbell@catalystfabricsolutions.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Face Mask Covers- LinkedIn Follow Up

Good morning Megan,

Thank you for your response when I reached out to Lt. Governor Pamela Evette.

So sorry for the delay. We had to make a last minute product addition at the request of a hospital in Alabama. Everyone is moving on the fly.

The long and short of my outreach is to let you know the company I'm with has revamped and is producing face mask covers. Surgical gowns and pillow cases forthcoming.

Below is some additional info that I hope will help. I'm also attached information that others asked for, as I assume you might want similar info (W9, references, business card of owner). Happy to answer any additional questions you may have. Hope we can help.

My cell is [redacted]. Stay well,

1. Product (spec sheets)- in power-point attached- 6 x 9
2. Pricing- Single ply $1.85 ea Double-ply with pocket- $2.75 ea
3. Quantity- **4000 a day is current capacity- 20,000 a week**

4. Availability-April 1st, 2020
5. Current location- Plant locations are Florida and Alabama
6. Delivery logistics- UPS or FED-Ex on customers account
7. Request for documents (W-9, Business Card, Website, etc.) W-9 and Business card attached- https://catalystfabricsolutions.com/
8. References - **Shutterfly, Inc.- Lauren Pressley- direct line- 843 310 3941 Design Direct- Steve Meyer- direct line- 859 392 9270**

From:	Plowden, Mark
To:	Toomey, Rick K.
Subject:	FW: [External] Florence COVID19 Situation assessment April 20 2020 v2.pdf
Date:	Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:42:00 PM
Attachments:	Florence COVID19 Situation assessment April 20 2020 v2.pdf ATT00001.txt

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Can we have your new Doc (and anyone else) look over this material? Compare and contrast. Thanks

-----Original Message-----
From: Sweatman, Mark <sweatmmc@musc.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Florence COVID19 Situation assessment April 20 2020 v2.pdf

These are slides that were sent and discussed with Senator Leatherman and Dr. Carter today from Dr. Sweat regarding the Florence area. Didn't want you to be unaware of the information presented.

Thanks,

Mark

From: Marsh, Jordan
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Follow-Up COVID-19 Testing Technical Assistance Call Tomorrow
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:06:00 PM

Are you going to be on this call?

From: Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:24 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>; Campana, Ariella M. EOP/WHO <Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov>
Subject: [External] Follow-Up COVID-19 Testing Technical Assistance Call Tomorrow

Trey and Jordan,

HHS/CDC are conducting their 1-on-1 follow-up technical assistance COVID-19 testing call with your state tomorrow (Friday, May 1). I've been informed your state health officials are tracking this call.

We wanted to ensure someone from governor's senior leadership team is also joining. Below is the time and call-in information for the call. I've been asked that we limit the additional person from the governors office to 1 or 2 people to ensure a productive call.

State: South Carolina

Date: Friday, May 1, 2020

Time: 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. EST

Call-In Information:

- Phone: 1(866)880-0098
- Code: [redacted]

Wanted to ensure you were tracking this. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Zach

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Zach Swint
Office of Intergovernmental Affairs
The White House
C: [redacted] | E: Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov

From: Finnern, Megan
To: Ouzounidis, Maria; Stenson, Kim
Cc: Walker, Trey; Evette, Pamela; Plowden, Mark
Subject: FW: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:21:00 AM
Attachments: SC COVID Material Avails 4-7-20_Vetted.xlsx
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Good morning all,

I received this yesterday regarding PPE available that was compiled by SCBIO and SCMEP. I realize there is a good chance you already have this, but if not, I wanted to pass along.

Thank you,
Megan

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From: Poornema Ramasamy <Poornema.Ramasamy@prismahealth.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:31 PM
Subject: FW: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

Hi Megan

I got this spreadsheet today which was compiled by SCBIO and SCMEP. This has information on different suppliers.

Poornema

Poornema Ramasamy MD, MBA
President, South Carolina Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
Hospitalist, PrismaHealth

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From: Finnern, Megan
To: Daniel Morris
Cc: Ouzounidis, Maria; Katie Phillips; Caldwell, Rick
Subject: FW: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 1:16:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hello Daniel,

Please see below. We can hopefully talk through the items here that touch DOI when we speak at 2:45 PM.

I am also including Katie Phillips from LLR, as well as Rick Caldwell and Maria Ouzounidis from SCDHEC, in case any of these items fall within their purview – and if not, hopefully you can help direct me to the right place.

Thanks much,
Megan

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From: Brenna Mehta <Brenna.Mehta@prismahealth.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>; Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Poornema Ramasamy <Poornema.Ramasamy@prismahealth.org>; gastonpharmacy@yahoo.com; Shashi R[redacted]@outlook.com>; [redacted]@hotmail.com; sheetal_patel76@hotmail.com; vasant4hearts@outlook.comd; Divya Ahuja <Divya.Ahuja@uscmed.sc.edu>; caldwert@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

Hello Lieutenant Governor and Ms. Finnern,

Thank you again for meeting with us today and hosting the meeting. It is much appreciated.

A special thanks to the Lieutenant Governor for taking time out of her busy day to hear concerns from frontline health care workers.

We appreciate everything the Governor's office is doing to help everyone through this difficult time.

As promised, here is a list of the shortage medications we are having difficulty procuring in the hospital (inpatient side).

1. Narcotics (injectable) – fentanyl, hydromorphone, morphine
2. Midazolam (Versed) injectable
3. Propofol/Dexmedetomidine (Precedex)
4. Neuromuscular blockers – vecuronium and cisatracurium
5. Acetaminophen tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
6. Hydroxychloroquine tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
7. Azithromycin (Z-pack) – applies to retail pharmacy also
8. Albuterol MDI (inhaler) – applies to retail pharmacy also
9. Norepinephrine – to combat low blood pressure
10. Enoxaparin
11. Fluids (examples normal saline (NS), Dextrose (D5W)). Many fluids have the potential for use. Would like to prevent a shortage of these fluids. Many are Baxter products – so ramp up of production would be very useful.
12. Losartan tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
13. Isopropyl Alcohol – applies to retail pharmacy also
14. PPE (personal protective equipment) concerns - applies to retail pharmacy also; used in our sterile compounding facilities to prevent contamination of our compounded products (example narcotic drips, antibiotics, sedation drips)
15. Hand sanitizer - applies to retail pharmacy also; Richland pharmacy is having to prepare from Everclear (95% alcohol) – now having a hard time procuring Everclear

Two additional concerns:
1.Wholesalers – we are having issues with wholesalers remaining stocked with products. We often have to go straight to the manufacturer to procure which results in longer turn around time of receipt of product. We are relying on wholesalers ordering additional supplies from manufacturers so that we are able to procure directly from them with next day turnaround.

2. National stockpile medications – We have placed orders with the national stockpile contacts, but have not received product as of today. When should we anticipate to receive these medications and through what avenue – Direct? Through our wholesaler?

I have included our retail pharmacist attendees so that they can add on any specific retail related issues as desired.

Thank you again for your time and assisting us with our concerns, so that we may provide excellent care to the constituents of South Carolina.

Brenna

Brenna Mehta, PharmD
Drug Information Pharmacist
Prisma Health-Midlands
Richland Hospital

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Subject: FW: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:31:25 PM
Attachments: image004.png
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Hi Megan

Thank you. I think I have fixed the problem for sure now.
I got this spreadsheet today which was compiled by SCBIO and SCMEP. This has information on different suppliers.

Poornema

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From: Finnern, Megan
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:59 PM
To: Poornema Ramasamy
Cc: Shashi R
Subject: RE: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

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Hello again Dr. Ramasamy,

The last email I sent to the entire group still kicked back one name. I thought I'd send to you directly and you can pass along regarding PPE supply chain. Here's how it works at present in SC:

Currently, if a healthcare provider has a need for PPE they should make resource requests through their local EMD. If the local EMD cannot fulfill the request, they will send it to State EMD to fulfill. Currently there are breakdowns in the national supply chain for PPE. SC EMD has placed orders for PPE to be distributed statewide once received. The Department has distributed three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile to the counties to fulfill requests. (Healthcare providers will be required to pay for their resource requests.)

Hope that helps! This is an ongoing area of discussion and of how to ensure those with the greatest need are getting the PPE needed. If I have any further updates, I will let you know.

Best,
Megan

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To: Poornema Ramasamy <Poornema.Ramasamy@prismahealth.org>; Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>; Brenna Mehta <Brenna.Mehta@prismahealth.org>
Cc [redacted]@yahoo.com; Shashi R [redacted]@outlook.com>; [redacted]@hotmail.com; [redacted]@hotmail.com; [redacted]@outlook.comd; Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>; Divya Ahuja <divya.ahuja@uscmed.sc.edu>; caldwert@dhec.sc.gov; Daniel Morris <dmorris@doi.sc.gov>; Brenna Mehta <Brenna.Mehta@prismahealth.org>; Ramkumar Jayagopalan <poornemaram@yahoo.com>; Mary Beth Poston <marybeth.poston@uscmed.sc.edu>; Catherine McClungSmith <Catherine.McClungSmith@prismahealth.org>; [redacted]@yahoo.com; Sangita Dash <Sangita.Dash@prismahealth.org>; Dheeraj Puppala <dpuppala@gmail.com>; ravi_rao@mednax.com; Shruti Bannenahally [redacted]@yahoo.co.in>; Arundhati Dasgupta [redacted]@yahoo.com>; [redacted]@gmail.com; [redacted]@outlook.com
Subject: Re: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

I corrected one of the emails that was wrong in this thread. Please reply to this one.

Thank you

Poornema

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To: Finnern, Megan; Brenna Mehta
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Subject: RE: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

Hi Lieutenant Governor and Megan

On behalf of SCAPI, I appreciate again for the call and and for patiently listening to us. It is very

reassuring for us to hear that many of the concerns that we have including the shortage of PPE are being addressed.

Can the Governor's office or the DHEC share a link or provide a contact to the supply chain of the PPE? The burn rate of PPE will vary individually across the state based on the type of healthcare setting. Each organization/physician practice has to do their own calculation. It would be very helpful if the state either have the information for suppliers of PPE readily available in a website or facilitate the communication through the state office.

I have attached the letter to the Governor requesting immunity for healthcare workers who are working with COVID19 patients here.

On behalf of all the healthcare workers, I appreciate all the hard work that you are doing.

Sincerely

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Hospitalist, PrismaHealth

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Good evening Ms. Mehta,

Below in the information that I received after following up on your email below with DHEC, Department of Insurance and SC Dept of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR).

From DHEC regarding Federal Stockpile:

The Federal Government has not released medications from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) yet. We have requested a formulary from the Federal Government but they have not released it yet. We have been advised most of what they have is designed for a biological attack and antibiotics.

The questions below will need to be answered for any medicine request and stated they would more

than likely follow up with more questions.
· What is the quantity of each item requested currently on hand?
· Daily burn rate of PPE?
· When will your current on-hand supply of drugs run out?
· When is the last time you were able to order and receive this product from your pharmaceutical wholesaler?
· Is this amount for 2 week supply (Per SNS Partners only request for two-week supplies will be considered)

Response as it relates to wholesalers + drug pricing via conversations w/ LLR and DOI; a representative from DOI was on the phone but was unable to unmute himself (apologies as it was my first time running a webex and I didn't realize people on the phone were unable to unmute themselves):

While the Pharmacy Board falls under LLR (https://www.llr.sc.gov/bop/laws.aspx), it does not regulate PBMs. Similarly, the Board of Pharmacy does not regulate or control drug supply, drug pricing or DIR fees. That being said, they have heard that wholesalers around the country are experiencing limited supplies on a variety of products and that these drug shortages are not necessarily unique to COVID-19.

Additionally, there is another group Mr. Morris has interfaced with that was looking to get clarification on similar issues with drug prices and shortages. Once I know more about this, I will either connect you with the group or the people at the state level who are working on it. Regarding DIR fees specifically, this falls under CMS (at the federal government level).

Lastly, on the phone, I believe one of the participants said that you had sent a letter to the Governor requesting immunity for healthcare workers who are working with COVID19 patients. If I heard this correctly, I'd kindly ask that you please share a copy of this letter so that we might review it.

Again, we appreciate your time. Let me know if there was anyone on the call you'd like to reach back out to and I'll be sure to connect you.

All the best,
Megan

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From: Brenna Mehta <Brenna.Mehta@prismahealth.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:28 PM

To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>; Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Poornema Ramasamy <Poornema.Ramasamy@prismahealth.org>; [redacted]@yahoo.com; Shashi R [redacted]@outlook.com>; [redacted]@hotmail.com; [redacted]@hotmail.com; [redacted]@outlook.comd; Divya Ahuja <Divya.Ahuja@uscmed.sc.edu>; caldwert@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

Hello Lieutenant Governor and Ms. Finnern,

Thank you again for meeting with us today and hosting the meeting. It is much appreciated.

A special thanks to the Lieutenant Governor for taking time out of her busy day to hear concerns from frontline health care workers.

We appreciate everything the Governor's office is doing to help everyone through this difficult time.

As promised, here is a list of the shortage medications we are having difficulty procuring in the hospital (inpatient side).

1. Narcotics (injectable) – fentanyl, hydromorphone, morphine
2. Midazolam (Versed) injectable
3. Propofol/Dexmedetomidine (Precedex)
4. Neuromuscular blockers – vecuronium and cisatracurium
5. Acetaminophen tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
6. Hydroxychloroquine tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
7. Azithromycin (Z-pack) – applies to retail pharmacy also
8. Albuterol MDI (inhaler) – applies to retail pharmacy also
9. Norepinephrine – to combat low blood pressure
10. Enoxaparin
11. Fluids (examples normal saline (NS), Dextrose (D5W)). Many fluids have the potential for use. Would like to prevent a shortage of these fluids. Many are Baxter products – so ramp up of production would be very useful.
12. Losartan tablets – applies to retail pharmacy also
13. Isopropyl Alcohol – applies to retail pharmacy also
14. PPE (personal protective equipment) concerns - applies to retail pharmacy also; used in our sterile compounding facilities to prevent contamination of our compounded products (example narcotic drips, antibiotics, sedation drips)
15. Hand sanitizer - applies to retail pharmacy also; Richland pharmacy is having to prepare from Everclear (95% alcohol) – now having a hard time procuring Everclear

Two additional concerns:
1.Wholesalers – we are having issues with wholesalers remaining stocked with products. We often have to go straight to the manufacturer to procure which results in longer turn around time of receipt of product. We are relying on wholesalers ordering additional supplies from manufacturers so that we are able to procure directly from them with next day turnaround.

2. National stockpile medications – We have placed orders with the national stockpile contacts, but have not received product as of today. When should we anticipate to receive these medications and through what avenue – Direct? Through our wholesaler?

I have included our retail pharmacist attendees so that they can add on any specific retail related issues as desired.

Thank you again for your time and assisting us with our concerns, so that we may provide excellent care to the constituents of South Carolina.

Brenna

Brenna Mehta, PharmD
Drug Information Pharmacist
Prisma Health-Midlands
Richland Hospital

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From:	Finnern, Megan
To:	Caldwell, Rick
Cc:	Blair, Jamie D.
Subject:	FW: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call
Date:	Friday, April 10, 2020 11:22:00 AM
Attachments:	SC COVID Material Avails 4-7-20_Vetted.xlsx image002.png image003.png

Good morning Mr. Caldwell,

I realized I should've included you on the previous email. I'm also copying Jamie.

Best,
Megan

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Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
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Good morning all,

I received this yesterday regarding PPE available that was compiled by SCBIO and SCMEP. I realize there is a good chance you already have this, but if not, I wanted to pass along.

Thank you,
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From: Poornema Ramasamy <Poornema.Ramasamy@prismahealth.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 7:31 PM
Subject: FW: [External] Follow-up from Lt. Governor/SCAPI/DHEC/DOI Conference Call

Hi Megan

I got this spreadsheet today which was compiled by SCBIO and SCMEP. This has information on different suppliers.

Poornema

Poornema Ramasamy MD, MBA
President, South Carolina Association of Physicians of Indian Origin
Hospitalist, PrismaHealth

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

From: Plowden, Mark
To: "rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov"
Subject: FW: [External] FOLLOW-UP: NGA Informal Discussion on Coronavirus
Date: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 3:23:00 PM
Attachments: SC COVID-19 Spending Grid.docx

Related to my last email, this is the information EMD generated pursuant to the request…

MP

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From: Batson, Steven <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 3:02 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] FOLLOW-UP: NGA Informal Discussion on Coronavirus

Mark,

Attached is the information the National Guard provided for this unique survey. I took the liberty to add some response info that I lifted from the DHEC website. Hopefully DHEC can add the rest of the budget figures for you. We also stuck in some budget for a media campaign. Just add our dollars to theirs if they provide any input in that category.

Sincerely,

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From: Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
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To: Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Batson, Steven <sbatson@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] FOLLOW-UP: NGA Informal Discussion on Coronavirus

Mark,

Looks like the bulk of the info could possibly be supplied by DHEC. NG may be able to come up with something but their mission is pretty open-ended at this time. And they want the info back by tomorrow.

That being said, suggest that the form be sent to DHEC (probably be best to come from your office) and we will try to get something from the NG.

Let us know if that will be OK.

Regards,

Kim

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
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Do you have any thoughts on where to start with this?

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Mark,

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Let me know how you'd like to circulate and complete the attached.

Thanks,
Jordan

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Sent: Friday, February 28, 2020 3:57 PM
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Attachments: State or Territory COVID-19 Spending Grid.docx

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Date:	Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:17:00 AM
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From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:57 AM
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From: James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
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To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
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Passing along pursuant to our conversation.

From: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@sccommerce.com>
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Subject: RE: 3 pm call

Attached (not yet published but has been previously submitted to Governor's Office) –
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Attached is a joint CDC/EPA guidance document published on April 29 - the conclusion pages 7 - 9 list additional resources with more specific recommendations (community events, park & rec

areas, etc.)

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Additionally to make the most of the call here is a "starter" list. Would like to focus on the question marks to determine if guidance/best practices already exist somewhere OR if they need to be created.

Manufacturing	In progress (SCMA)
Recreational Areas/Parks	In progress (PRT)
Retail (general)	?
Transportation/Logistics	TBD (Cynthia has spoken with SC Logistics; willing to help
Construction	TBD- Do we need?
Information Technology	TBD- Do we need?
Financial Services	TBD- Do we need?
Faith Based Orgs	TBD
Ag	In progress (SC Ag)
Close Contact Service Providers (hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, etc.)	Believe this is complete via LLR

Entertainment Venues (included theaters, concert venues, museums, aquariums, etc.)	?
Libraries	?
Professional Services-Office Environments	TBD- Do we need?
Daycare	?
Camps	?

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Thanks Myra for starting a document! Will flush out at 3. Talk to you soon.

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Hi Everyone! Fran and I put some thoughts together on Friday that may assist us with today's call.....just a few thoughts on roles of our partnership and a process.....very draft.....just thoughts.....talk at 3 pm!

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Nelson Mullins is continuing to monitor developments related to COVID-19, including guidance from the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC"); World Health Organization; various health officials; and federal, state, and local government authorities; however advice related to COVID-19 legislation is date sensitive. Things are changing quickly and the aid measures and interpretations that may be described herein are subject to change. The firm is taking appropriate precautionary actions and has implemented plans to ensure the continuation of all firm services to clients from both in office and remote work arrangements across our 25 geographically dispersed offices. Click here to visit the Nelson Mullins Coronavirus Resources page.

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To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Bcc: Paniz.Rezaeerod@mail.house.gov
Subject: FW: [External] FW: Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:08:00 PM

Rick,

Congressman Cunningham's office connected me with Dr. Wrangle, an oncologist at MUSC as well as the CMO for a company currently available to perform COVID19 testing. I directed them to Dr. Coleman.

I just received a note from Congressman Cunningham's office stating that Dr. Coleman directed Dr. Wrangle to the accelerateSC task force but did not provide a contact for the task force nor context for why they were being directed to accelerateSC.

Can you please run this down?

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Rezaeerod, Paniz <Paniz.Rezaeerod@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:08 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] FW: Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing

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From: Coleman, Alvin <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:42 AM
To: Rezaeerod, Paniz <Paniz.Rezaeerod@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing

Good morning.

I am familiar with Precision Genetics having previously communicated with their Greenville staff. I called Dr. Wrangle but he was unavailable. I left my contact information with the reception staff at Hollings Center.
Regards.

A. Atwell Coleman III MD

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