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From: Rezaeero, Paniz <Paniz.Rezaeero@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 09:57 AM

To: John Wrangle <john.wrangle@precisiongenetics.com>; Coleman, Alvin <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing

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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 Rezaeero
Senior Legislative Assistant
Office of Rep. Joe Cunningham

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] FW: Covid - 19
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:35:00 PM

Please see below.

From: KG R Smith <kgrsmith@florenceco.org>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:15 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym <ssingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] FW: Covid - 19

FYI

[K G Rusty Smith , Jr.](#)
County Administrator

From: KG R Smith
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:07 PM
To: McMaster, Henry (GovernorMcMaster@governor.sc.gov)
Cc: Ty Christmas
Subject: Covid - 19

Governor McMaster

Thank you for your leadership in the midst of this crisis. Given that the Department of Health and Environmental Control is the repository of the health and welfare policy of this State I felt it prudent to apprise you of major concerns we have in Florence County and request your assistance to provide a concerted effort against this formidable foe known as Covid 19. We on the "frontline" feel that we are being placed in "Harm's Way" due to the lack of communication on the part of the Great State of South Carolina and the Department of Environmental Control. We concur with the adage that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" but if we are getting delayed or inaccurate information we are not only in harm's way but we are also unable to wage this war effectively. We need to work together as a team to defeat this enemy and are in essence asking Dhec to send "real time" notification to Counties upon confirmation of infection to include the "said location". Dhec currently has procedures in place to provide us with notification of the Tuberculosis test so why can't they follow the same protocol on this. These airborne illnesses are similar in nature in that both attack the elderly and those most vulnerable.

If we are to be successful we must communicate, cooperate and collaborate to establish a path forward to neutralize this threat and protect the lives and property of the citizens we represent. Thank you for your consideration of this urgent plea.

[K G Rusty Smith , Jr.](#)
County Administrator

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: COVID-19 Treatment ~ Website email from Deirdre Edmonds
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:33:00 PM
Attachments: [Covid 19 Request for Action.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[image001.png](#)

If you could help me understand what is described (attached), I would appreciate it.

MP

From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:51 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: COVID-19 Treatment ~ Website email from Deirdre Edmonds

Rep. Clemmons asked that I pass along the attached document and below email.

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: Alan D. Clemmons <AlanClemmons@schouse.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:58 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: COVID-19 Treatment ~ Website email from Deirdre Edmonds

Sym: A respected Horry County attorney and former Probate Judge, Dierdra Edmunds, forwarded me a well reasoned argument that South Carolina should take a proactive role in treating the COVID19 infected with Plasma Infusion Therapy.

I'm sharing with you to pass along to the decision makers working within the Governor's office.

Thank you,

Alan

Alan Clemmons

Columbia Office:
South Carolina House of Representatives
519C Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29201
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Myrtle Beach Office:
Clemmons Law Firm, LLC
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Myrtle Beach, SC. 29577
843-448-4246

Begin forwarded message:

From: "dedmonds@dedmondslaw.com" <dedmonds@dedmondslaw.com>
Date: March 30, 2020 at 7:31:42 AM EDT
Subject: COVID-19 Treatment ~ Website email from Deirdre Edmonds

Hi, Alan. I hope you and your family are well. I have attached a letter to you with a request that you consider for treatment of COVID-19. I hope that you will read it and consider this. Thanks, Deirdre Edmonds

Deirdre Edmonds
1500 HIGHWAY 17 N
213
SURFSIDE BEACH, SC 29575

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#); [Walker, Trey](#)
Cc: [Lemoine, Leigh](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Executive Summary Plan to expedite COVID19 Results
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:45:16 AM
Attachments: [SCRA Draft Austin.docx](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good morning Maria and Trey,

I believe that Mr. Kennedy has also reached out to the Governor's Office in addition to reaching out to the Lt. Governor below. I can share the vendor inquiry email address with him as well, but since he is already working with DHEC, I didn't know if this was necessary.

Sending to Trey, Mark and Leigh for awareness if you have not seen already.

I will let Mr. Kennedy know I've shared this information with our team.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Megan Finnern <megan@henrymcmaster.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:27 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Executive Summary Plan to expedite COVID19 Results

Official Correspondance.

Megan E. Finnern
Senior Advisor to Pamela Evette
McMaster for Governor
henrymcmaster.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Kennedy <kevin@phsllc.net>
Subject: Executive Summary Plan to expedite COVID19 Results
Date: March 26, 2020 at 9:55:49 PM EDT
To: megan@henrymcmaster.com

Hi Megan,

Your information was passed to me from my good friends Kim Powell. She mentioned that i discuss with you our idea of forming a public sector and private sector to take on the Covid19 testing deficiencies.

Please review draft of our plan for SC Covid19 testing. Your expertise and input is appreciated.

We are working on the action plan with business leaders in SC and to get Lt Governor Pamela Everett support would be amazing.

We currently are testing patients at our lab in Greenville SC for MUSC, St Francis and others. Our sterile manufacturing facility here in SC has made specimen draw kits for the department of health for NJ and other states.

We also have loaned dhec reagents and supplies to continue testing while the await the federal stockpile.

We believe that a collaboration amongst medical professional leaders in the medical lab, medical manufacturing and state government would lead to the best outcomes.

We want to partner with the state in conquering COVID19!

Please let me know if you have the time.

<https://premedinc.com/>

<https://cptmed.com/>

<https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.greenvilleonline.com/amp/2907211001>

<https://www.wyff4.com/article/upstate-manufacturing-firm-busy-making-covid-19-testing-kits/31797136>

Take Care,

Kevin Kennedy
864-346-8474
Premier Medical Laboratory Services
CPT Medical
Vessel Medcial

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Bundy, Chuck](#); [Katie Phillips](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: [Webb, Beth](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Hair Salon - Reopening Plans Support Offered
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 9:22:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good morning,

I am passing along the below communication regarding hair salons to the three of you as I know that Commerce, LLR and DHEC are working together on this issue. I wasn't certain who would be best to respond to Mr. Dixon, and if I am able to help or relay information to him, I'd be happy to pass it along.

All the best,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Michael Dixon <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 4:09 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Hair Salon - Reopening Plans Support Offered

Dear Megan,

I sent the email below to personal email of Pamela, and was directed to resend to you .

Best regards,

Michael W. Dixon
SMARTSTYLE Hair Salons Franchise
Greater Greenville, SC

[\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](#)
815-355-8230



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From: **Michael Dixon** <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Date: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 at 4:05 PM

Subject: Re: Request for Support: Today + June 12th

To: Pamela Evette <[REDACTED]@pamelaevette.com>

Cc: Pam Evette ([REDACTED]@qualitybsolutions.net) <[REDACTED]@qualitybsolutions.net>, David Evette <[REDACTED]@qualitybsolutions.net>

Dear Pamela,

Reaching out to you to offer the support and resources regarding re opening and operating salons and barbershops. I am a client of QBS, that operates franchised hair salons here in Greenville. We are part of the Regis group of salons that own or franchise 1000s of salons across the USA and Canada. They have been working with the University of Minnesota experts on how best to re open and operate safely salons into the future. They have developed significant policies, procedures, best practices, guidelines, and safety requirements that may help SC leadership make plans and policies.

Feel free to contact me for any support or assistance from Regis.

best regards,

Michael W. Dixon

SMARTSTYLE Hair Salons Franchise
Greater Greenville, SC

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

815-355-8230



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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Blair, Jamie D.](#); [Tammie Greene \(tgreene@sccommerce.com\)](mailto:tgreene@sccommerce.com)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 1:21:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image007.png](#)
[Letter to Governor 03.23.2020.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)

FYI. Please see the attached letter.

Thanks,
Sym



Sym Singh
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Office: 803-734-9271

From: Singh, Sym
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP



Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
SSingh@governor.sc.gov
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Office: 803-734-9271

From: Sean M. Bennett <sean@bennettscsenate.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP

Sym,

Here is the letter addressing the PPE issue we discussed this AM. I feel this practice, because of their size and scope, could aid response if given the opportunity.

Thanks,

Sean M. Bennett
Senator
South Carolina District 38

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Terry Cunningham <cunningham@palmettoprimarycare.com>
Date: March 23, 2020 at 11:43:47 AM EDT
To: "sean@bennettscsenate.com" <sean@bennettscsenate.com>
Subject: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP

Thanks Sean for all the hard work you and others have been doing at the State house!

Contact me if you need anything else!

Terry

Terry Cunningham, DBA, MHA
Chief Executive Officer



2500 Elms Center Road
North Charleston, SC 29406

tcunningham@palmettoprimarycare.com

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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: REQUEST FOR QUOTE-EMERGENCY COVID-19 SUPPLIES FOR FLORENCE COUNTY
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:04:00 AM
Attachments: [Request for Quote for Emergency Supplies 4-6-20.pdf](#)
[Request for Quote for Emergency Supplies 4-6-20.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

Hello Rick,

I am passing this along to hopefully be of assistance. It appears that even though our system is designed to purchase everything in bulk through state EMD office, that local EMDs continue to reach out. I believe Erika is hoping to prevent future frustration in sharing this with us from local EMDs.

Please let me know if there's anything I can do to assist.

All the best,
Megan



Megan Finnern
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o. 803-734-1505

From: Erika Grace Powell <erikagracepowell@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: REQUEST FOR QUOTE-EMERGENCY COVID-19 SUPPLIES FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

Megan,

In case you find it helpful, I kindly ask for you to review the attachment.

Since our last communication, we've had another 5 local EMDs contact us to purchase a couple hundred items.

I share this to help, so you know there may soon be a problem, re: local EMDs don't have the need or capacity to meet a supplier-required minimum order.

Stay safe!

Erika

Begin forwarded message:

From: Patrick Fletcher <pfletcher@florenceco.org>

Date: April 6, 2020 at 10:52:57 AM EDT

To: Patrick Fletcher <pfletcher@florenceco.org>

Subject: REQUEST FOR QUOTE-EMERGENCY COVID-19 SUPPLIES FOR FLORENCE COUNTY

Patrick D. Fletcher, CPPB

Florence County Procurement Director

Florence County Complex

180 N. Irby St. MSC-R, Rm. B-5

Florence, South Carolina 29501

843-665-3019 direct line

843-664-9668 fax

www.florenceco.org

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: RGPPC - Contacts for Additional Healthcare Resources
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:46:00 AM
Attachments: [Contacts for Medical Device Companies.xlsx](#)

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:14 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: RGPPC - Contacts for Additional Healthcare Resources

For Toomey.

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From: Rebecca Schimsa <rschimsa@rgppc.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 8:43 PM
Subject: RGPPC - Contacts for Additional Healthcare Resources
To:

As discussed on last night's call and tonight's call: Attached is a list of contacts for medical device manufacturing companies, which may be able to help backfill state stockpiles of PPE and ventilators, if interested.

In addition, Marriott has offered the potential of empty hotel rooms for COVID-19 response to help with hospital bed shortages. If interested, please email Tom Maloney, Government Affairs Lead for Marriott, at thomas.maloney@marriott.com <mailto:thomas.maloney@marriott.com>.

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Trey Walker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 5:41:15 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[All SNS by County.xlsx](#)

Sharing the aggregate data with you. We will find a way to push it out again as a total.

From: ACC-Log <ACC-Log@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-Log <ACC-Log@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>; Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county

In case it needs to be reported out some way, I rolled up the three SNS distribution total by county into the attached sheet.

Scott Hagins
ACC Deputy Logistics Chief
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
Office: (803) 898-1584
Cell: (803) 920-6833
Fax: (803) 898-4215
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From: Toomey, Rick K.
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:36 PM
To: ACC-Log <ACC-Log@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>; Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county

Jamie – see below request and my response.

Thanks – rick

From: Toomey, Rick K.
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county

Will do. I believe each of the distributions (3) are on our website (link below), but will have team create a grand total by county with ability to look at the individual distributions as well.

Rick

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/county-officials-covid-19>

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:30 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county

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Why don't they compile all these three shipments into one big spreadsheet and release to the media?

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
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To: Simpson, Cody <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county

From: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 1:26 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
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From: "Blair, Jamie D." <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>
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>

Jamie Blair, CEM, NRP

Logistics Section Chief

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: SNS Allocation amounts by county
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 3:30:00 PM

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Blair, Jamie D.](#)
Cc: [Tammie Greene \(tgreene@sccommerce.com\)](#); [Hall, Madison](#); [Webb, Beth](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: W&B Surgical Mask Options
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:09:17 AM
Attachments: [Sell Sheet Masks.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)
[image001.png](#)

Good Morning Jamie,

Please see the email below about surgical masks. I wanted to pass this along to you for your information.

Thanks,
Sym



Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
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From: Chris Murphy <chris@murphyllc.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: W&B Surgical Mask Options

Sym:

See below. Jeff is a classmate of mine from The Citadel. How can he help? Contact him directly.
Thanks

Christopher J. Murphy, Esq.
Murphy Law Firm, L.L.C.
[136 West Richardson Avenue](#)
[Summerville, SC 29483](#)
Phone: [\(843\) 832-1120](tel:(843)832-1120)
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www.murphyllc.com

MURPHY 3-GOLD

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeff Watford <jeffwatford@wandbtees.com>

Date: March 23, 2020 at 5:03:26 PM EDT

To: Chris Murphy <chris@murphylawfirmllc.com>

Subject: W&B Surgical Mask Options

Chris,

Hey, I hope you and your family are staying healthy and listening to Jeter sing on FB to pass the time away. If you recall, we distribute and manufacture tourist products. One of our product suppliers in China is manufacturing surgical masks. I spoke with the RMC Hospital CEO and with the FEMA director in Orangeburg County. They said there is a great need for these items right now. Is there someone at the state level we could share this information?

All the best,

Jeff Watford

W&B Enterprises, Inc.

315 Prosperity Drive

Orangeburg, SC 29115

o: 803.531.1018 | e: jeffwatford@wandbtees.com | f: 803.531.5866

c: [REDACTED]

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#); [Page, Hank](#)
Cc: [Caldwell, Rick](#); [Munn, Connie](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Wife has a brain tumor and needs me
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:07:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Updated contact info below. I left DHHS off the email as Jan shared it wouldn't fall under them.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Rodney Beam [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 8:21 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Wife has a brain tumor and needs me

My phone is really 843-222-1773

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From: **Rodney Beam** <[r\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:r[REDACTED]@gmail.com)>
Date: Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 7:06 AM
Subject: Wife has a brain tumor and needs me
To: Rodney Beam <[r\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:r[REDACTED]@gmail.com)>, mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
<mfinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Dear Megan,

Please help me

Dear Lt Governor Evette. My wife [REDACTED] is in MUSC Charleston with a brain tumor and will have surgery soon I can't be with her we've only been together since Dec 2018. Both of lost a spouse in 2018. We have not been apart more than a few hours since we met. Please help. My phone [REDACTED].

My wife is [REDACTED]

Musc. Main floor [REDACTED] room [REDACTED] nurse phone [REDACTED]

Sincere please help
Rodney Beam

We have 6 grown children and 14 grandchildren

From: [Webb, Beth](#)
To: [Reece, Myra](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Giant Cement Company, Harleyville SC - Offer of Clean-Up Assistance
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 1:02:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Giant Cement Letter to Gov McMaster.pdf](#)

Hi Myra,

Please see attached. Is there someone else I should send this to?

Thanks,

Beth

From: Stephen P. Holt <sholt@gchi.com>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Teasdel, Ashely <ateasdel@scommerce.com>; Tim Kuebler <tkuebler@gchi.com>; Gregory Scott <gscott@merevir.com>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Giant Cement Company, Harleyville SC - Offer of Clean-Up Assistance

Beth,

Thank you for getting back to us on this important matter. Today we wanted to send the attached letter from our President & CEO to Governor McMaster and we are hoping that you could see that the Governor receives it. Basically, we are offering our ability to manage wastes generated as a result of this pandemic where practicable and in accordance with our environmental licenses.

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Steve



From: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:06 PM
To: Stephen P. Holt <sholt@gchi.com>
Cc: Teasdel, Ashely <ateasdel@scommerce.com>; Tim Kuebler <tkuebler@gchi.com>; Gregory Scott <gscott@merevir.com>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Giant Cement Company, Harleyville SC

Hi Mr. Holt,

Thank you for your email. We will certainly consider your request re Giant Cement and Giant Resource Recovery and will be back in touch should it become necessary for us to make essential business designations.

Best,

Beth Webb

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2020, at 4:47 PM, Stephen P. Holt <sholt@gchi.com> wrote:

Dear Beth and Ashely,

I am writing to request that in the event Governor McMaster issues a non-essential business order that he permit cement manufacturers (and concrete manufacturers) to remain open during the pandemic. Logically, construction in general should also be included. This work is performed in small groups or individually and generally performed outside in open spaces, accommodating the Governor's approach to minimizing the spread of COVID 19 while helping to preserve a broad job category. Giant Cement Company (Giant) located in Harleyville, SC is integral link in the state infrastructure and building industry and must be permitted to remain open and in full operation in the coming weeks and months.

Every other state of which we are aware that has issued business operation restrictions have permitted cement and concrete companies to continue to operate to supply critical materials for constructing and maintaining infrastructure and responding to building material needs during the pandemic. Giant also operates a sister company in Sumter, SC under the name "Giant Resource Recovery" which is a waste management processor that integrally supports our cement manufacturing business through supplying alternative fuels to meet our demand for energy. Together our companies are critical manufacturers in this time of crisis.

If you have questions about this request or if there are others in the South Carolina state government we should talk with regarding maintaining cement manufacturing operations, please let me know. In advance, many thanks for your attention to this request. If you have any questions please contact me or Mr. Tim Kuebler, President & CEO (copied).

Sincerely yours,

Steve

Stephen P. Holt, P.E.

Vice President, Environmental, Health and Safety

Giant Cement Company

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To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Good info
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:17:00 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

Sending for awareness.

Megan



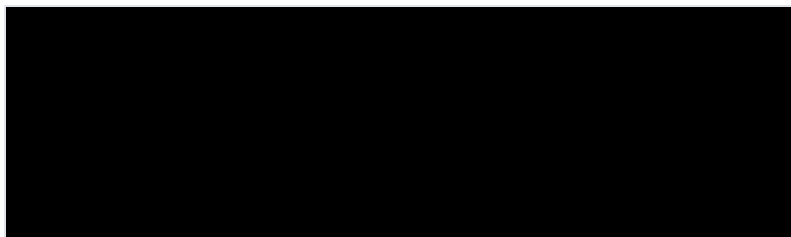
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From: JAY HIMELSTEIN <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Michael Neece <michael.neece@mail.house.gov>; Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Good info

Michael and Megan,

Please feel free to share this article with the powers to be:

[New coronavirus test developed at Rutgers can screen thousands and it's as simple as a spit in a tube](#)



New coronavirus test developed at Rutgers can screen thousands and it's ...

Researchers call it a game-changer in the fight against COVID-19.

Regards,
Jay Himmelstein
Indian Land, SC 29707
732-600-8355

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#)
Bcc: [Call, Katherine](#)
Subject: FW: [External] hand sanitizer available for government entities ... Referred by Nate Wilbourne
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:46:00 PM

Good afternoon Maria,

Please see the email below and the offer for assistance with attaining hand sanitizer. Could you please respond or let me know how to best respond to Mt. Stoller?

Thank you,
Megan

-----Original Message-----

From: kevin stoller <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:40 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] hand sanitizer available for government entities ... Referred by Nate Wilbourne

Hello,

My name is Kevin Stoller. I am a dentist in Greenville and friends with Nate Wilbourne who provided me your email. My brother, Todd Stoller, is arranging and filling large orders of hand sanitizer to government entities. My brother asked me to reach out to the SC government to see if there is a need for hand sanitizer at this time. Orders can be filled in approximately one week. Can you please pass this info on to those who make these decisions...the Governor, etc. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
kevin stoller

contact info for hand sanitizer orders:

Todd Stoller
214-850-7610

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Invitation to Join CFR 4/7 State and Local Officials Conference Call: COVID-19 Lessons from Washington State
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:34:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

This would be best for someone from DHEC, as y'all have been studying WA.

From: Irina A. Faskianos <stateandlocal@cfr.org>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:27 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Invitation to Join CFR 4/7 State and Local Officials Conference Call: COVID-19 Lessons from Washington State



State and Local Officials Conference Call

COVID-19 Lessons from Washington State

Dear Mark:

On behalf of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), I invite you to participate in the next session of the CFR State and Local Officials conference call series on Tuesday, April 7, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. (ET). [Vin Gupta](#), assistant professor of global health at the University of Washington and principal scientist at Amazon Care, will discuss the status of COVID-19, lessons learned in Washington state, and the challenges of delivering medical care to underserved groups.

Please note that this call, including the question-and-answer portion, will be on the record. As background, you may wish to review the latest resources on the pandemic available on [CFR.org](#) and [Think Global Health](#), a CFR microsite examining the ways in which changes in health are reshaping economies, societies, and the everyday lives of people around the globe.

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Invitee

Mark Plowden, SC Office of the Governor

Date and Time

Thursday, April 7, 2020
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Best regards,
Irina

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Subject: FW: [External] Johnson Controls Capabilities to Deliver Hospital Solutions for South Carolina
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:10:00 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.htm](#)
[JCI Hospital One Pager MSW \(1\).docx](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)
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Megan



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Date: March 25, 2020 at 2:11:18 PM EDT
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Cc: Phillip B Lowery <phillip.b.lowery@jci.com>
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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [EMILY.FARRLLR.SC.GOV](#); [CBUNDYSCCOMMERCE.COM](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Jushi
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 1:42:00 PM

Adding DHEC and LLR to this discussion. Let's run this to ground as much as possible. Thanks

Mark Plowden

Deputy Chief of Staff
Office of Governor Henry McMaster
mplowden@governor.sc.gov
(803) 734-0522

From: Cowan, Chris <CCowan@RCSD.NET>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Jushi

Copy sir

Thank you!

From: Plowden, Mark [<mailto:MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:12 PM
To: Cowan, Chris
Subject: Re: [External] Jushi

Received. Thank you. Will share what I learn.

MP

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2020, at 8:11 PM, Cowan, Chris <CCowan@rcsd.net> wrote:

On Tuesday March 18, 2020 RCSD received multiple reports of claims that employees at Jushi Manufacturing, in Lower Richland County, has employees who are not US Citizens (supposedly on work visas) that are being forced to work while having symptoms of the virus. These claims state that the workers are sick and being threatened and told they have to come to work and are not to tell anyone they are sick.

RCSD contacted DHEC around 1:30 PM and were advised they would send the request up the flag pole and get back to us. DHEC contacted RCSD back around 2:30 PM advising that they do not have the authority to go in to the facility and conduct an

investigation. They would need contact tracing information, from an identified patient, or an employee concern or knowledge that someone had already tested positive. Without an actual positive patient on the list in SC, with an Asian/Chinese name, they have no authority to follow up on the concerns. Since that response was received, we have been trying to determine who may actually have the authority to investigate these claims. Every federal and state agency we contacted all stated that DHEC should be the appropriate agency to investigate.

It has been suggested that a deputy should go to the plant and look in to the matter. This is not an appropriate course of action as deputies are not qualified to determine if someone is infected. Our request is that someone look into the claim and determine any legitimacy to the allegations.

Thank you,

Deputy Chief Chris Cowan

From: [Walker, Trey](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [EMILY.FARRLLR.SC.GOV](#); [Baker, Josh](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Limehouse, Thomas](#); [Fair, Mardi](#); [Quattrone, Kristy](#); [Singh, Sym](#); [Hall, Madison](#); [Simpson, Cody](#); [Lemoine, Leigh](#); [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Letter from Sec. Azar
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:33:32 PM
Attachments: [HHS COVID-19 Guidance - McMaster.pdf](#)

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)
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To: [Farmer, Raymond](#)
Cc: [Walker, Trey](#); [Richard \(Rick\) Toomey \(rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov\)](#); [Baker, Josh](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Letter from Sec. Azar
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:25:08 AM
Attachments: [HHS COVID-19 Guidance - McMaster.pdf](#)

Ray,

Please see the attached. It talks about medical malpractice/liability protections that I believe would be in your wheelhouse?

Emily H. Farr
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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>
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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Letter from Senator Scott to Governor McMaster on Testing
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:11:00 PM
Attachments: [Letter to Governor McMaster on Testing Priorities.pdf](#)

fyi

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:24 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Cody Simpson (<CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>)
<CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Letter from Senator Scott to Governor McMaster on Testing

From: Sheehey, Conor (Scott) <Conor_Sheehey@scott.senate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:21 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Letter from Senator Scott to Governor McMaster on Testing

Jordan,

Attached, please find a letter from Senator Scott to Governor McMaster regarding COVID-19 testing.

Thank you,
Conor

Conor Sheehey
Office of Senator Tim Scott

From: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
To: [Taylor, Marshall](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Cc: ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Letter to Governor McMaster from SC pediatrician. Thank you.
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:24:00 PM

This is a need request for PPE

From: Debbie Greenhouse [REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Baker, Josh <Joshua.Baker@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: [External] Letter to Governor McMaster from SC pediatrician. Thank you.



Governor McMaster,

As a pediatrician practicing in Columbia, I wanted to reach out to thank you for the wonderful working relationship that pediatricians in South Carolina share with SCDHHS, SCDHEC and SC Department of Mental Health. This relationship allows us to work together to provide the best possible care for children in South Carolina. As a result of the state support for the QTIP Learning Collaborative, South Carolina pediatricians have been able to collaborate both among themselves and among the state agencies which are so important to children's health. A great example of this collaboration would be the recent quick action of South Carolina pediatricians and SCDHHS to allow telemedicine to be used to provide safe and effective health care for South Carolina children.

I would also like to draw your attention to an issue which is creating a significant obstacle for South Carolina's pediatricians during the current coronavirus pandemic. Many of our pediatric practices are struggling to obtain adequate personal protective equipment, including masks, gloves, eye protection and face shields. It is also very difficult to obtain adequate supplies of soap and hand sanitizer at this point.

The pediatric practices of South Carolina are the front line for our state's children. We are working as hard as we can to provide optimal care for our patients and to keep them out of our emergency rooms and hospitals. Any assistance regarding protective equipment and supplies would be greatly appreciated.

Again, we are all grateful for the excellent working relationship that South Carolina's pediatricians enjoy with SCDHHS and our other state agencies and we look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.

Sincerely,

Deborah Greenhouse MD, FAAP
Past President, SC Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics
Palmetto Pediatric and Adolescent Clinic
Columbia, SC

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Bell, Linda J.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Linda Bell
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:53:00 PM

Dr. Bell – Please see below.

MP

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Linda Bell

From: Al Phillips <aphillips@greenvillebaptist.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Linda Bell

Hello Trey,

Any way you could connect me to Dr. Linda Bell? My pastors are asking questions about best practices to open up churches for worship and I would love to ask her to share a few minutes on a Zoom call. Thanks so much. Praying for you all.

*Till All May Know,
Al Phillips*

Director of Missions, Greenville Baptist Association
Access to the gospel for all starting here!

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To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Looping you in
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 10:50:00 AM

Were you able to find someone who can participate in this call?

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Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 8:07:00 AM

Please advise if DHEC is available to do this call.

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Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 3:16 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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From: [Hall, Madison](#)
To: blairjd@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Medical Mask (N95 & surgical) from China
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:00:00 PM
Attachments: [CE&FDA+口罩资源.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Jamie,

If this is a request better-suited for someone else, please let me know.

Thanks.

Madison



Madison Hall

Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs

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From: Jimmy Wilson <jimmywilson@pinestonecap.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:04 PM
To: Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: mikeburns@schouse.gov; McLaren, Moutray <Moutray.McLaren@mail.house.gov>; Westy Bowen <WestyBowen@visllcusa.com>
Subject: [External] Medical Mask (N95 & surgical) from China

Madison, good afternoon. I have been in contact with Mike Burns, State Representative for District 17 and Moutray McLaren, Chief of Staff for Congressman William Timmons, regarding

our ability to source N95 mask and surgical mask in China. Moutray recommended I send you this email.

Please see the information that we have related to mask below. Medical masks are not our line of business. But, we have done business in China 35 years plus and have long term relationships. These relationships are offering to help us with sourcing and accessing mask. We would like to help the hospitals and South Carolina if we can. The following is the information we have. Please let me know if we can capitalize on these relationships to help.

Thank you
Jimmy

For N95 masks, supplier states capacity to deliver 1,000,000 N95 NIOSH certified masks by NIOSH certified manufacturer in 15 days from purchase order placed. The quoted cost for the N95 masks from this factory is \$2.00 USD per piece. This costs does not include freight (air freight is estimated at .05 to .06 per unit or \$50,000 to \$60,000 for 1,000,000 units) or any profit for us.

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- There is currently an extremely high demand for N95 masks from this factory and we are being told that if we do not place the order immediately, lead times could extend
- While we have a long relationship with our colleague, we have no relationship with the factory. Since we do not have a personal relationship with the factory, the ability for the factory to deliver on the stated lead times and quantity is uncertain
- The long term supply of this factory is unknown at this time. They are currently quoting 1M masks as the quantity and it is uncertain whether this factory could be a long term supplier

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For throw away surgical masks, we have identified several suppliers that state total capacity to deliver 500K surgical masks per day from the date that the purchase order placed. The quoted cost from the factory is \$0.35 USD per mask. This price does not include freight nor any profit for us. The current issues that we face to deliver the masks to the USA are:

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- Supplier 1:
- Jiangsu Guangda Medical material group, first attachment is their certificate.
- Daily capacity: 150,000
- Price: \$0.35 per mask, plus approximately .03 to .04 per unit for air freight plus reasonable profit
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- Supplier 2:
- Shandong Zhushi Medical group, FDA and CE certificated
- Daily capacity: 300,000
- Price: \$0.38 per mask, plus approximately .03 to .04 per unit for air freight plus reasonable profit.
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To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Richard \(Rick\) Toomey \(rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov\)](#)
Subject: FW: [External] mobile testing
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 5:20:00 PM
Attachments: [MHU Cover Letter Flyer SC.pdf](#)
[RV One Mobile Units.pdf](#)
[Gov. Ron DeSantis Mobile Units.pdf](#)

From: Mark Holman <mholman@ridgepolicygroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 4:50 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Rebecca Wolfkiel <rwolfkiel@ridgepolicygroup.com>
Subject: [External] mobile testing

Good afternoon Trey and thank you for everything that you and Governor McMasters' team are doing to help South Carolina respond to Covid-19. By way of brief introduction, Becky and I work with former Homeland Security Secretary/Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge. We are involved with a number of response efforts across the nation.

One of our clients is converting RVs into mobile medical units. They are affordable and immediately available. It is worth considering their use for mobile testing sites, patient care and temporary housing for relief workers. We believe this is particularly applicable to meet the challenge at nursing homes. We also attached an article from Governor DeSantis that illustrates that he is using RVs for testing sites in Florida. If you or anyone on your team is interested, we will arrange for a call with Mark Strollo right away.

Thanks for taking a look at this and stay healthy.

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Subject: FW: [External] NBCSL Letter to NGA Chairman
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:04:00 PM
Attachments: [NBCSL NGA Letter to Chairman Hogan.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

Are you aware of Rep. Cobb-Hunter's involvement here?

From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Simpson, Cody <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] NBCSL Letter to NGA Chairman

I spoke with Rep. Cobb-Hunter earlier today.

Thanks,
Sym



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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
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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
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Subject: FW: [External] NEW Ventilator Guidance - COVID-19
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:28:00 PM

Fyi

From: Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA) <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>; Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA) <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
Subject: [External] NEW Ventilator Guidance - COVID-19

Dear Governor and State Health Officials-

Below please find new FDA guidance to expand the availability of ventilators as well as other respiratory devices:

What Types of Ventilators Can be Used to Expand Supply? The FDA issued [guidance](#) to expand the availability of ventilators as well as other respiratory devices and their accessories during this pandemic. Wherever possible, health care facilities should use FDA-cleared conventional/standard full featured ventilators when necessary to support patients with respiratory failure. However, to expand availability, FDA will not object to limited modifications to the *indications, claims, functionality, or to the hardware, software, or materials of FDA-cleared devices* used to support patients with respiratory failure or respiratory insufficiency. This policy applies only during the public health emergency.

Examples of changes to the indications could include a significant change or modification in *design, material, chemical composition, energy source, or manufacturing process*. Specific examples of products FDA will allow include:

The use of powered emergency ventilators and anesthesia gas machines for patients needing mechanical ventilation;

The use of ventilators outside of their cleared environment for use (use of a ventilators in a health care facility when it is only cleared for use at home or during transport);

the use of devices indicated for sleep apnea (including CPAP and BiPAP), provided that appropriate design mitigations are in place to minimize aerosolization; or

The use of oxygen concentrators for primary supply when medically necessary and clinically appropriate.

FDA will also allow for modifications to the FDA-cleared *indications, claims, or functionality* of these devices, without a prior submission of a premarket notification. Examples of circumstances where FDA currently believes a modification would be allowable include: Modifications to motors, batteries, or other electrical components;

Material changes to components in the gas pathway or with other patient tissue contact;
Introduction of filtration to minimize aerosolization;
Software modifications intended to modify the ventilation parameters including inspiratory pressure, tidal volumes, flow rates, positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP) in accordance with any applicable device standard;
Software modifications implementing physiological closed loop (automated) algorithms for oxygen titration where the algorithms/devices are the subject of an FDA-approved Investigational Device Exemption (IDE); and
Hardware and/or software modifications implementing the capability for remote monitoring and remote adjustment of ventilator parameters (i.e., adjustment of parameters by trained health care providers from outside an isolation unit to avoid unnecessary exposures).

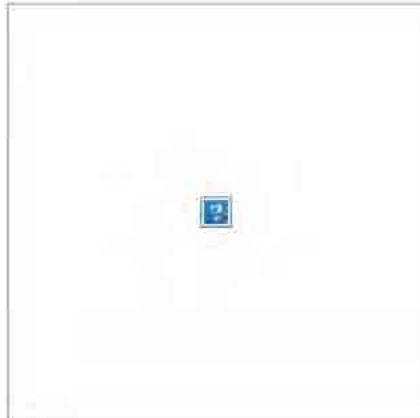
FDA is interested in interacting with manufacturers of ventilatory support devices that are not currently legally marketed in the U.S. as well as manufacturers who have not previously been engaged in medical device manufacturing with capabilities to increase supply of these devices. FDA will work interactively with these manufacturers through its Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) process. The guidance includes specific information to send to FDA and all information and questions can be sent to: CDRH-COVID19-Ventilators@fda.hhs.gov.

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Subject: FW: [External] News Release: U.S. Department of Education Approves South Carolina Waiver to Suspend Student Assessments
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:57:00 PM

Please see below -

From: South Carolina Department of Education <info@ed.sc.gov>
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For Immediate Release
March 23, 2020
Contact: Ryan Brown
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U.S. Department of Education Approves South

Carolina Assessment Suspension Waiver

COLUMBIA, S.C. – State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman and the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) have received notice that the U.S. Department of Education has approved the agency's assessment and accountability suspension waiver that was submitted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The suspension of South Carolina's student assessments will allow educators to focus on meeting the needs of students and relieve undue anxiety faced by parents and students," said State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman. "Our efforts must be concentrated on addressing this unprecedented public health pandemic. I appreciate Secretary DeVos and the U.S. Department of Education recognizing this and swiftly approving our waiver request."

On March 17, 2020, Superintendent Spearman [sent a letter](#) to U.S. Department of Education Deputy Secretary of Education, Mick Zais, indicating South Carolina's intent to suspend federally required assessments and giving notice of submitting additional accountability measure waivers. On March 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education released a form for states to request such waivers. The SCDE completed and submitted [the waiver](#) form on the same day, and the U.S. Department of Education reviewed and gave South Carolina approval to suspend assessments and waived certain accountability measures.

For spring 2020, South Carolina will **not** administer any of the following assessment programs:

- SC READY (English language arts and mathematics in grades 3–8);
- SCPASS (science in grades 4 and 6);
- End-of-Course Examination Program (English, Algebra, Biology, United States History and the Constitution) the requirement that these examinations count 20 percent has been waived;
- Prekindergarten assessments; and
- Alternate Assessments

The SCDE is working closely with the vendors of college entrance, college credit, and workforce readiness assessments to explore innovative approaches, such as testing online. To the extent possible, districts may administer these assessments to students who may need them for post-secondary or employment aspirations. These assessments include Advanced Placement, SAT, ACT, and WIN Ready to Work. Should these assessments be able to be administered, they will continue to be paid for by the state.

###

All students graduate prepared for success in college, careers, and citizenship. By 2022, districts will have available a system of personalized and digital learning that supports students in a safe learning environment to meet the [Profile of the South Carolina Graduate](#).

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] notes
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:14:00 PM

Here are the WH notes from Saturday... Again, focusing on capacity/utilization.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] notes

As information re the call with fema on Saturday.

From: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] notes

Want to get to 11,700 tests per day. I'll let you translate that into a per 1,000 number.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Current Testing Capacity

10,700/day

Lab Capacity

Significant lab capacity; only operating at 30-40% capacity right now. Getting results back very quickly.

Expanded Testing Plans

Will add an additional 1000 tests per day (total=11,700 tests/day) by May 1. Governor just started Accelerate South Carolina Task Force. They know they will need more tests to support containment and contact tracing as they reopen but have not set specific goal # or timeline. (Need to follow up in a week to find out if they have specific goal.)

Supply Requests / Needs

Waiting on IRR request for 40 ID Now kits since 4/9 (but not emphasizing ID NOW as part of overall strategy). Noted supply chain problems with PPE and challenges getting providers to start testing without PPE; we briefly discussed moving away from NP collection so as to minimize PPE requirements

Data Requests / Needs

ELR challenges; would like to better leverage HIE. In absence of ELR/HIE, would be helpful to have additional staffing support since so heavily dependent upon manual data.

Surveillance Requests / Needs

N/A

Vulnerable Population Requests / Needs

Interested in follow up from IHS

Contact Tracing Requests / Needs

N/A. Getting creative about using state social workers, WIC coordinators, furloughed health care workers, etc.

From: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Marshall](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Offer of PPEs from TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta)
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 1:11:00 PM
Importance: High

Please see below from Secretary of State –
Kristy

From: Renee Daggerhart <rdaggerhart@sos.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:45 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Dunlap, Melissa <mdunlap@sos.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Offer of PPEs from TECO (Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta)
Importance: High

Kristy – Deputy Director Ronald Hu of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta (TECO) has made a generous offer of PPE for South Carolina. We are unsure as to which agency would be the best to determine what is needed and how much. Please see Mr. Hu's email below.

Can you assist with getting this information to the appropriate agency? Also, I would appreciate if you would copy me on any correspondence you have with Mr. Hu or his staff. The TECO team is always so gracious and a pleasure to work with.

Thank you! Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

*Renee S. Daggerhart
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From: Renee Daggerhart
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:22 PM
To: tthu <tthu@mofa.gov.tw>
Subject: RE: information on demand of State of South Carolina for the personal protective equipment

Importance: High

Mr. Hu – Secretary Hammond thanks you for your generous offer of personal protective equipment for South Carolinians in need of these critical supplies. The Secretary of State's Office is not involved in the day-to-day relief activities of this crisis, but we are working to find the state agency that can best get the equipment to those who need it most at this time.

In the meantime, here are two links to news items that may interest you:

<https://muschealth.org/patients-visitors/coronavirus-information/donations-to-musc-health>

https://www.foxcarolina.com/news/prisma-health-accepting-donations-for-certain-supplies-in-fight-against/article_14d1dbc0-706c-11ea-9303-fb59236d608a.html

I am also forwarding a copy of your email to Ms. Kristy Quattrone of the Governor's Office. She will also be able to offer some assistance.

Again, thank you for your kind offer. It is always a pleasure working with you and the TECO team.

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From: tthu <tthu@mofa.gov.tw>

Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:33 PM

To: Renee Daggerhart <rdaggerhart@sos.sc.gov>

Subject: information on demand of State of South Carolina for the personal protective equipment

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Daggerhart:

I am writing to inform Honorable Mark Hammond, Secretary of

State, State of South Carolina, that the Government of Taiwan would like

to provide assistance in supplying personal protective equipment for people in State of South Carolina whenever it is necessary and appropriate.

Taiwan is also combating the COVID-19 outbreak by ramping up production of the equipment such as face masks and isolation gowns. Taiwan feels strong solidarity with the people of your great State and would like to assist as much as we can. The government of Taiwan has instructed my Office ,Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta, to collect and report back to Taipei the relevant information on demand of State of South Carolina for the personal protective equipment through your invaluable assistance. As a result, the government of Taiwan can do much preparation for the provision of the medical equipment to your great State whenever it is necessary and appropriate.

Also, the Taiwanese community in South Carolina has been eager to support the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, my Office would like to offer them the full information on the appropriate channels in your great State to donate the equipment in their concerted efforts of combating COVID-19.

I am looking forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you very much indeed.

Sincerely,

Ronald T. T. Hu
Deputy Director
Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Atlanta

P:404-870-9375

C [REDACTED]

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Offers from the Private Sector
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 4:26:00 PM
Attachments: [Contacts for Medical Device Companies.xlsx](#)

Please see attached, to the extent to which it might be helpful.

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 3:18 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: [External] Offers from the Private Sector

fyi

From: Rebecca Schimsa <rschimsa@rgppc.org>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 3:03 PM
Cc: Wesley Williams
Subject: [External] Offers from the Private Sector

All – Multiple private sector companies contacted RGPPC with offers to help governors' offices with COVID-19 response operations. Please see a variety of offers below and reach out directly only if interested. Thank you.

Attached: Contacts for seven companies manufacturing medical devices, including respirators and some PPE: General Electric (GE), Medtronic, ResMed, 3M, Siemens, Johnson & Johnson, and Honeywell.

Sysco

Contact: Brad Christie, Gov't Relations, 832-906-1812,
christie.bradley@corp.sysco.com<<mailto:christie.bradley@corp.sysco.com>>

Offer: Sysco can distribute food and emergency supplies in areas where they have excess capacity on their trucking fleet. They can also loan out trucks and trailers if needed.

About: Sysco is the #1 food distributor in the U.S. The company serves more than 650,000 customer location in the US and internationally in the restaurant, healthcare & education, and hotel industries. Its 330-plus distribution centers and some 14,000 delivery vehicles deliver branded and private-label food -- including fresh, frozen, and canned foods, and specialty and meat products -- as well as non-food items such as silverware and utensils.

DoorDash

Contact: Toney Avaya, Head of Gov't Relations, 202-295-6765,

toney.anaya@doordash.com<<mailto:toney.anaya@doordash.com>>

Offer: DoorDash is donating their platform to connect those in need with groceries and prepared food from local companies. They are in the process of shipping more than 1 million sets of free hand sanitizer and gloves to couriers.

About: DoorDash is a technology company with a mission to grow and empower local companies. They are also offering financial assistance to eligible couriers who are diagnosed with COVID-19 or quarantined.

Aaron's Inc.

Contact: Robert Kamerschen, EVP, General Counsel & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, 678-402-3275, Robert.Kamerschen@aarons.com<<mailto:Robert.Kamerschen@aarons.com>>

Offer: Aaron's is willing to donate mattresses to help with COVID-19 healthcare for patients.

About: Aaron's rents and sells sofas, beds, electronics, and appliances along with other furniture and household goods. One of the nation's top rental and rent-to-own companies (behind industry leader Rent-A-Center), Aaron's purveys private-label and name-brand merchandise through nearly 1,600 Aaron's stores in the US and Canada. The company's Woodhaven Furniture unit makes most of its furniture and bedding at about a dozen plants in the US. Aaron's also provides virtual leasing services to help some 20,000 retail partners across the US serve credit-challenged customers. Aaron's was founded in 1955.

Maximus

Contact: Jim Miller, JamesEMiller@maximus.com<<mailto:JamesEMiller@maximus.com>>

Offer: Maximus can help states expand surge capacity in UI call centers and processing departments to meet the increase demand. (Note: OPM permits the use of contractors to administer federally funded entitlement programs.)

About: Maximus can provide surge communication contact center operations, support surge in UI benefits access and support, support surge in employer support, and supplement program capacity to administer services remotely or virtually.

Merit ReadyNow

Contact: Hannah Burke, hannah@gomerits.com<<mailto:hannah@gomerits.com>>

Offer: Merit can help state boards, commissions, hospital systems, and others get licenses digitized, issued, and verified to help with license verification, issuance, and reciprocity across state lines.

About: Many governors have begun providing licensure recognition and reciprocity for medical professionals and others for increased capacity to COVID-19 response. Merit is offering a platform to quickly issue and verify credentials at no cost states.

Chelsea Health Solutions – FluChecker.com

Contact: Dr. Soumi Eachempati info@gonogohealth.com<<mailto:info@gonogohealth.com>>, 917-593-7170

Offer: The Flu Checker app can be designed for local or state specific purposes to help citizens self-assess symptoms.

About: Chelsea Health Solutions has spent several years creating a customizable web-based app called FluChecker.com to help determine which symptomatic individuals with flu symptoms needs testing or care for Coronavirus. FluChecker.com is an active website created by a team of doctors

who have worked at multiple academic centers including Cornell and Emory over the last several years and modified for the recent Coronavirus outbreak. Further, it can easily be modified to provide directions to local testing sites, hotlines, and if appropriate, designated treating hospitals and more.

BIO

Contact: Patrick Plues, Vice President of State Affairs, pplues@bio.org<<mailto:pplues@bio.org>>

Offer: BIO has resource called the Coronavirus Hub that connects companies with supplies and resources to healthcare providers that need them.

About: BIO is the world's largest trade association representing biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations.

MJM Strategies

Contact: Nan McLaughlin, 717.215.3356,

nmclaughlin@mjmstrategiesllc.com<<mailto:nmclaughlin@mjmstrategiesllc.com>>

Offer: MTN Black Boxes can help states in need of heavy-duty, temporary, weather-protected structures for response operations.

About: The MTN BLACKBOX is a Heavy-Duty Superstructure that is purpose-built to accommodate large scale events. This Modular, yet temporary, structure can be scaled as needed to contain live events, studio productions, custom soundstages and arenas. With its impressive Load Rating, Weather Protection and seemingly endless Customization, this all-in-one package is perfect for your next project.

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] PPE One-Pager
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 8:59:00 AM
Attachments: [KN95 Masks and PPE.pdf.pdf](#)

Good morning Maria,

I've attached information on a supplier along with their information. They initially reached out to the Lt. Governor via mobile.

I will also provide them with the PPE email address directly.

Best,
Megan

-----Original Message-----

From: Erika Grace Powell [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:39 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] PPE One-Pager

Megan,

I hope you are well and safe! In the interest of time, Pam asked that I send all info related to available PPE to you, so it may be provided to DHEC soonest.

Please kindly confirm receipt and delivery.

As always, thank you for all you do.

Erika Powell
864.419.8999

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:33:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rick,

Can you connect me with someone that can get on a call with Quest Diagnostics to discuss testing?
I'll setup the call once you confirm a DHEC representative.

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:18 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Mark,

Quest Diagnostics is interested in speaking with someone at DHEC to review how they can assist with testing. Are you okay with me connect David with Rick to determine the best person for him to contact?

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Jordan,

Good to talk to you. As I mentioned, I wanted to make your office aware of what we're doing in the COVID-19 testing space to see if we could be helpful in the state's efforts to combat the pandemic and get folks back to work. Below is a link to our latest update on our molecular testing efforts, as well as our announcement from yesterday that we have launched our serology/antibody test. I look

forward to connecting with appropriate folks in the state. Thanks.

<https://newsroom.questdiagnostics.com/COVIDTestingUpdates>

<https://newsroom.questdiagnostics.com/2020-04-21-Quest-Diagnostics-Begins-to-Perform-COVID-19-Antibody-Testing>

David

David M. Reiner

Senior Director, State Government Affairs

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For healthcare providers: [QuestDiagnostics.com/home/Covid-19/HCP/](https://www.questdiagnostics.com/home/Covid-19/HCP/)

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:09:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Did you get his calendar invite?

From: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:05 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

No. This is the email I sent it to, just to confirm I have it right: caldwert@dhed.sc.gov

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

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Did Rick confirm your calendar invite?

From: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Great, I can send you a call-in that you can share around if that works?

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:15 PM

To: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>

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6pm works on our end.

From: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:22 PM

To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Thanks, Jordan. Is there any chance 1130 or 1pm tomorrow would work? I'd like to bring in a Vice-President from our regional operation to make sure we're able to be as informative as possible.

Otherwise we'll work to make ourselves available at another time. Thanks.

David

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

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What times are you available for a call tomorrow?

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Subject: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Question about DHEC
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:02:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hello Maria,

Could you please provide me with an answer on the below or let me know to whom I could direct Mr. Acquilano?

Thank you so much!
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestandiocese.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Question about DHEC

Dear Megan:

I pray you're well and enjoying your week ☺ It's a manic Monday.

Our Catholic Charities was provided notice in Jasper County (in Hardeeville) that they would receive inspections to ensure compliance with COVID-19 directives. Do you have any insight into this? We have never experienced this and are not aware of other locations experiencing this.

We, of course, are maintaining strict practices while maintaining operations. We would simply like to know if this is something we should ensure our statewide staff are aware of.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Question PPE
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:57:00 AM

Can you share any details on the SC Logistics Annex?

I recall from Monday's call that PPE supplies are being transported by the national guard to county EMDs and then distributed to medical facilities that submitted requests for supplies. Can you elaborate?

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.

From: Bacher, Chelsea <Chelsea.Bacher@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Question PPE

Hi Jordan,

Hope you are holding up! Not to overwhelm you - and glad you all requested a disaster declaration.

If you have some time today or tomorrow - is there a possibility we could chat about what is the Governor's process of delivering PPE to hospitals around the state?

We are just interested in the process and how you all determine need? (Before this becomes a huge issue - we wanted to just understand the Governor's process.)

Is there a time you are available coming up?

Thanks!

Chelsea

Chelsea J. Bacher

Legislative Director

Office of Congressman Tom Rice (SC-07)

512 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] question
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:35:09 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi Rick,

Flagging the below email from Congressman Duncan's office—interesting point to make regarding the need for mask. Let me know if you have an answer or are interested in pursuing more information.

Best,
Jordan

From: Moore, Marimac <Marimac.Moore@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] question

Random question but after watching POTUS' press conference today...do you know if yalls office has heard from any construction companies in the state that are willing to donate n95 respirator masks to local hospitals?

From: Moore, Marimac
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] question

Thank you so much!!! This is awesome. Really appreciate it!

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Moore, Marimac <Marimac.Moore@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] question

They will not be evicted for nonpayment.

[Supreme Court Eviction Order](#) - On March 17, South Carolina Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald Beatty issued an order requiring "all evictions currently ordered and scheduled statewide from March 17, 2020, through March 31, 2020, shall be rescheduled for a date not earlier than May 1, 2020. However, case-by-case exceptions for evictions may be made for matters that involve essential services and/or harm to person or property."

I do not have any updates on relief or unemployment insurance for self-employed individuals. However, they could apply for an SBA loan if their business structure is eligible for the program.

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans, through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19. This program is designed to help the business community address financing and cashflow issues, which may exceed the underwriting requirements for local financial institutions.

Today, Governor McMaster submitted the required request for assistance to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make loans available in the form of SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans for eligible small businesses located in all 46 counties of the state.

After approval of our state-certification by the SBA, the [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#) and [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#) websites will have explicit instructions on how to fill out the SBA loan application. Please note this is a loan—not a grant—and will still carry underwriting requirements.

If you hear or learn of a small business in your district that has suffered economic injury as a result of COVID-19 and may be interested in obtaining an SBA loan, please direct them to Chuck Bundy at the South Carolina Department of Commerce. He can be reached at cbundy@sccommerce.com or 803-737-0440.

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I'll continue to forward you information as it becomes available.

From: Moore, Marimac <Marimac.Moore@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:26 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] question

Just caught your voicemail. Call me back whenever you get a second. Thanks! 803-201-1581

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Moore, Marimac <Marimac.Moore@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] question

Can you call me? [REDACTED]

From: Moore, Marimac <Marimac.Moore@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] question

Hey Jordan,

Question for you – has the governor or any state agencies released guidance for self-employees individuals? We've had several people call saying they are self-employed and can't find work because of the coronavirus outbreak but aren't sure who to contact for help. Many have rent due, etc. and aren't sure where to turn.

Thanks,
Marimac

Marimac Moore

Legislative Assistant/Press Assistant

Office of Congressman Jeff Duncan SC-03

2229 Rayburn House Office Building

202-225-5301



From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] Question
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 2:21:00 PM

Will you please see the email below. I am not sure the answer to that question?

Thanks,
Sym

-----Original Message-----

From: Leonidas Stavrinakis <leonidasstav@outlook.com> On Behalf Of Leonidas Stavrinakis
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Singh, Sym <ssingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Question

From constituent: When McMaster says limiting visits to nursing homes, what does that mean? My mother is in a memory care unit at a retirement village (Harmony) West Ashley. Is that considered a nursing home?

Sincerely,
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SC House of Representatives
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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Stenson, Kim](#); blairjd@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Quick question
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 6:54:00 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good morning Director Stenson and Mr. Blair,

I received the below inquiry below and wondered if you could provide me with guidance on how to respond. It is my understanding that these items are still in need and will likely continue to be needed, but thought you'd likely know best. If you could let me know, I'd be happy to circle back with Mr. Elliott.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Finnern
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From: Mark Elliott <melliott@scoportunityfund.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Quick question

Hi Megan,

Hope things are going well and you are staying safe and healthy!

Had a random question for you all. I had a government grant offered to me for establishing a large face mask manufacturing facility in South Carolina in an Opportunity Zone.

Do you all know if facemasks are still a need for our state and how many we would need?

I'm trying to determine if this is in fact still a need and if so how large of a manufacturing plant we would need to build.



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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [SBATSONEMD.SC.GOV](#); rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] RE: Confirmation -- Governor-Only Briefing with the President & Vice President Today, Monday April 27 at 2:00 p.m. ET
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:00:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Testing Blueprint.pdf](#)
[Testing Overview.pdf](#)

From: Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>
Cc: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>; Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>; Campana, Ariella M. EOP/WHO <Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov>; Obenshain, Tucker T. EOP/OVP <Anne.T.Obenshain@ovp.eop.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Confirmation -- Governor-Only Briefing with the President & Vice President Today, Monday April 27 at 2:00 p.m. ET

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Regards,

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Thanks,
Zach

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Thanks,
Zach

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Cc: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov; [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Re: Congressman Clyburn Plan
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 10:02:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Expansion into Under Resourced Communities Plan - 20200430.docx](#)
[SC testing - under-resourced plan budget - 20200430.pdf](#)

This looks great. Adding in MP.

Best,
Jordan

From: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:58 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Congressman Clyburn Plan

Jordan,

A little earlier than expected...here's the cleaned-up version (no "draft" watermark) that also includes our initial target communities.

Thanks,

Nick

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Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:35 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Congressman Clyburn Plan

Jordan,

Per your request, here's the near-final version of the Under-Resourced Community Testing Plan and the final budget. The list of target communities will be added by early in the morning, but I will resend when I have that.

Thanks,

Nick

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Subject: RE: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan

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And if so, can this document be shared with Senator Scott's office and Rep. Cobb-Hunter?

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:29 PM

To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: FW: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan

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

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Re: COVID-19 and First Responders
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:13:12 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI. Please see the email below. I know you have seen multiple others like it. However, I wanted to make sure you were aware of this.

Thanks,
Sym



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From: Shannon Erickson <ShannonErickson@schouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Jacobs, Ashley <ashley.jacobs@bcgov.net>
Cc: George E. "Chip" Campsen III <ChipCampsen@scsenate.gov>; Jeff Bradley <JeffBradley@schouse.gov>; Margie Bright Matthews <MargieBrightMatthews@scsenate.gov>; Maxey, Cynthia <cmaxey@bcgov.net>; Michael Rivers, Sr. <MichaelRivers@schouse.gov>; Tom Davis <TomDavis@scsenate.gov>; William G. "Bill" Herbkersman <BillHerbkersman@schouse.gov>; William K. Bill Bowers <BillBowers@schouse.gov>; Weston Newton <WestonNewton@schouse.gov>; Passiment, Joseph <jpassiment@bcgov.net>; Sommerville, Paul <psommerville@bcgov.net>; Covert, Michael <mcovert@bcgov.net>; Flewelling, Brian <brianf@bcgov.net>; Hervochon Chris <chervochon@bcgov.net>; McElynn, Lawrence <lawrencem@bcgov.net>; Lawson, Mark <markl@bcgov.net>; Dawson, Gerald <gdawson@bcgov.net>; Howard, Alice G. <ahoward@bcgov.net>; Glover, York <yglover@bcgov.net>; Rodman, Stewart <srodman@bcgov.net>; John McCann <johnm@hiltonheadislandsc.gov>; Steve Riley <SteveR@hiltonheadislandsc.gov>; Sulka, Lisa <lsulka@townofbluffton.com>; Orlando, Marc <morlando@townofbluffton.com>; Billy Keyserling <billyk@isl.net>; William Prokop, City Manager <wprokop@cityofbeaufort.org>; Tanner, PJ <pjtanner@bcgov.net>; Baxley, Neil <neilb@bcgov.net>; Kline, Bruce <chiefkline@lishfd.org>; rountreeh@burtonfd.org; Jones, Buddy <bjones@bcgov.net>; Boys, Ed <eboys@bcgov.net>; John Thompson <thompson@blufftonfd.com>; Foot, Philip <philipf@bcgov.net>
Subject: [External] Re: COVID-19 and First Responders

Hi Ashley,
Thank you for your time in sharing this issue.

I will look into it with DHEC and the Governor's office immediately.

Sincerely,
Shannon

Representative Shannon S. Erickson
South Carolina House of Representatives
District 124, Beaufort
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(Sent by personal device, please excuse any typos or misspellings.)

On Mar 25, 2020, at 2:31 PM, Jacobs, Ashley <ashley.jacobs@bcgov.net> wrote:

Citizens are encouraged to call or e-mail before driving to a Beaufort County Office. Visit us online at www.beaufortcountysc.gov.
Effective March 23, all Beaufort County buildings are closed to the public until further notice to minimize opportunities to spread COVID-19 in our community.

Good afternoon Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to make you aware of an immediate need related to COVID-19 and first responders, and to request your assistance.

For weeks, the counties across the state have been asking SCDHEC to provide us with specific location information about individuals who have tested positive for the virus. SCDHEC has not been responsive to this request, and this morning, they communicated that they will distribute this information by zip code.

As zip codes may cross county lines and cover hundreds of square miles, we find this totally unacceptable. Our first responders are going on calls without any knowledge of their exposure, which endangers them and requires using our limited supply of PPE. If firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers are exposed on a call, they're diverted from duty to be tested and quarantined for days. As this crisis continues and grows, we will not have first responders and resources to respond to the demand. In other states, the health agency is providing this specific location information, and we need the same protection in SC. Please be aware that even in normal operating conditions, we have personnel shortages in EMS.

I am asking you to communicate to Governor McMaster and SCDHEC that first responders must have specific information about the location of infected persons. We cannot continue to endanger their lives and put our entire first responder workforce at risk.

The Post and Courier has written an article about this, and you may have media contacting you for comment. https://www.postandcourier.com/health/covid19/dhec-to-speed-up-virus-testing-for-first-responders-after/article_7fc483c6-6ea3-11ea-accd-9733b3264b7e.html

The priority testing for first responders appears to be addressed, but this has been a battle. Fortunately for Beaufort County, we have had tremendous support and cooperation from Beaufort Memorial Hospital to establish priority testing and get first responders back to work quickly. I'm attaching the letter with SCDHEC's response to the SC Association of Counties on both issues.

Please let me know if you have questions that I can answer, and thank you in advance for your support.

Best regards,

Ashley M. Jacobs
County Administrator
Beaufort County Government, SC
843-255-2023 (Office)

<final_letter_to_association_of_counties_-3-24-20.pdf>

From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Re: DHEC Distributes Additional Supplies to Help Expand COVID-19
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:32:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI.



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From: Shedron Williams <shedronw@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC Distributes Additional Supplies to Help Expand COVID-19

We need text in Hampton County, there is only two places that will provide the regular text. I would love to assume that there is no cases, however if no test is being conducted then how will we know. With that being said, I pray that Barnwell and Allendale which connects to Hampton County be considered.

Rep. Shedron Williams

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2020, at 10:47 AM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is helping to expand COVID-19 testing capabilities for the novel coronavirus COVID-19 by deploying rapid-testing devices and testing supplies to areas of the state where testing for the virus may be limited.

The Abbott ID NOW COVID-19 rapid-response test recently received emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to test specimens for COVID-19, and South Carolina received 15 of the devices from U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). DHEC deployed the devices and a limited amount of testing supplies to 15 health care facilities across the state last week, and today, the agency is distributing additional testing supplies to those facilities. The rapid-test devices, which can provide COVID-19 specimen results in 15-20 minutes, are in high demand around the country.

“This specialized technology will help us increase testing for those who are most susceptible to this disease and who live in areas of our state where access to COVID-19 testing isn’t easily accessible,” said Dr. Joan Duwve, DHEC’s Director of Public Health.

“We wish every health care facility in the state could be provided with these new instruments, but until then, we’ve prioritized their distribution to the places where we hope they can have the biggest and best impact for South Carolinians.”

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

DHEC considered several factors in determining where to send these initial rapid-test devices, including regions with high numbers of positive cases; regions with rates above the state average for underlying conditions like diabetes, hypertension and chronic diseases; and a facility’s capacity to use the machines to expand testing to rural communities.

The devices use the same type of nasopharyngeal specimen, or nose swab, as the traditional testing. A health care provider collects the patient’s specimen, enters the specimen into the device, and results are provided in 15-20 minutes.

DHEC has requested more of the rapid-test devices and additional testing supplies but no specific timeline has been provided on when to expect a next shipment.

For the latest information on COVID-19 in South Carolina, visit

www.scdhec.gov/COVID19.

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Cc: BRITWDDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] RE: Dr. Heidi Williams
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:01:28 AM
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From: Bart Daniel <bart.daniel@nelsonmullins.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Dr. Heidi Williams

Forgot to add, Dr. Williams' cell is [REDACTED].



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From: Bart Daniel
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:02 PM
To: TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov
Subject: Dr. Heidi Williams

Thomas,

The Governor has asked for physician volunteers to help respond to the crisis. Dr. Heidi Williams is an Ivy League educated Plastic Surgeon with an OR in Mt. Pleasant. Significantly, she also has a ventilator in her office/OR. Since all elective surgeries are now postponed, she's offered to volunteer in whatever capacity she can. Based on her previous experience with infectious diseases (she worked for several years in the HIV Lab under the noted Dr. Fauci), she may be most effective advising the Governor on policy. I know well as she's become close friends with Cindy and me. She's very impressive and incidentally, conservative-not that that matters in these crazy times!

Let me know what I can do to put her in touch. Also, can you share your cell with me. Mine is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. Thanks, Bart



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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] Re: Important Updated Message about Coronavirus (COVID-19) Food Service Restrictions
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:47:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI. Please see below.



Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
SSingh@governor.sc.gov
Cell: 803-201-9770
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From: Phillip Lowe <lowestherapy@cs.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 5:11 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Important Updated Message about Coronavirus (COVID-19) Food Service Restrictions

Guys. This protection may be going too far. Thanks for your concern over my health but the financial stress will kill me long before the virus.

Rep Lowe

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 18, 2020, at 2:43 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Important Updated Message about Coronavirus (COVID-19) Food Service Restrictions

The Governor has issued an [Executive Order](#) which may affect your facility. Please see Section 4 of the Executive Order (located at the end of this document) for information related to retail food establishments. A copy of the Executive Order is attached.

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](tel:8038960640) / 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.

Food workers should not work when sick or touch ready-to-eat foods with bare hands. They should carefully wash their hands with warm water and soap often.

Other steps you can take to help South Carolinians stay healthy include:

- **Adhere to the Governor's order to provide take out or delivery service only**
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Appropriately dispose of tissues and other items you've coughed and sneezed into
- Ensure routine environmental cleaning and disinfection of frequently touched surfaces and objects, such as tabletops, countertops, doorknobs, etc.
- Be prepared and informed

As part of our ongoing communications efforts, you may find the following materials and information helpful:

- In addition to your employee health policy, use this guidance from the CDC:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>
- [Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) and You](#) - (pdf)
- [COVID-19 Quick Facts](#)
- **Poster: [Stop the Spread of Germs](#)** - (pdf)
- <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-issues/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19-frequently-asked-questions>

For questions related to the coronavirus, visit our website

at scdhec.gov/COVID19.

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](tel:803-896-0640) / foodsafetyteam@dhec.sc.gov.

Section 4. Pursuant to the aforementioned authorities and other applicable law, as well as the following specific provisions, I hereby order and direct that any and all restaurants or other food-service establishments (collectively, “Restaurants”), as set forth below, which prepare, produce, or otherwise offer or sell food or beverages of any kind for on-premises consumption in the State of South Carolina, shall suspend services for, and may not permit, on-premises or dine-in consumption, beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Notwithstanding the foregoing directive and prohibition, I hereby authorize, permit, and encourage Restaurants to prepare, produce, or otherwise offer or sell food or beverages for off-premises consumption to the extent currently authorized, permitted, or otherwise allowed by law, whether via delivery, carry-out or drive-thru distribution, curbside pick-up, or other alternate means.

For purposes of this Section, Restaurants are defined as “retail food establishment[s],” pursuant to citation 1-201.10(B)(106) of Regulation 61-25 of the South Carolina Code of Regulations, licensed or permitted by DHEC in accordance with section 44-1-140 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, or other applicable law, with the exception of “independent living food service operations” or “licensed healthcare facilities,” which are expressly excluded from the definition of Restaurants. This Section does not apply to grocery stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, gas stations, or charitable food distribution sites to the extent that such businesses, entities, or operations prepare, produce, or otherwise offer, sell, or distribute prepared food. However, on-premises, sit-down food or beverage service within these facilities is prohibited. This Section does not direct the closure of retail beverage venues that currently provide for the sale of alcoholic beverages for off-site consumption and does not require the closure of production operations or wholesale distribution at breweries, wineries, or distilleries. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that Restaurants are licensed or permitted by the South Carolina Department of Revenue (“DOR”) for the on-premises sale of “alcoholic liquors” or “alcoholic beverages,” as defined by section 61-6-20(1)(a) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, DOR and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division are authorized to administer the provisions of this Order, and enforce compliance with the same, as necessary and appropriate. Pursuant to section 1-23-370(c) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, “[i]f the agency finds that public health, safety[,] or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to that effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action.”

Pursuant to sections 1-3-430 and 1-3-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, the undersigned is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Order, as well as Executive Order No. 2020-08, “by use of all appropriate available means,” to include, inter alia, “[o]rder[ing] any and all law enforcement officers of the State

or any of its subdivisions to do whatever may be deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order” and “order[ing] or direct[ing] any State, county[,] or city official to enforce the provisions of such proclamation in the courts of the State by injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate legal action.” In addition to the foregoing authorities, noncompliance with this Section shall be further governed by the provisions of section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] RE: Intro
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:54:00 PM
Importance: High

Rick—can you please share this email with the appropriate staff person? This request came directly from Senator Scott.

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Michael Zehr <MZehr@hbwresources.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:30 PM
To: Sheehey, Conor (Scott) <Conor_Sheehey@scott.senate.gov>
Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Dombo, Fred T. <fdombo@nossaman.com>
Subject: [External] RE: Intro

Thanks, Conor! Jordan, it is great to meet you virtually!

Along with my colleague, Fred Dombo (cc'd on the e-mail), I represent an Irvine, CA company called Fluxergy that is working through the system to get an EUA for a rapid point of care test for COVID-19. The company's experience dealing with FDA getting the tests and the hardware approved has been frustrating given the clear need for the testing.

During the Senate HELP Committee hearing yesterday, we took note of the Senator Scott's comments about the need for point of care testing. While awaiting the EUA from FDA, the company's tests can be used in a research use only (RUO) manner, which could address at least some of the needs the Senator expressed during the hearing.

Fluxergy would be happy to donate these tests and run them in the appropriate community under the RUO restrictions while awaiting the EUA. If this would be something you are interested in pursuing, I would be happy to connect you directly with the company, and explore the best way to get this testing where it could be most useful.

The company has submitted applications through the Biomedical Advanced Research Development Authority (BARDA) and the FDA for an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). The company was granted a meeting with BARDA to discuss the technology after a few weeks of review. The EUA application number and description submitted to the FDA are the following: Emergency Use Authorization Request - Submission Number: PEUA200160 – for a portable CoVID-19 Sample-to-Answer-RT-PCR Test. Here is the Tracking ID for the application that was resubmitted to BARDA: Tracking ID: [REDACTED]

Let me know if you would be interested in discussing potential deployment of the testing in SC. Really appreciate your assistance, and look forward to talking to you soon.

Thanks,
Michael Zehr
HBW Resources
Tel: 202-277-3927

From: Sheehey, Conor (Scott) [mailto:Conor_Sheehey@scott.senate.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Michael Zehr <MZehr@hbwresources.com>
Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Intro

Michael, as promised, allow me to loop you in with Jordan Marsh, our main liaison to Governor McMaster's office, who's been engaging heavily on the state's testing efforts.

Jordan, Michael works with a company called Fluxergy that is pursuing an EUA from the FDA for a rapid point-of-care coronavirus test. Given your boss's leadership on scaling up capacity across the state, Michael was hoping to connect to discuss how Fluxergy might be helpful.

Thanks,
Conor

Conor Sheehey
Office of Senator Tim Scott

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] RE: INVITE & RESOURCES: April 21 at 1:30 p.m. ET State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing & 45-Minute Testing Webinar
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:31:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[COVID-19 Testing Slides - 04-17-2020.pdf](#)

Please see question below.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 1:15 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] RE: INVITE & RESOURCES: April 21 at 1:30 p.m. ET State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing & 45-Minute Testing Webinar

Do we have anyone from DHEC that plans to call in?

From: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:23 PM
Cc: Hoelscher, Douglas L. EOP/WHO <Douglas.L.Hoelscher@who.eop.gov>; Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>; Campana, Ariella M. EOP/WHO <Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: INVITE & RESOURCES: April 21 at 1:30 p.m. ET State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing & 45-Minute Testing Webinar

All,

As a reminder, **tomorrow (Tuesday, April 21) we will be hosting a State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing Briefing Call at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time.**

Federal participants will include Ambassador Birx (*White House Coronavirus Task Force Coordinator*), Admiral Brett Giroir (*Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services*), and other representatives from HHS, U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA), and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC).

Tuesday, April 21 Briefing Call – State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing

- **Date:** Tuesday, April 21, 2020
- **Time:** 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time (60 minutes)
- **Call-In Information:** [CLICK HERE](#)
- **Note:** *This call is intended for only State and community officials who are advising their States and governor on testing.*

The call will include a question and answer period.

Thanks,
Nic

From: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO

Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Subject: INVITE & RESOURCES: April 21 at 1:30 p.m. ET State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing & 45-Minute Testing Webinar



Governors, Governors' Senior Staff, and State Leaders:

President Trump and Vice President Pence remain committed to working with governors and state health officials to continue to scale testing across the Nation. Together, we have completed over 3.7 million tests for COVID-19 across the Nation thanks to State and local public health officials, academic and hospital laboratories, commercial laboratories, Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Department of Veterans Affairs, and point-of-care test manufacturers.

Governors are leading their entire testing ecosystem in their State, 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, bolstering contact tracing, and ensuring supply chain management of critical resources and healthcare capacity.

Key Resource to Expanding Testing Resources

Medicare recently [doubled the payment for lab tests](#) that use high-throughput technologies and Medicare [pays for specimen collection](#) to expand geographic testing capabilities. *Additional details below.*

Tuesday, April 21 Briefing Call – State-Federal Technical Assistance on COVID-19 Testing

We are providing a State-Federal COVID-19 testing technical assistance briefing call with members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), U.S. Food & Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). Details on the briefing call below.

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45 Minute COVID-19 Testing Webinar

During the Friday, April 17 press briefing, the Vice President, Dr. Fauci, Dr. Redfield, Dr. Birx, and Dr. Giroir provided a 45 minute technical briefing on testing. *Resources and the full video of the 45 minute briefing can be found below (you can watch specific parts of the briefing as well – breakdown below).*

We know every State has unique testing needs and capacity. We want to work with you to provide the necessary technical assistance and support. Please let me know if you require technical support from FEMA, HHS, CDC, FDA, and or other Federal agencies to support your State-managed efforts.

Below you will find additional resources to further your testing efforts:

- 45 Minute COVID-19 Testing Webinar
- Leading Testing Practices from and for Our Nation's Governors
- FEMA COVID-19 Emergency Management Best Practices

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Nic

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45 Minute COVID-19 Testing Webinar

[Full Video Here](#)

From Friday, April 17, 2020 White House Coronavirus Task Force in Press Briefing

(4 minutes) Vice President Mike Pence Initial Overview Remarks on Testing

- Topics Covered: Overview of testing
- Watch ~4 Minute Video [HERE](#)

(10 minutes) Director Anthony Fauci, M.D., National Institute of Allergy &

Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

- Topics Covered: “40,000 foot” view of testing, types of general tests
- Watch ~10 Minute Video [HERE](#)

(5 minutes) Dr. Robert Redfield, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Topics Covered: Plan to mobilize CDC officials in all 50 states to monitor COVID-19 incidents, systems to monitor,
- Watch ~5 Minute Video [HERE](#)
- Slides: Page 2 and 3 (*see attachment*)

(11 minutes) Ambassador Debi Birx, M.D., White House Coronavirus Coordinator

- Topics Covered: Current testing capability and expansion capability, flu surveillance system available to monitor
- Watch ~11 Minute Video [HERE](#)
- Slides: Page 4 through 9 (*see attachment*)

(15 minutes) ADM Brett Giroir, M.D., Assistant Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- Topics Covered: Summarize approach to testing, ID Now testing, FDA expanding testing supply options for swabs and transport media, contact tracing, sentinel monitoring
- Watch ~15 Minute Video [HERE](#)
- Slides: Page 10 through 16 (*see attachment*)

[**Full Press Briefing Transcript Here**](#)

KEY RESOURCES – CMS Increases Medicare Payment for High-Production Coronavirus Lab Tests

CMS recently announced **Medicare will nearly double payment for certain lab tests that use high-throughput technologies to rapidly diagnose large numbers of COVID-19 cases**. Medicare will pay the higher payment of \$100 for COVID-19 clinical diagnostic lab tests making use of high-throughput technologies developed by the private sector that allow for increased testing capacity, faster results, and more effective means of combating the spread of the virus. High-throughput lab tests can process more than two hundred specimens a day using highly sophisticated equipment that requires specially trained technicians and more time-intensive processes to assure quality. Medicare will pay laboratories for the tests at \$100 effective April 14, 2020, through the duration of the COVID-19 national emergency. Increasing Medicare payment for these tests will help laboratories test in nursing home communities that are vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19. Additional information [here](#).

On March 30, CMS announced that Medicare **will pay new 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](#).

Leading Testing Practices from and for Our Nation's Governors

- **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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FEMA COVID-19 Emergency Management Best Practices

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. HHS has a comprehensive [Novel Coronavirus Resources](#) page that highlights technical resources and information for the medical community and emergency responders. Best practices are organized around five themes:

- *Helping People*, which includes best practices on topics such as crisis counseling resources and anticipating and attending to civil rights;
- *Government Operations* best practices such as public information and continuity of operations considerations;
- *Private Sector and Infrastructure*, which includes best practices for commercial trucking and food stores;
- *Recovery Planning and Implementation*, to include the newly released FEMA Disaster Financial Management Guide and economic recovery considerations; and
- *Medical Supplies and Equipment*, including best practices for the preservation of personal protective equipment while ensuring workers are protected.

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To: [OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
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Megan



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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: dougwilliam@schouse.gov
Subject: FW: [External] RE: Recap + Materials: 3/27 Complete Count Committee Census Launch/Engagement Call
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:55:00 PM
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Hello Maria,

Please see the email below from Rep. Gilliam. Could you please answer his questions?

Thank you,
Megan



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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Recap + Materials: 3/27 Complete Count Committee Census Launch/Engagement Call

Megan, I have just talked to Prisma, and I am going to check on "Isolation Stethoscopes that they need now. Are you aware of any other system with that need?

Doug

Rep. Doug Gilliam
SC House District 42
[REDACTED] cell

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Cc: Christopher Kemper <chris@ermarketinggroup.com>, "CORCHADO, JONATHAN" <corchadj@email.sc.edu>, "CANADA, VICTORIA L" <vcanada@email.sc.edu>,

[REDACTED]@gmail.com, "Quattrone, Kristy" <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Recap + Materials: 3/27 Complete Count Committee Census Launch/Engagement Call

Good morning Complete Count Committee, State Leaders and Members of the General Assembly,

Thank you again to all of you who were able to join us for last Friday's call. Attached to this email and copied below are minutes from the call itself (including links to materials) and attachments that the different presenters shared. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Mary Dell Hayes.

Best of luck on your Census activities, promotion and Facebook Live events this week!

Stay safe and healthy,
Megan

Finnern



SC Governor's Complete Count Committee 3/27 Virtual Meeting – Minutes/Recap

Welcome/Introduction: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette

- Sincere thanks to everyone who joined for making the time to be on this call.
- Know time of great uncertainty, and while everyone across the state is laser-focused on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt it was important to still meet virtually today as the **Census is ongoing, and still very important to the future of our state.**
- Highlighted that **2010 Census data is being used right now, during this time of crisis, to allocate federal resources** to programs like school meal programs, SBA loan funding, disaster relief, etc.

Marketing Overview/Tools: Christopher Kemper, EMILY: Revolutionary Marketing Group

- Materials/Logo: view attached slide deck for messaging & examples of materials to date
- **Reshared the list of resources** – websites where you can find materials to download (<https://www.emarketinggroup.com/file-share>) and social media channels to follow
- **Census Day Ideas:** view attached slide deck including “script” for doing a **Facebook Live on 4/1**

Counting for Census Dollars: Dennis Dickerson

- Counting for Dollars 2020 PDF Here (also attached): https://census.sc.gov/files/IP-1819-3%20CountingforDollars_SC.pdf
- Visit SC Census Site to review additional information including link to “Response Rate” Map that can be found on the website: <https://census.sc.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau, Mary Peeler

- Census is still happening, field operations have been pushed back for at least two weeks. **While they have extended the deadline by 2 weeks through August 14**, further delay could actually lead to lower completion rates as we lose sense of urgency – so we must stay engaged now.
- Operations where hand-delivering census, completed 15% prior to field ops. suspension.
- **Good news, people can still go online or call the phone number to complete**
- **Do NOT need the ID, just need to enter address**
- Staff has been placed on 100% work at home – no in-person meetings or presentations, but continuing to be highly engaged with partners via phone, email and web conference.
- Working to get census materials to many of our schools: ex. sending them home with meal packets.
- Very pleased with work that partners in SC are continuing to do – asking cities/counties to issue challenges to increase response rate. **We have 25.6% completion in SC, slightly below the 28.1%**

United Way of SC, Naomi Lett

- Grant funding – working on behalf of SC Grantmakers Network and have **distributed \$116K to organizations across the state**; many of requests that came in included activities that are no longer possible due to COVID-19, so putting some of these on hold
- Did not distribute Chromebooks that had on loan through Google as we don't want to put anyone at risk, **so we are getting creative in trying to engage with our school districts. Have been in initial conversations with Superintendent Spearman's Office.**
- Review **"Census Hard to Count Maps"** – gives information regarding completion AND mechanism of how people are choosing to respond. You can view by Census Tracts, being able to help get greater detail on where you need to concentrate efforts at the local level:
<https://www.censushardtountmaps2020.us/>

Call to Action & Close:

- Remember to continue reaching out to those you know and those you interact with: **YOU can have a tremendous impact on census completion within your own personal network!**
 - #1: Start with Yourself
 - #2: Your coworkers + direct reports
 - #3: Your community – asking friends and neighbors.
- THANK YOU ALL!

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: [Call, Katherine](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Re: Remdesivir COVID medicine
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:15:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello Maria,

I hope you are doing well. Could someone from DHEC please reach out to Dr. Ahuja regarding the below email?

Thank you very much,
Megan



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From: Divya Ahuja <Divya.Ahuja@uscmed.sc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:48 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Remdesivir COVID medicine

Ms Finnern,

I am an Infectious Diseases Physician at Prisma Midlands and was the ID specialist on the telephone call with the Lieutenant Governor and the SC Association of Physicians from India, a few weeks ago.

As you know we continue to see new hospitalizations from COVID and once hospitalized the mortality is anywhere between 6-30%

Remdesivir is an antiviral and early data shows it might reduce mortality from 11 % to 8% and length of stay from 15 to 11 days.

Although it is not a perfect medicine, at present this seems to be the only antiviral that works to some extent.

It recently received approved an emergency authorization by the FDA but only some hospitals will be getting it.

It is not clear how many, or if any SC hospitals are on the list for distribution of this medication.

I was hoping to request a few minutes on the phone with the Lieutenant Governor to discuss this matter, to see if the state government could advocate for this drug to be delivered to SC.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Divya Ahuja, MD, MRCP (London)

Associate Professor of Medicine

Columbia

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Subject: Fw: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 12:06:18 PM
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Hi, Megan,

The following DHEC team members are scheduled to participate on the call Wednesday:

- Thomas Bowen – Public Health, BowenTG@dhec.sc.gov
- Dr. Knoche - Disease Control, knochejw@dhec.sc.gov
- Jamie Blair – Logistics, blairjd@dhec.sc.gov
- Rick Caldwell – Legislative Affairs, CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov

If I can be of further assistance, don't hesitate to let me know.

Thanks,

Maria

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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
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Hi Megan,

Yes, Wednesday 4/8 at 10:00 AM will work with us.

Thanks!

Maria

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Hello Diane & Maria,

I am currently holding next Wednesday 4/8 at 10:00 AM for this call. Does this work for your teams?

If so, I will reach back out to SCAPI leadership to confirm.

If you need a secondary option, we could look at 2:00 PM on Wednesday 4/8.

Thank you,

Megan



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From: Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:22 PM

To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Daniel Morris <DMorris@doi.sc.gov>; Kendall Buchanan <KBuchanan@doi.sc.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested

Hi Megan,

I've looped in Kendall Buchanan, Deputy Director of Market & Consumer Services, and Daniel Morris, Deputy Director of Licensing on this response. They will both participate in the call on behalf of the DOI.

Our only unmovable conflict is currently Tuesday morning, April 7th from 10:30 – 12:00.

Thanks,

Diane

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Thank you to you both – let me know when you are able.

Best,
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Katie,

Thank you for letting me know and speaking briefly via phone a few moments ago.

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Thank you so much!

Megan



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To: rick.ard@dhsc.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.30.20
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:08:00 AM
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Can you run this down with your press folks? The below is from Congressman Clyburn's office who claims the number of positive cases and death total that were listed on DHEC's [press release](#) yesterday are incorrect.

If easier you can also have your team call Hillary at 803-974-9050.

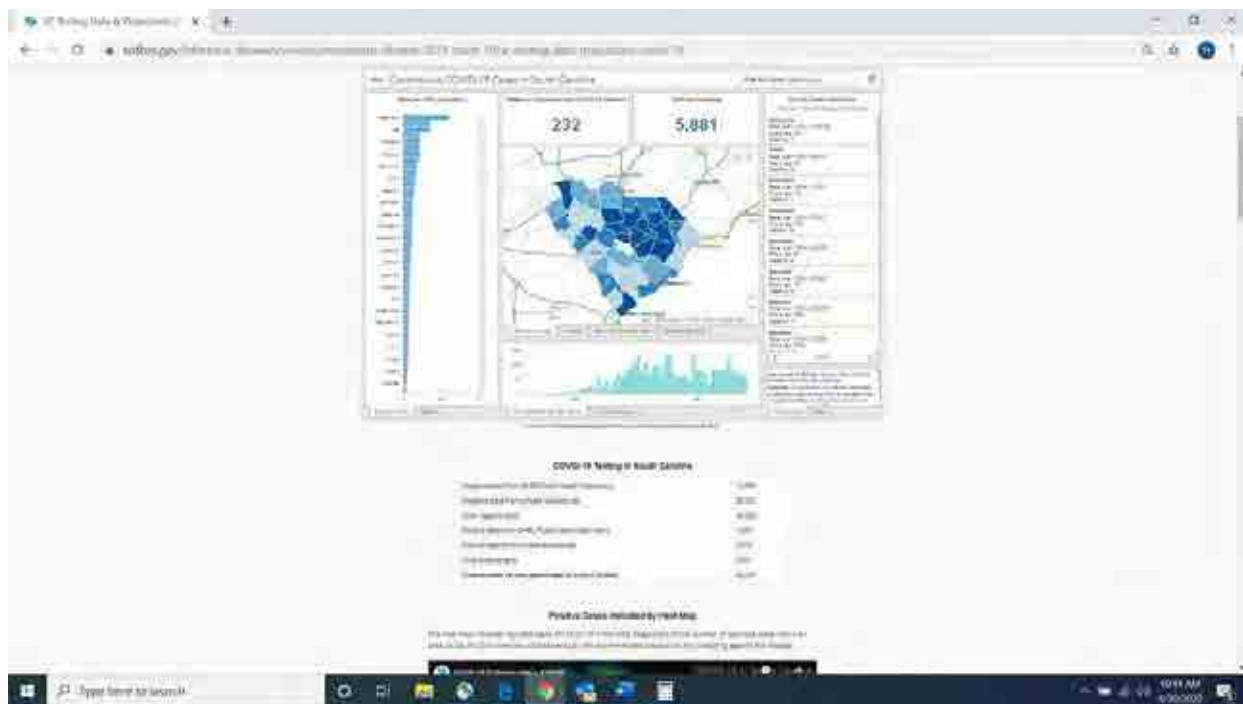
Thanks
Jordan

From: Johnson, Hillary <Hillary.Johnson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:52 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.30.20

Hey Jordan

So I looked at your press release and calculated it myself and it equals to 130 new cases. I am sending a copy/paste from yesterday I pulled and a screenshot for today. Based on yesterday and today the number should be 146 not 130. Please let me know if you need anything else. I just want to make sure we're all on the same page before I send anything out to staff. Thanks!

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Negative tests from DHEC Public Health Laboratory	12,479
Negative tests from private laboratories	34,901
Total negative tests	47,380
Positive tests from DHEC Public Health Laboratory	1,858
Positive tests from private laboratories	3,877
Total positive tests	5,735
Total number of tests performed in South Carolina	53,115



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Can you give me a call when you have a minute?

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Jordan

The death total seems to be incorrect as well.

Thanks!

Hillary Johnson

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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 29

DHEC announced [130 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 5,881 cases across all 46 counties. Eleven additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 203.

The United States has 1.06 million cases, with more than 61,000 deaths. Over 147,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.23 million cases, with more than 228,000 confirmed deaths.

ACCELERATE SC's "Response" sub-group met yesterday. The group was tasked with identifying challenges related to workforce capacity, workforce re-entry, critical industries, capital requirements, regulatory issues and supply chain/logistics. Video of the meeting is available [here](#). Notable

- Under a S.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association [plan](#) presented Wednesday afternoon, restaurants would be permitted to open their outdoor dining areas May 4. Assuming the foray into on-premise service is successful, indoor dining areas would get the green light as early as May 11, but no later than May 18.
- Senators Graham and Scott both spoke on the \$600/week unemployment supplement created by the CARES Act, and about its potential to [disincentivize workers](#) to go back to work. Both indicated they would work for the provision's repeal.

The Resource Subcommittee will meet today at 2pm. The [live stream](#) is available on etv.

THE SC DEPT. OF EDUCATION has created the AccelerateEd Task Force, a group aimed at creating recommendations for schools on how to open at the start of fall. Meeting will be streamed at SDE's [website](#) at 10:00 am.

BOEING will [cut staff and production](#) in South Carolina.

USC's Caslen Make plans for a football season [that's not normal](#).

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 29

THE NIH [announced](#) that hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received Remdesivir—an investigational broad-spectrum antiviral treatment administered via daily infusion—recovered, on average, faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1,063 patients.

DR. ANTHONY FAUCI [hailed](#) Gilead's remdesivir as a COVID-19 treatment breakthrough.

OPERATION WARP SPEED is what the Trump administration is calling a Manhattan Project-style effort to drastically [cut the time needed to](#) develop a coronavirus vaccine, with a goal of making enough doses for most Americans by year's end.

THE HOUSE OVERSIGHT subcommittee on economic policy is [demanding data](#) from antibody test producers following reports of widespread inaccuracies.

The NIH released information about their [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics \(RADx\)](#) program to speed the development and commercialization of COVID-19 testing technologies.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [pledged](#) to keep interest rates near zero until the U.S. economy has made it through the coronavirus pandemic.

Chairman Jerome Powell said Wednesday that now is "not the time" to let otherwise "serious concerns" about the rising national debt dampen efforts to mitigate some of the economic wreckage with mammoth federal spending. He had a message for squabbling lawmakers who worry about \$3 trillion pouring out of the Treasury: Keep the fiscal spigot open, he urged during a press conference.

THE CDC has released reopening guidance for [Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#). This document provides a general framework for cleaning and disinfection practices. Cleaning and disinfecting public spaces including workplace, school, home, and business will require you to develop a plan; implement the plan; and maintain and revise the plan.

THE CDC released their [principles and information on contact tracing](#) which highlights the basic principles of contact tracing to stop COVID-19 transmission, includes detailed guidance for health departments and potential contact tracers; information is forthcoming. CDC also updated the information on their [contact tracing](#) resource page to include new resources and key concepts on contact tracing.

THE CDC updated their information on [Keeping Children Healthy While School's Out](#). The guidance includes steps to keep children healthy, signs to look for if children are sick, and how to help them continue learning. The CDC

From: [Murrell Smith](#)
To: caldwert@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: [Singh, Sym](#); [Mayor Joe McElveen](#); tmcelveen@bryanlaw.com; [J. David Weeks](#)
Subject: FW: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20
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Rick

See below. Can you please assist Mayor McElveen in obtaining the information below. I appreciate your help. Thanks, Murrell



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Subject: FW: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

This info has to be available. Why isn't it being given to cities and counties?

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From: [Cleveland, John](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: FW: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:56:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rick,

See below email from the mayor of Sumter. Do we have any of this data available?

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To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:08:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Is McLeod and MUSC in Florence in a surge as Rep. Kirby mentioned below?

Thanks,
Sym



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To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Rep. Clyburn
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:22:00 AM
Attachments: [MUSC COVID-19 Response in Rural Communities \(State\).docx](#)

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From: Jordan Marsh <jcmarsh206@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External]

Clyburn asked for this document. We are talking with Clemson about more info and collaboration on their extensions also..providing more info there. Seth in Clyburn's office has copy also as of yesterday. Thanks.

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Michael Acquilano](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#); [Sym Singh \(SSingh@governor.sc.gov\)](mailto:SSingh@governor.sc.gov)
Subject: FW: [External] Resumption of Mass in Catholic Churches
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:17:00 PM
Attachments: [Resuming Church activities Phase 1, v3.docx](#)
[image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Good afternoon Michael,

I read through this document and it appears to me that you've done a very thorough job and provided good information and guidelines to your parishes and priests.

I am adding Sym Singh from our office who is our main liaison to accelerateSC so that he might review it, as well as Maria Ouzounidis from DHEC. I am certain between the two of them, they will be able to provide any necessary additional guidance and feedback.

We truly appreciate your desire to ensure the diocese guidelines are in line with CDC and state recommendations.

Stay safe,
Megan



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From: Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestandiocese.org>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Resumption of Mass in Catholic Churches

Dear Megan:

Attached is an internal document we have prepared based upon CDC guidance that we would like for the Governor's Office and DHEC to review. We are very open to discussion with everyone about any necessary changes. This is, of course, our new normal.

Thank you for all that you do for us and any connections you can make to move this along today.

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

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To: [Stenson, Kim](#); blairjd@dhec.sc.gov; [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov; [James Burns](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Rowley Company - KN95 Non-Medical Personal Protection Equipment
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:19:00 AM
Attachments: [Rowley-KN95-Masks-PDF-RowleyBranded.pdf](#)
[image004.png](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,

Mr. Taylor reached out to me last week letting our office know that they have a supply of KN95 Non-Medical Personal Protection Equipment available and are ready today to assist the state with funneling these to the businesses in need. Can we please reach out to him to get more information? He made it very clear that they want to help and can certainly be price competitive.

Thank you,
Megan



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[Megan](#)

Good morning! Thanks for the call on Friday. Related to our conversation, we have sourced via our supply chain in the textiles and window coverings industry, and line of the Personal Protection Equipment that short supply and needed.

We are focused now on the KN-95 Non-Medical masks that provide up to 95% filtration of virus, bacteria, dust, and germs.

Please see attached and not the following highlights:

- KN95 Non-Medical Mask
- 95% Filtration for viruses, bacteria, germs, and dust
- 5 Layers of filtration construction
- 3-D Design for comfort and fit

- Meets NIOSH Standard GB2626-2006
- FDA Registered Product
- Competitively Priced in volume (To be Discussed)
- FOB Gastonia, NC.

I look forward to next steps in the approval/sourcing process for the State of South Carolina footprint. I am available as needed to meet expectations moving forward!

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Kind Regards.

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To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] SC OSHA Interim Guide for Workplace Re-entry in the Close Contact/Service Industry
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:16:00 AM
Attachments: [Re-Opening.CloseContact.Official.pdf](#)

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:59 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] SC OSHA Interim Guide for Workplace Re-entry in the Close Contact/Service Industry

From: Emily Farr <Emily.Farr@llr.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Sym Singh <Sym.Singh@llr.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Richard (Rick) Toomey (<rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov> <rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Kristina Baker <Kristina.Baker@llr.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] SC OSHA Interim Guide for Workplace Re-entry in the Close Contact/Service Industry

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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Making South Carolina a Safe Place to Work and Live

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] several items of note from cities and towns
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:21:00 PM

See number 1. ZIP might work.

From: Casey Fields <Cfields@masc.sc>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:36 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] several items of note from cities and towns

Hey Mark,

I hate to add to your email volume, but I wanted to pass along some information/questions/comments from cities and towns. There is some additional information to share that I would like to do over the telephone when you have a minute. I'm happy to talk with anyone else that you determine necessary. Thanks so much to you and your staff during this time. Take care and let us know if we can help, Casey

1. Several cities are concerned that DHEC is not passing along information at the city location level – it's all centered around counties. Local city leaders would like city-specific information understanding that because of HIPPA, they can't know exactly who. North Carolina is releasing the city-specific information. We understand that DHEC has a call with city/town managers/administrators on Wednesday to talk about this issue.
2. Shelter in place – several mayors are attempting to build a coalition to push for a statewide shelter in place while also considering local shelter in place orders. The Association's executive committee met via conference call on Monday and reiterated our support for Governor McMaster's leadership and did not join or endorse a separate coalition. There are two conflicting AG opinions on local shelter in place orders. Would like your opinion on the subject should (we anticipate is a matter of time) cities impose these local orders.
3. Coastal mayors are getting a lot of grief from residents for allowing renters to continue to visit the island. Although many mayors are closing beaches and closing the islands to visitors, some are not. Would love some perspective on that as well.

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Siemens USA: Antibody Test to Aid COVID-19 Pandemic
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:50:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Siemens Healthineers to Expand SARS-CoV-2 Testing to Include a Total Antibody Test to Aid in the COVID-19 Pandemic.pdf](#)

Please see below and attached.

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Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Siemens USA: Antibody Test to Aid COVID-19 Pandemic

Can you forward to DHEC for action? Thanks.

From: Phillips, Tom <tom.phillips@siemens.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Siemens USA: Antibody Test to Aid COVID-19 Pandemic

Hi Trey

Hope you're doing well during these C-virus times – glad to see South Carolina starting to “get back to business.”

I'm writing to share a significant update with you as it relates to COVID-19 antibody testing. We just announced this morning that [Siemens Healthineers is developing a SARS-CoV-2 serology \(COVID-19 antibody\) test](#). As you know, antibody testing is vital to efforts to expand diagnostic and disease tracking capabilities and has been identified as a critical element in the development of plans to reopen States and communities across the United States.

The test is expected to be available by late May on several our laboratory-based high throughput analyzers with time to first result as short as 14 minutes. In order to ensure quality, we are seeking FDA Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for this test.

We are targeting an initial launch in May and expect to ramp up production quickly. Siemens Healthineers has a strong reputation in developing immunoassays that are highly accurate in predicting a positive or negative result. Having demonstrated sensitivity and specificity of more than 99 percent, the test is expected to exceed the stringent FDA quality guidelines for testing COVID-19 patients.

With the largest immunoassay installed base in the United States, including high-throughput machines, we believe that we can make a profound impact on SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing capacity.

We'd like to set up some time with our U.S. healthcare leadership and the appropriate folks on your state team to discuss this timely topic. This includes the President of our healthcare business in the US and the head of our Laboratory Diagnostics team. Please let me know the best way to work to coordinate such a briefing.

Best,
Tom

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P.S. For more information about Siemens USA and our support of cities and states in COVID-19 response, visit: <https://new.siemens.com/us/en/company/about/covid-19-coronavirus.html>

From: Symmes, Brian
To: Harris, Cassandra S.; Read, Jennifer
Subject: FW: [External] South Carolina COVID-19 Testing per capita + positive ratio deadline COB
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:59:00 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Can you guys handle this?



Brian Symmes
Communications Director
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From: David Lim <dlim@politico.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] South Carolina COVID-19 Testing per capita + positive ratio deadline COB

Good afternoon,

David Lim with Politico here. I'm working on a story about COVID-19 testing ramping up, and I was looking at some data I pulled together.

I wanted to inquire about some of the states that have not been testing in wide numbers but are showing a high percentage of positive results.

For example South Carolina:

state	Total tests	POPULATION	RATIO	positive tests	POSITIVE RATIO								
MI	17379	9,986,857	0.00174	5486	0.315668335								
OK	1634	3,956,971	0.000413	429	0.2625459								
MS	3318	2,976,149	0.001115	758	0.228450874								
GA	12596	10,617,423	0.001186	2683	0.213004128								
SC	3789	5,148,714	0.000736	774	0.204275534								
CT	11900	3,565,287	0.003338	1993	0.167478992								
IL	27762	12,671,821	0.002191	4596	0.165550032								
TX	25760	28,995,881	0.000888	2552	0.099068323								

Do you have anyone that might be able to jump on the phone to discuss from an epidemiological standpoint what the meaning of this might be, and what steps hospital systems would need to take to get to a place where they have a better sense of what the reality is on the ground in your state?

Is the state working with commercial labs to prioritize testing given the prevalence and low number of citizens tested to date?

Best number to reach me at is my cell: [REDACTED]. Trying to write for tomorrow, so if you're able to jump on the phone today I would appreciate it.

Thanks,
David

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Reporter | **POLITICO**
Phone: (650) 796-0848 | Twitter: [@davidalim](https://twitter.com/davidalim)

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] South Carolina Testing Technical Assistance - State Specific Details
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:35:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[5.5.2020 Testing Technical Assistance Overview.pdf](#)
[5.5.2020 FAQ State Testing Technical Assistance.pdf](#)
[South Carolina TA.pdf](#)

Please call me when you have a minute to discuss.

From: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com; [REDACTED]@gmail.com; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; 'rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov' <rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; 'kstenson@emd.sc.gov' <kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: Obenshain, Tucker T. EOP/OVP <Anne.T.Obenshain@ovp.eop.gov>; Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>; Campana, Ariella M. EOP/WHO <Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov>
Subject: [External] South Carolina Testing Technical Assistance - State Specific Details



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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Thanks,
Nic

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Blair, Jamie D.](#); [Nathan Ballentine \(nathanballentine@sc.rr.com\)](mailto:NathanBallentine@sc.rr.com)
Subject: FW: [External] Sym -constituent with access to supply of N95 masks
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:56:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hey Jamie,

I am not sure where this is supposed to go. Can you assist Rep. Ballentine?

Thanks,
Sym



Sym Singh
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From: Nathan Ballentine <NathanBallentine@schouse.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Sym -constituent with access to supply of N95 masks

Sym, I have a former constituent (and recipient of Ballentine Scholarship Award years ago) who lives in Northern Portugal currently (is an attorney) and he Facebook messaged me the information below. Could someone contact him and, if desired, coordinate for the receipt of the goods he mentions?

Chris Campbell is his name

+1 ([REDACTED]

Hey Representative Ballentine, I hope that this message finds you well and in good health during these difficult times.

In a turn of events that has placed me in a position to help I wanted to make you aware of the following in case I can be of further help--

As you may recall, I spent several years studying and working in China. Earlier this week a couple of my colleagues and contacts from my time in China reached out to me about supplying medical supplies--primarily N95 masks to the United States.

I've spent the last few days talking with folks both in South Carolina and the suppliers to be responsible and diligent. Here are the take aways.

- They have the currently have the capacity to provide 1 Million masks per order of N95 and similar masks.
- All of these masks are FDA certified.
- Delivery takes about 3-4 days from payment.
- A local SC partner of mine is receiving 2,000 of those masks by Monday of next week to prove their authenticity.

If I can be helpful in sourcing an order of masks, please let me know. In the end, as a son of South Carolina and importantly Irmo, I want to make sure these masks get where they are needed ASAP.

Nathan Ballentine
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Richland-Lexington Counties
320A Blatt Building
Columbia, SC 29221

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:58:00 PM

Can someone from your team participate on this call?

Request: *Congressman Timmons would like for someone from a state office to join him on an AARP tele townhall on Friday from 10:10 – 11:10am.*

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:48 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

It would be a mix of him and whoever else joins the call.

There was one with Rep. Clyburn and Senator Graham. They were joined with someone from SCDEW and SC Department of Social Services.

From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 4:39 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

Who responds to the questions? Is it only Congressman Timmons?

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:38 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

We tend to get questions about reopening, testing, unemployment, and the amount of cases in SC.

From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 4:30 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

Do you have an overview or details regarding the questions that will be asked? I want to make sure that we ask the appropriate state agency.

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:30 PM

To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

Hi Jordan,

SC AARP is continuing the success of their previous telephone town halls with SC officials and has asked us to participate in one on Friday morning from 10:10-11:10am. We would really like someone from the Governor's office to join because we find a lot of questions in these forums would benefit from someone at the state level. Who do you think would be the best to join us on Friday?

Thanks,
Heather Smith

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods used as a preventative and cure of COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:39:00 AM
Attachments: [UPPLUS+KBD+Spray+Certificate.pdf](#)
[UPPLUS+KBD+Spray+Public+Summary.pdf](#)
[image002.png](#)

Good morning Maria,

Please see the email we received below.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Finnern
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From: Milisic, Sonja <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods used as a preventative and cure of COVID-19

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Carrie Tucker [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 9:50:08 AM EDT
To: "Milisic, Sonja" <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods used as a preventative and cure of COVID-19

Good morning Sonja,

I am sending the Lt. Governor the same email I sent Governor McMasters. Please let the Lt. Governor know I am available to set up a conference call.

Leigh,

I know you don't remember me but I have invited the Governor to attend events for the Carolinas Chinese Chamber of Commerce. I am the President of that organization in SC. I recently spoke to the Governor at the Gold Elephants event in Columbia. I'm only tell you this so you know I have the best interest in SC.

I know Governor McMaster is extremely concerned about the COVID-19 Virus. I am working with a Doctor out of Australia that has developed a preventive/ cure for the virus. It has not been introduced in the US. I believe it could be very helpful in Kershaw County and all of SC. I would like to discuss this further with the Governor and set up a conference call for him to discuss with Dr. Xiao. It has been approved by Australia and has already cured people in Wuhan and Australia.

I will have samples by business close tomorrow. Dr. Xiao has offered to send 1000 bottles of this product to the US at no charge.

Here are the facts:

1. Having the COVID-19 problem, Dr. Xiao developed a supplementary medicine, UPplus, which had been approved by TGA (Australia FDA). Please see the attached document.

2. UPplus is a combination with two major compounds:

- One is from its original plant *Polygonum Cuspidatum*, which is the permitted ingredients in listed medicine of TGA.

This compound was identified as one of the leading compound targeting Mpro. Our collaborator Profs. Zihao Rao and Haitao Yang at ShanghaiTech University reported the structure of SARS-COV-2, proteinase (Mpro, also called 3CLpro, PDB ID: 6LU7). Based on the structure, ~20 research teams from Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (SIMM), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and ShanghaiTech University together quickly identified 30 potential chemical compounds and natural products with anti-SARS-COV-2, activity using virtual screening and enzymology, our compound was identified as one of the leading compound targeting Mpro. We have been working with this compound for more than 4 years, and certificated **Self Affirmed GRAS (Generally Regarded As Safe, US)**, now preparing for the FDA GRAS pre-submission meeting. We had a systemic safety analysis report for the compound.

- Another compound is

originally extracted from Loquat leaf, which is permitted ingredients in listed medicine of TGA⁽¹⁾. This compound shows strong antiviral activity against rotavirus⁽²⁾, research showed that 10 µM ursolic acid decreases viral titre and the level of the main viral proteins and affects viral particle maturation 15 h post infection. This compound was also hamper the early stages of the viral replication cycle, as a significant reduction in the number and size of viroplasms, consistent with a decrease in VP6 and NSP2 viral proteins, was observed 4 h post infection. Other researches also showed anti-HIV activity of human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis C virus. We did contract work Charles River to test the 14 days toxicity study, 90-days toxicity, developmental toxicity studies of Ursolic acid, and metabolism study in progress (Charles River, UK). We have been working on this compound for more than 3 years, and preparing for Self-Affirmed

GRAS (Generally
Regarded As Safe,
US) dossier.

- We also used this combination treated more than one hundred people who suffered the COVID-19 problem or had closely contacted with the patients in Australia and China during last month. All of these people were recovered and prevented very well.

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Thank you for your assistance!

Best regards,

Carrie Tucker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Ventilators
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 8:58:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello Maria,

Thanks for your help yesterday. Please see below regarding ventilators and masks – could someone reach out to Mr. Wilkerson? He reached out directly to the Lt. Governor. I will share the SCEMD PPE email address with Mr. Wilkerson as well.

Appreciate it,
Megan



Megan Finnern
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mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

Mrs Finnern,

Sorry to bother you twice. I forgot to mention I also have 300,000 three ply mask on the ground in North Carolina also. I meant to inform you on the last email about the ventilators and I spaced it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

From: Kenneth Wilkerson <kennethw1030@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Ventilators

Mrs Finnern,

I hope today is finding you well. Mrs Evette gave me your email address and told me to reach out to you. I wanted to reach out to you to let you know I have sourced 500 VG70 ventilators. I am in North Myrtle Beach but the ventilators are in Texas. Would the state be interested in these units?

I look forward to hearing from someone in your office.

Thanks
Kenneth Wilkerson
Wilkerson Consulting LLC

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#); [Polatty, Jan](#); [Page, Hank](#)
Cc: [Munn, Connie](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Wife has a brain tumor and needs me
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:54:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good morning,

I wasn't certain if this fell under DHEC, Office on Aging or DHHS, so I'm sending to all of you. Could someone please reach out?

Thank you!

Megan



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From: Rodney Beam [REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:06 AM
To: Rodney Beam [REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Wife has a brain tumor and needs me

Dear Megan,

Please help me

Dear Lt Governor Evette. My wife [REDACTED] is in MUSC Charleston with a brain tumor and will have surgery soon I can't be with her we've only been together since Dec 2018. Both of lost a spouse in 2018. We have not been apart more than a few hours since we met. Please help. My phone [REDACTED].

My wife is [REDACTED]

Musc. Main floor [REDACTED] room [REDACTED] nurse phone [REDACTED]

Sincere please help

Rodney Beam

We have 6 grown children and 14 grandchildren

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#); [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] WPDE ABC 15
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:01:00 PM
Attachments: [pastedImagebase640.png](#)
[pastedImagebase642.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Are you guys planning to respond to Anjali on this?



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From: Anjali Patel <avpatel@sbgstv.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] WPDE ABC 15

Hey Brian! It's Anjali with WPDE in Myrtle Beach. Hope your Friday is going well. I've got a few questions for ya today!

Our station has been asking DHEC the last couple of days about this but they have yet to really give us any definitive answers.

Non-residents who are diagnosed with coronavirus here or die from it here are not included in our state's infection/death totals. They are included in their home state's totals, obviously to avoid double-counts that would skew national totals. However, many residents, particularly along areas like the Grand Strand, are wondering why DHEC does not report those numbers as a separate tally to the public? Especially since those nonresidents (i.e. tourists, snowbirds) could be infecting our residents while they're here and using our hospital resources. These concerns are especially arising now that the state is slowly beginning to reopen and that tourists have returned to our beaches. Since we have yet to receive a response from DHEC on why those numbers are not being reported to residents, we figured we'd reach out to the Governor's office. I'm sure you remember that both citizens and journalists had been asking for zip code data and the Governor is the one who finally ordered DHEC to release that information to the public regularly.

We are just wondering why that information is not being shared with the public, and if the Governor plans to inquire DHEC about it.

Thank you!

Anjali Patel

Reporter/Multimedia Journalist

WPDE ABC 15 News

Cell: [REDACTED] 

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From: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
To: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Bcc: terrylynn.dichiara@admin.sc.gov; [Hamilton, Debbie](#); [Carol Smoak](#); [Davis, Monishia L.](#); [Dunlap, Doris](#); [Lewis, Victoria](#); [JEANETTE.DAVIS@CDMV.NET](#); [STEPHANIE.COLLIER@LLR.SC.GOV](#); [AJJAMES@CDJJ.NET](#); [Casey Clyburn](#); [Amy Wright](#); [Jan Polatty \(POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov\)](#); [jmhendrick@dew.sc.gov](#); [Haile.Dayne@doc.sc.gov](#); [Wooten, Vicki](#); [Taylor, Mitchell](#); [Cogdill, Lily](#); [Lee, Kim](#); [Hamby, Phil](#); [Grimsley, William](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [Leach, Michael](#); [Woods, IV Robert G.](#); [Adger, Jerry](#); [Parrish, Duane](#); [Shwedo, Kevin](#); [Farr, Emily](#); [Pough, Freddie](#); [Farmer, Ray](#); [Powell, Hartley](#); [Baker, Joshua](#); [dellzey@dew.sc.gov](#); [Stirling, Bryan](#); [Hitt, Bobby](#); [Goldsby, Sara](#); [Munn, Connie](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [McCarty, Van](#); [Whittle, Amanda](#); [Hall, Christy](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Lamkin, Brian](#); [kstenson@emd.sc.gov](#); [BOYLES@RDNR.SC.GOV](#); [agwilson@scag.gov](#); [DeLinda Ridings](#); [rkittle@scag.gov](#); [mgates@scag.gov](#); [scsupted@ed.sc.gov](#); [RYBROWNED@SC.GOV](#); [Loftis, Curtis](#); [Adams, Clarissa](#); [Frazier, Edward](#); [Owens, Karen](#); [jmarkhammond@bellsouth.net](#); [Dunlap, Melissa](#); [Eckstrom, Richard](#); [Stagg, Joy](#); [Gunn, Eddie](#); [Ward, Eric](#); [Weathers, Hugh](#); [Leach, Clint](#); [CONNELLY.RAGLEY@DSS.SC.GOV](#); [Duffy, Amy](#)
Subject: FW: accelerateSC Protection and Resources Sub-groups to Hold Meetings
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:30:00 AM

From: SC Gov News <govnews@gov.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: accelerateSC Protection and Resources Sub-groups to Hold Meetings



May 11, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
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accelerateSC Protection and Resources Sub-groups to Hold Meetings

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The Protection and Resources components of [accelerateSC](#) will hold meetings today at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM respectively.

WHO: Members of the Protection and Resources components of accelerateSC

WHAT: Meetings of the Protection and Resources components of accelerateSC

WHEN: Today, Monday, May 11. Protection at 10:00 AM and Resources at 1:30 PM

WHERE: USC Alumni Center, 900 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C.

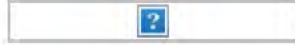
Note: *Members of the media will be permitted access to the ballroom and will be provided ample space to practice proper social distancing. Additionally, the meeting will be streamed live at <https://www.sctv.org/live/acceleratesc>.*

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To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:25:46 PM

Fyi—I've highlighted the sections involving DHEC.

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:18 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

Conference Call to Discuss Community Testing in South Carolina

Date: Thursday, April 30, 11:15 AM

Call-in: The dial-in is ([REDACTED]) (no PIN).

Purpose: Discussion on testing efforts in the state and proposals to expand to rural and underserved communities. Anticipating this to be a 30-45-minute call to get everyone in the same room and jump-start coordination of efforts.

Format: Rep. Clyburn's office will kick off the call and ask everyone to provide quick intros, Seth will provide an update on federal funding, Mark/Jordan update from the governor's office and intro DHEC to talk about their strategy for community engagement, MUSC to talk about their proposal, and then open it up for feedback / further next steps.

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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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Angela Leiding, Vice President for External Affairs

Office of Rural Health
Graham Adams, CEO

Palmetto Care Connections
Kathy Schwarting, CEO

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns ahead of tomorrow's call.

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

Okay. I'll send around the call in details momentarily.

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

Works for me.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

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.

Jordan Marsh
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jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

From: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
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Subject: FW: COVID-19 Health Alert Postcards
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:08:00 AM
Attachments: [Health Alert Postcards.pdf](#)
[SC COVID 5x7 Postcard Combined.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Good morning,
Please see attached information – FYI.
Kristy

From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>; Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>; Barton, Melanie <MBarton@governor.sc.gov>; Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>; Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Health Alert Postcards
Importance: High



Sym Singh
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Office of the Governor
SSingh@governor.sc.gov
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Office: 803-734-9271

From: Gaulden, Sid <SidneyGaulden@SCDPS.GOV>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 10:22 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Health Alert Postcards
Importance: High

Sym,
Please see the information below.

Here are the cards that went out to our Troopers. At the request of the Sheriff's Association and Chief's Association, cards for local agencies can be obtained from the Troop offices as long as supplies last. SCEMD provided 10,000 cards and we split those equally (approx. 1,500 per 7 location). SCEMD also provided print ready proofs if agencies want to print more locally. Additionally, agencies should be able to request more from SCEMD through their local EMD Directors. Let me know if you need more details.

From: [Lemoine, Leigh](#)
To: OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Viral and Antibodies
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:14:00 PM

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

-----Original Message-----

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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<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: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: DHEC Letter
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:10:00 PM
Attachments: [3-12-20 Gov McMaster to Gen Assembly COVID-19 letter.docx](#)
[image002.png](#)

Please see attached. MP

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 12:54 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: DHEC Letter

Can you send to DHEC for Toomey to check for accuracy? Immediately?



Trey Walker
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Office of the Governor
South Carolina Statehouse
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twalker@governor.sc.gov
o: 803-734-0411

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: Emergency Supplemental Coronavirus Summary
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:10:00 PM
Attachments: [FILE_6274.pdf](#)

Fyi

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Emergency Supplemental Coronavirus Summary

Senate and House Appropriators reached a deal on Wednesday afternoon for \$7.76 billion in emergency supplemental funding to help contain the coronavirus outbreak. The House will take up the bill first on Wednesday. The Senate is expected to send it to the president's desk later this week.

- Aggressive Surge in Resources. The package provides an aggressive surge in funding to combat the coronavirus, more than triple the Administration's original request.
- Comprehensive Response. The package contains funding to combat the spread of the virus at the local, state, national, and international levels. 85 percent of the total funding will be spent domestically.

The Senate Appropriations Committee summary is attached. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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Subject: FW: Executive Order No. 2020-11
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:46:00 PM
Attachments: [2020-03-19 FILED Executive Order No. 2020-11 - Additional Emergency Measures & Regulatory Relief re COVID-19.pdf](#)

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-11

For your reference, please see attached for a filed copy of Executive Order No. 2020-11.

Best,

Thomas

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To: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
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Subject: FW: Executive Order No. 2020-12 - Regulatory Flexibility to Facilitate Social Distancing
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 7:13:00 PM
Attachments: [2020-03-21 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-12 - Regulatory Flexibility to Facilitate Social Distancing.pdf](#)

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 3:28 PM
To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-12 - Regulatory Flexibility to Facilitate Social Distancing

Please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-12.

Best,

Thomas

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To: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Bcc: [terrylynn.dichiara@admin.sc.gov](#); [Hamilton, Debbie](#); [Carol Smoak](#); [Davis, Monishia L.](#); [Dunlap, Doris](#); [Lewis, Victoria](#); [JEANETTE.DAVIS@SCDMV.NET](#); [STEPHANIE.COLLIER@LLR.SC.GOV](#); [AJJAMES@CDJJ.NET](#); [Casey Clyburn](#); [Amy Wright](#); [Jan Polatty \(POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov\)](#); [jmhendrick@dew.sc.gov](#); [Haile Dayne@doc.sc.gov](#); [Wooten, Vicki](#); [Taylor, Mitchell](#); [Cogdill, Lily](#); [Lee, Kim](#); [Hamby, Phil](#); [Grimsley, William](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [Leach, Michael](#); [Woods, IV Robert G.](#); [Adger, Jerry](#); [Parrish, Duane](#); [Shwedo, Kevin](#); [Farr, Emily](#); [Pough, Freddie](#); [Farmer, Ray](#); [Powell, Hartley](#); [Baker, Joshua](#); [dellzey@dew.sc.gov](#); [Stirling, Bryan](#); [Hitt, Bobby](#); [Goldsby, Sara](#); [Munn, Connie](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [McCarty, Van](#); [Whittle, Amanda](#); [Hall, Christy](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Lamkin, Brian](#); [kstenson@emd.sc.gov](#); [BOYLES@RDNR.SC.GOV](#); [agwilson@scag.gov](#); [DeLinda Ridings](#); [rkittle@scag.gov](#); [mgates@scag.gov](#); [scsupted@ed.sc.gov](#); [RYBROWNED@SC.GOV](#); [Loftis, Curtis](#); [Adams, Clarissa](#); [Frazier, Edward](#); [Owens, Karen](#); [jmarkhammond@bellsouth.net](#); [Dunlap, Melissa](#); [Eckstrom, Richard](#); [Stagg, Joy](#); [Gunn, Eddie](#); [Ward, Eric](#); [Weathers, Hugh](#); [Leach, Clint](#); [CONNELLY.RAGLEY@DSS.SC.GOV](#); [Duffy, Amy](#)
Subject: FW: Executive Order No. 2020-15 - State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:14:00 PM
Attachments: [2020-03-28 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-15 - State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic.pdf](#)

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-15 - State of Emergency Due to COVID-19 Pandemic

Please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-15, a copy of which is also available on the Governor's [website](#).

Best,

Thomas

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Subject: FW: Executive Order No. 2020-21
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:14:00 PM

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Fair, Mardi <MFair@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-21

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
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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Subject: FW: Executive Order No. 2020-22 - Authorizing COVID-19 Support Payments by Employers
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:36:00 PM

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 4:35 PM
To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-22 - Authorizing COVID-19 Support Payments by Employers

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.

Best,

Thomas

April 8, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
BSymmes@governor.sc.gov

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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Date: Sunday, May 3, 2020 8:26:00 AM
Attachments: [2020-05-01 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-30 - Rescinding Self-Quarantine, Lodging, & Travel Restrictions for Individuals Entering S.C. from High-Risk Areas.pdf](#)

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Subject: FW: Executive Order Nos. 2020-18 & 2020-19
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 7:46:00 PM
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Best,

Thomas

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 4:10:00 PM

Please see below.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan

I just heard that HHS is planning to send the governor a letter this week with further guidance about the \$25 billion that is available to the states to increase testing. I'd assume that they are going to ask about the governor's state plan for testing in the letter.

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan

Sending to DHEC

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On May 6, 2020, at 9:13 AM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

State Testing Plans Due to HHS on May 24

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Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:08 AM
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Subject: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan

I've flagged this requirement for DHEC.

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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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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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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

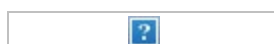
If a business has a question as to whether they qualify as essential, they should complete the Essential Business Clarification form located on the South Carolina Department of Commerce website, which will be easily accessible on the South Carolina Department of Commerce's website. Questions can also 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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Gov. Henry McMaster to Join The Boeing Company, MUSC for Delivery of PPE

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster will join The Boeing Company, the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC), members of South Carolina's Congressional Delegation, and other local officials to welcome three Boeing Dreamlifter aircraft filled with vital personal protective equipment (PPE) for COVID-19 response efforts.

WHO: Gov Henry McMaster, The Boeing Company, MUSC, members of South Carolina's federal delegation, other local elected officials

WHAT: Delivery of PPE for COVID-19 response efforts

WHEN: Today, Monday, May 11 at 12:30 PM

WHERE: Boeing South Carolina, 5400, Airframe Drive, North Charleston, S.C.

Note: Interested media please RSVP to Libba Holland at elizabeth.c.holland@boeing.com. Please send the name(s) of the individual(s) attending.

Media should plan to arrive by 10:30 am to ensure timely entry, set-up and staging. Interested media will be permitted to capture broll footage of the aircraft arrival and cargo unload ahead of the press conference.

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Gov. Henry McMaster to Lead First Meeting of accelerateSC Today

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster will lead the first meeting of accelerateSC tomorrow, Today, April 23 at 2:00 PM.

[Governor McMaster announced the creation of accelerateSC](#) on Monday. accelerateSC is a coordinated economic revitalization plan involving small and large business owners, leaders in manufacturing, healthcare professions, education professionals, and local government officials.

For an overview of accelerateSC and its members, [visit the governor's website here](#).

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela S. Evette, members of accelerateSC

WHAT: First meeting of accelerateSC

WHEN: Today, Thursday, April 23 at 2:00 PM

WHERE: USC Alumni Center, first floor ballroom, 900 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C.

Note: Members of the media will be permitted access to the ballroom and will be provided ample space to practice proper social distancing. SCETV will have a mult box on site, which will allow tv stations to share audio and video. SCETV will also be streaming live on its website.

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Report: Over Half of State Employees Working from Home

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster took additional actions today to enhance the state's response to COVID-19's continued impact to South Carolina.

"Team South Carolina is constantly reviewing the COVID 19 situation, and all plans and contingencies to contain this virus remain on the table," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "That includes "shelter-in-place," a drastic action that other states with larger population centers have taken. It is my hope that this will not be necessary here, and I believe it to be much less likely, as long as South Carolinians follow official instructions and take recommended precautions now."

The governor has asked construction contractors and others in the skilled trade industry to donate whatever personal protective equipment they can spare to healthcare professionals and state agencies in the greatest need, including respirator masks commonly used in construction settings. Those willing to make donations can contact Mary Louise Resch of Habitat for Humanity for

logistical coordination via email at mlresch@habitat-sc.org.

The governor has also issued [Executive Order 2020-12](#), which directs the Department of Revenue to waive additional regulations in order to allow restaurants to include sealed containers of beer and wine for curbside pickup or “to-go” orders only. This waiver does not authorize or apply to open containers or delivery services.

The governor also directed the Department of Revenue to conform the state’s income tax deadline to July 15th, which is the new federal income tax deadline. Other state taxes will remain delayed until June 1st, as previously ordered.

On Thursday, Governor McMaster issued [Executive Order 2020-11](#), to ensure that critical state government services remained available to the public and to prevent potential exposure to the COVID 19 virus.

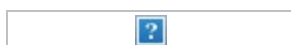
As of Friday afternoon, the Department of Administration reports that for 52 of 74 state agencies there were 13,902 state employees working from home or taking leave. There were 11,411 state employees at work. As remaining agencies report to the Department, these numbers will be updated.

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Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela S. Evette to Participate in AccelerateSC Meeting Governance Component Meeting Today

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster and Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette will participate in the first meeting of the “Governance” component of [AccelerateSC](#) today at the University of South Carolina Alumni Center today from 2:00 PM to approximately 4:00 PM. Both the governor and the lieutenant governor will be available to speak with the press after the meeting.

AccelerateSC held its first full meeting last Thursday. The group is comprised of 5 components: Response, Protection, Governance, Resources, and Information.

The membership of the each component, including the Governance component meeting today, [can be found on the governor's website](#).

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela S. Evette, members of the Governance component of AccelerateSC

WHAT: First meeting of the Governance component of AccelerateSC

WHEN: Today, Monday, April 27 at 2:00 PM

WHERE: USC Alumni Center, first floor ballroom, 900 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C.

Note: Members of the media will be permitted access to the ballroom and will be provided ample space to practice proper social distancing. Additionally, the meeting and the governor's availability following the meeting will be streamed live at <https://www.scetv.org/live/acceleratesc>.

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Sen. Tim Scott, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Thursday, March 26 at 4:30 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Friday, April 3 at 4:30 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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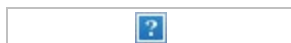
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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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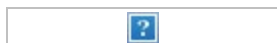
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Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials to Hold Media Briefing

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Thursday, March 26 at 4:30 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Monday, March 23 at 4:00 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Thursday, March 19 at 4:30 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

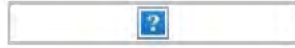
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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Monday, May 11, at 4:30 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 multibox onsite.*

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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 2020-20](#), 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.

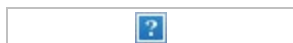
The governor has also ordered that all retail business still operating limit customer activity by only allowing five customers per 1000 square feet or 20% of their posted capacity in a store, whichever is less.

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Subject: FW: IHME COVID-19 Projections
Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 5:33:00 PM
Importance: High

Please see below, and advise. Thanks for the help.

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 3:25 PM
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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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Subject: FW: Joint Statement from Gov. Henry McMaster, S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:22:00 PM

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Subject: Joint Statement from Gov. Henry McMaster, S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman



March 24, 2020
For immediate release
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Joint Statement from Gov. Henry McMaster, S.C. Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster and South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman today released the following joint statement announcing that South Carolina's schools will remain closed for the duration of the month of April:

"At this time, students, parents, and families should plan for South Carolina's schools to remain closed through the month of April. Our dedicated teachers and school administrators have done a tremendous job in making it possible for our students to learn at home. We understand that the prospect of schools remaining closed for an extended period of time places stress and strain on parents and children. Rest assured, if there is any way to safely open our schools earlier, we will do that, but schools must remain closed to protect the health and safety of South Carolinians."

On March 15, Governor McMaster issued [Executive Order 2020-09](#), which closed public schools for students and non-essential employees through March 31st. The governor will issue an additional executive order to extend the K-12 school closures through the month of April in the coming days.

As his previous executive order did, the governor's executive order will apply to the state's public colleges, universities, and technical colleges, and encourage those institutions to maintain existing plans to provide instruction through virtual learning.

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Subject: FW: NC Order
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:25:00 PM
Attachments: [EO116 - SOE COVID 19.pdf](#)

I see Marshall is out of town. Please call to discuss when able.

From: Plowden, Mark
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Taylor, Marshall <taylorwm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: NC Order

Please see attached and call me when able.

MP

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: ReOpening Schedule for 5-8-20
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:16:00 PM
Attachments: [ReOpening Schedule for 5-8-20.docx](#)

Director – Please see attached the list of items the Governor would like to announce at our press conference at 4:00pm tomorrow. Please call with any discussion. Many thanks.

MP

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Subject: FW: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 4:22:00 PM

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

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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

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Subject: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston

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<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

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April 2, 2020
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S.C. LLR Extends Renewal Deadlines During Health Emergency

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Effective immediately, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (LLR) is extending the license renewal deadline for licenses, registrations, and permits scheduled to renew during the months of April, May, June, July, and August. The new renewal deadline is extended to September 30, 2020.

“We recognize the toll that this virus is taking on South Carolinians, and we are committed to doing all that we can to support them during these challenging times,” said Gov. Henry McMaster. “Director Farr and her team recognized a need, acted quickly to address it, and South Carolinians are better off because of their work.”

“The Agency recognizes and appreciates the sacrifices our licensees are making during this difficult time, and we want to do our part in making things easier for them,” LLR Director Emily Farr said.

Additionally, continuing education requirements may be obtained throughout the entirety of this extended renewal period. Affected licenses, registrations and permits involve the following boards:

- Barbers
- Cosmetology
- Contractors
- Dentistry

- Engineers and Surveyors
- Environmental Certification
- Funeral
- Long Term Health Care
- LP Gas
- Manufactured Housing
- Massage Therapy
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Real Estate Commission
- Residential Builders

Renewals will be open on their regularly-scheduled dates if licensees want to renew, but they are not required to do so. Renewing at the regularly-scheduled time may be preferable for those licensees who are required to provide proof of current licensure to other regulatory authorities or to employers.

[For additional information, visit LLR's website here.](#)

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Subject: FW: SBA Approves Gov. Henry McMaster's Request for Disaster Assistance
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March 20, 2020
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SBA Approves Gov. Henry McMaster's Request for Disaster Assistance

COLUMBIA, S.C. – [The U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\) has approved](#) Governor Henry McMaster's request for the agency to offer South Carolina's small businesses with disaster assistance. Governor McMaster requested the disaster declaration in a March 17 letter to SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza.

The disaster declaration means that South Carolina's small businesses that have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 virus may qualify for low-interest federal disaster loans. All 46 counties are included in the disaster declaration.

"These low-interest loans are of monumental importance to our business community," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "There's no doubt that our state's small businesses have suffered losses throughout this incredibly difficult time, but help is on the way. To have Administrator Carranza approve our request so quickly shows that President Trump's administration is fully committed to helping our businesses recover from the impact of this virus."

South Carolina's businesses can apply online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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Subject: FW: South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Briefing Call
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 4:47:00 PM

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

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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

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From: [Limehouse, Thomas](#)
To: BRITWDDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: FW: South Carolina Medical and Nursing Boards to Issue Emergency Licenses
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 2:13:00 PM
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South Carolina Medical and Nursing Boards to Issue Emergency Licenses

COLUMBIA, S.C. - The SC Board of Medical Examiners and the SC Board of Nursing have procedures in place to temporarily license individuals in times of an emergency.

"This is another great tool to combat this virus' potential impact to our state," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "The ability to expedite this licensure process gives us greater assurance that we will have the medical health professionals and resources we need in order to keep South Carolinians safe."

"LLR and its health professional boards are fully committed to doing what they can to

lessen regulatory obstacles to licensure during this public health emergency so we can help ensure South Carolinians have access to all needed healthcare resources," LLR Director Emily Farr said.

The Medical Board can expedite temporary licensure for out-of-state physicians, physician assistants, and respiratory care practitioners within 24 hours. There is no fee for these 90-day temporary licenses. You can apply for licensure by clicking [here](#).

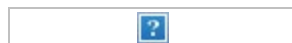
For nurses, South Carolina is part of the Enhanced Nursing Licensure Compact (eNLC), which means registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical nurses (LPNs) from [32 other states](#) who have multi-state licenses can work in South Carolina at any time. All states in the Southeast are part of the Nursing Compact. Additionally, the Board of Nursing can expedite licensure of advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), as well as RNs and LPNs from non-compact states. The expedited licensure only requires information from the hospital or other health provider or organization that is requesting the additional nursing staff from another state. The license is good for 15 days, but may be renewed. There is no fee associated with this expedited, temporary license. You can apply for licensure by clicking [here](#).

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Subject: FW: Urgent need for Covid 19 test kits/ Beaufort County 5307339
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 4:31:00 PM

Hi Maria, please see the issue below in Beaufort County.

Thank you,
Leigh

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<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? This 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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Video: Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials Hold Media Briefing



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Bcc: [terrylynn.dichiara@admin.sc.gov](#); [Hamilton, Debbie](#); [Carol Smoak](#); [Davis, Monishia L.](#); [Dunlap, Doris](#); [Lewis, Victoria](#); [JEANETTE.DAVIS@SCDMV.NET](#); [STEPHANIE.COLLIER@LLR.SC.GOV](#); [AJJAMES@CDJ.NET](#); [Casey Clyburn](#); [Amy Wright](#); [Jan Polatty \(POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov\)](#); [jmhendrick@dew.sc.gov](#); [Haile.Dayne@doc.sc.gov](#); [Wooten, Vicki](#); [Taylor, Mitchell](#); [Cogdill, Lily](#); [Lee, Kim](#); [Hamby, Phil](#); [Grimsley, William](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [Leach, Michael](#); [Woods, IV Robert G.](#); [Adger, Jerry](#); [Parrish, Duane](#); [Shwedo, Kevin](#); [Farr, Emily](#); [Pough, Freddie](#); [Farmer, Ray](#); [Powell, Hartley](#); [Baker, Joshua](#); [dellzey@dew.sc.gov](#); [Stirling, Bryan](#); [Hitt, Bobby](#); [Goldsby, Sara](#); [Munn, Connie](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [McCarty, Van](#); [Whittle, Amanda](#); [Hall, Christy](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Lamkin, Brian](#); [kstenson@emd.sc.gov](#); [BOYLES@RDNR.SC.GOV](#); [agwilson@scag.gov](#); [DeLinda Ridings](#); [rkittle@scag.gov](#); [mgates@scag.gov](#); [scsupted@ed.sc.gov](#); [RYBROWNED@SC.GOV](#); [Loftis, Curtis](#); [Adams, Clarissa](#); [Frazier, Edward](#); [Owens, Karen](#); [jmarkhammond@bellsouth.net](#); [Dunlap, Melissa](#); [Eckstrom, Richard](#); [Stagg, Joy](#); [Gunn, Eddie](#); [Ward, Eric](#); [Weathers, Hugh](#); [Leach, Clint](#); [CONNELLY.RAGLEY@DSS.SC.GOV](#); [Duffy, Amy](#)
Subject: FW: Video: Gov. Henry McMaster, Superintendent Molly Spearman: Public K-12 Schools to Remain Closed for Remainder of the Year
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:17:00 PM

From: SC Gov News <govnews@gov.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:38 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Video: Gov. Henry McMaster, Superintendent Molly Spearman: Public K-12 Schools to Remain Closed for Remainder of the Year



April 22, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
BSymmes@governor.sc.gov

Video: Gov. Henry McMaster, Superintendent Molly Spearman: Public K-12 Schools to Remain Closed for Remainder of the Year



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From: [Davidson, Nick](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Cc: [Stenson, Kim](#)
Subject: Fw: Vikor Scientific & Thermo Fisher -- FW: [External] SCBIO Letter to the Governor RE Thermo Fisher Reagents urgently needed for SC producers of COVID-19 test kits
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 6:18:01 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[SCBIO Letter to the Governor RE Thermo Fisher Reagents urgently needed for SC producers of COVID-19 test kits.docx](#)

Mark,

Kim and I have spoken several times and we have researched further since our 12:30 exec. briefing today. Here is the short/sweet version:

- This company appears to be getting lab reagents from manufacturers and preparing complete testing kits for labs.
- There is certainly a shortage of lab reagents from manufacturers.
- The DHEC lab (and all the public health lab in all other states) must now only get supplies from the CDC.
- Private companies/labs do not have the option to get supplies from the CDC; private companies/labs must work directly with the manufacturers.
- As expressed in this letter, the Governor's Office could theoretically certainly reach out to a manufacturer directly, but DHEC has no particular influence over the manufacturers; in fact, DHEC was frequency unsuccessful at getting our own supplies from manufacturers.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 10:32 AM

To: Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>

Cc: Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Vikor Scientific & Thermo Fisher -- FW: [External] SCBIO Letter to the Governor RE Thermo Fisher Reagents urgently needed for SC producers of COVID-19 test kits

Importance: High

Good morning Ken,

Below you will find copy/pasted information received from Vikor Scientific regarding the work they have done to date as well as the issues they are having getting the reagent needed from Thermo Fisher. There is also a letter attached from SCBIO on this same issue. The Lt. Governor has been in contact with them, as has Jordan Marsh, our office's director of federal relations.

If you need anything else, please let me know.



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

Again, thank you -

I talked to Jordan and he is working with FEMA and DHEC and it would be great if we could make a push state-wide. However, we run a different type of assay and different reagents, which would be a different department altogether I believe. My local rep said the best person in our interest to receive an email correspondence asking for any support would be:

Mark Smedley: Marksmedley@thermofisher.com

He also said that just any endorsement would go a long way without a lot of formality.

Thank you!

Shea C. Harrelson, PA-C

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On Apr 7, 2020, at 6:46 PM, sharrelson vikorscientific.com <sharrelson@vikorscientific.com> wrote:

Thank you for the call.

This would need to be at ATTN to Marc Casper, CEO of Thermo Fisher.

marc.casper@thermofisher.com

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On Apr 7, 2020, at 5:48 PM, sharrelson vikorscientific.com <sharrelson@vikorscientific.com> wrote:

Hi Pamela,

Thank you so much for taking the time to address our current and urgent need. These are the highlights:

- Vikor Scientific is a national molecular pathogen diagnostics company in Charleston, SC that has grown rapidly since 2018. They are only focused on molecular pathogen and resistance gene testing and have already tested over 110,000 patients nationally. They were built for times like this. This is what they do.
- Vikor has been committed to building Life Sciences in SC since inception. Vikor has hired over 160 employees since November of 2018, 53 of which reside in South Carolina and 17 of those who were just hired within the last week. Many of these were employees of other companies who were laid off like Blackbaud and MUSC.
- Vikor validated COVID testing in house and began testing on March 24th. After calls with Thermo Scientific 3 weeks ago, Thermo management committed to supporting Vikor with enough reagents and viral extraction kits to support testing 1500-2000 patients daily.
- Vikor recently moved to 22 WestEdge in Charleston, SC, which was built to be a staple for Life Sciences in South Carolina, showing our commitment to the state of SC.
- Vikor then quickly invested in enough PPE, swab collection kits, arrays, staff etc. to prepare for the additional volume (overage of \$3.4 MM up front).
- Vikor has recently hired the reknown FDA scientist, Dr. Saeed Khan, who relocated from Baltimore, Maryland to SC to lead KOR Life Sciences, the new Research and Development

subsidiary of Vikor Scientific. This is also located at 22 WestEdge.

- Vikor has also hired Dr. Bill Massey who is currently presenting breaking data to The New England Journal of Medicine regarding co-infections with COVID-19 positive patients.
- Thermo informed Vikor yesterday that they were receiving political pressure from other states to prioritize their laboratories and we need our state to do the same for us.
- Bottom line is we need political correspondence to Thermo Fisher from our SC leaders requesting for Vikor Scientific to be prioritized for supplies.

Again, thank you so much for the consideration to help us. I am available by phone if you need to call.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 9:53 AM

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Date: April 7, 2020 at 9:49:43 PM EDT

To: "Evette, Pamela" <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Sam Konduros - SCBIO <skonduros@scbio.org>

Subject: [External] SCBIO Letter to the Governor RE Thermo Fisher Reagents urgently needed for SC producers of COVID-19 test kits

Lt. Governor Evette,

I can't thank you enough for taking my call on short notice this afternoon.

Attached is a letter (draft) that I've crafted per our earlier discussion. Please provide feedback regarding *any* suggested edits and refinements, or strategies regarding who else it should be addressed to. I can also include additional data points about the companies and/or SCBIO as needed.

Please confirm your receipt at your convenience, and let me know anything else I can do to support this vital effort.

My best,

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Subject: FW: White House Follow Up
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:24:00 PM

Please see below.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: White House Follow Up

Mark,

White House IGA called me this afternoon to touch base and update me on a call they had this morning with public health officials. I believe Leslie Osborne participated in the call on behalf of South Carolina. Do you mind connecting me with Leslie? I want to follow up on some of the issues that the WH brought up regarding testing and federal assistance.

Thanks,

Jordan Marsh
Director of Federal Affairs
Office of Governor Henry McMaster
State of South Carolina
(803) 509-0581
jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Lancaster, Ashlie](#); OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Webb, Beth](#); [Rea, Micah](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Fwd: Shelters/Tents Covid 19
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 1:33:29 PM

Good afternoon,

I wasn't sure if this applies to Department of Admin or SCDHEC or both, so passing along to both of you.

Thank you so much,
Megan

Megan Finnern
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To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Shelters/Tents Covid 19

Megan,
I sent this late yesterday to Micah. Can you let me know if the Lt Governor knows if there is a need for items like this during this emergency.
Thanks and stay safe!
Tommy

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To: "Rea, Micah" <MRea@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Shelters/Tents Covid 19

Micah,

I hope this note finds you doing well. The last time I spoke with you was when we had invited the Lt Gov to attend our Veterans Day Luncheon at AMECO and then our parent company struck it down. Happen to think of you guys today and did not who to contact so I am sending this to you and the Lt Gov to see if there are any needs for Shelters/Tents due to Covid 19. We are currently have available in our fleet Blast Resistant Shelters of various sizes that can be used for offices, gathering spots, lunchrooms, and living spaces. We have been providing information to a hospital branch locally and nationwide via their corporate office as they have inquired about them. We also have access to third party partners that provide various types as well. Just trying to think outside the box as to how we can continue to help in this emergency.

Let me know your thoughts or if I need to provide further information in greater detail.

Thanks and stay safe!

Tommy

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Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#); [Walker, Trey](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] JCI Hospital One Pager_VF (1).docx
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 6:32:15 PM
Attachments: [JCI Hospital One Pager_VF \(1\).docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Hello Maria,

Please see the below email and attachment. In reading the information, it appears DHEC would be the appropriate agency to respond to this information.

Thank you!
Megan

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Cc: Matthew Saer <matthew@flywheelgs.com>
Subject: [External] JCI Hospital One Pager_VF (1).docx

Megan
JCI stood up hospitals in China, can do same in SC if needed...please share with appropriate folks in SC
Thanks and stay well!
Db

David Beightol

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Sym:

Thanks for everything . Can you forward this to someone at DHEC for me?

FWD: FYI prisma richland isn't providing proper masks for medical personnel while treating exposed patients and are still pushing way too many elective cases this is an anonymous update please my wife works there... very concerning stuff

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: Fwd: [External] CANCELLED: Briefing with Congressman Norman Re: Coronavirus
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 10:08:31 PM

Hi Jennifer,

Making sure you saw this cancellation. Let me know if you need anything else on my end.

Best,

Jordan Marsh
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Date: March 12, 2020 at 9:54:44 PM EDT
To: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] CANCELLED: Briefing with Congressman Norman
Re: Coronavirus

I emailed Jennifer Read with DHEC, however I do not have any contact info for the doctor they were sending. Is there anyone else you would suggest I notify from DHEC?

Michael

From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:49 PM
To: Michael Neece <Michael.Neece@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] CANCELLED: Briefing with Congressman Norman Re: Coronavirus

Did you inform DHEC?

Jordan Marsh
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On Mar 12, 2020, at 9:25 PM, Neece, Michael <Michael.Neece@mail.house.gov> wrote:

Hello,

This message is to inform you that the briefing tomorrow morning regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-2019) has been **cancelled**, due to the Congressman having to stay in Washington, DC for a vote on the Stimulus Package. The House's vote schedule is set by the Speaker of the House and we have no control over it.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to visiting Sumter County in the coming months.

Regards,
Michael

Michael Neece | District Outreach Director
Office of U.S. Congressman Ralph Norman (SC-05)

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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Call, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] connecting with Lt. Gov. Evette
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 4:56:50 PM
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Passing along. Thank you!

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Subject: [External] connecting with Lt. Gov. Evette

I had connected with Lt. Gov Evette over Facebook this week and she asked me to send you my contact information. I have been a nurse for over 35 years and am a specialist in compliance. I have expertise in Medicare, Medicaid and reimbursement. I have attached my CV in hopes that if SCDHEC needs any further help in advisory capacities during the Pandemic or beyond, they have my contact information. I am willing to assist in any way necessary and am licensed in SC as a Bachelor's prepared nurse. Thank you.

Stay well, stay safe and stay home!

--

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To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Coronavirus Tele Town Hall
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:36:10 PM

Please see the below request from Congressman Norman's office.

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Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Coronavirus Tele Town Hall

Hey Jordan,

Would you happen to know, or could get, a medical doctor with experience in virology or immunology? We're trying to find a district doctor, but anyone else would be great too. Thanks.

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
319 Cannon HOB
P: 202.225.5501

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Covid 19 Test Laboratory
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:22:38 PM

Good afternoon Maria,

Can you please have someone contact the gentleman below? He actually reached out first to the Lt Governor via her professional Facebook page.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
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Date: March 23, 2020 at 2:05:10 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Covid 19 Test Laboratory

Ms. Evette,

I am assisting Phi Lifesciences, a CLIA High Complexity medical laboratory located in Charleston. They are trying to stand up a Covid 19 test, and need help.

The Laboratory's CLIA License is: 4 [REDACTED], CAP is: 80 [REDACTED], and NPI is: 143 [REDACTED].

My number is [REDACTED].

Thank You,
Richard Phillips

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Evette, Pamela](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] COVID-19 ABBOTT ID NOW FOLLOW UP
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 1:20:03 PM

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Subject: Fwd: [External] COVID-19 ABBOTT ID NOW FOLLOW UP

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To: "Milisic, Sonja" <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Cahill, Maria O" <maria.cahill@abbott.com>
Subject: [External] COVID-19 ABBOTT ID NOW FOLLOW UP

Hi Sonja,

Hope you and the Lt. Governor are safe.

I had a request through our plant in Liberty, SC that the Governor's office was interested in getting some additional information on Abbotts

ID NOW COVID-19 Test. Do you know the appropriate person to contact?

Abbott started shipping tests on April 1st and is also working with FEMA to distribute tests.

We are working as fast as we can!

Here is the information:

Abbott just gained approval for the ID NOW COVID-19 TEST to help battle the pandemic in real-time by bringing vital information in minutes to front line care providers who are working to stop the spread of the virus.

At about the size of a small toaster and only six-and-a-half pounds, ID NOW can be brought to places of greatest need-including urgent care clinics and emergency departments. Not only is ID NOW small, but it's also fast-delivering positive results in as little as 5 minutes, with negative results in 13 minutes.

Abbott has been in close coordination with key members of the Administration's COVID-19 task force as well as other state officials to prioritize the placement of ID NOW instruments to COVID HOTSPOTS. Our mission is to keep healthcare professionals safe and healthy by getting them tested quickly and regularly. Together with our government partners and customers, Abbott has decided to prioritize allocation of our tests and instruments to doctors, ICU nurses, respiratory therapists, and other critical medical support staff in key outbreak hotspots.

We are making 50,000 tests per day for our ID NOW instrument and are in the process of expanding our capacity. We will ship test on a regular (weekly) schedule beginning April 1st.

For inquiries:

Contact Abbott Rapid Diagnostics Sales Hotline at 1-877-441-7440 or via email COVIDService@abbott.com

For general questions about the new test:

Go to the ID NOW support page: <https://www.alere.com/en/home/product-details/id-now-covid-19.html>

Abbott also has the m2000 system that is used in more than 175 hospital and reference laboratories.

The m2000 system has the ability to run high volumes of up to 470 tests in 24 hours and we are scaling up production to 1 million tests per week.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. We appreciate all the efforts you are doing to defeat this pandemic.

Best regards and Stay Safe,
Sherri



Sherri D. Coffee
Regional Director
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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Fw: From constituent Jason Hucks - need clarification
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 9:15:59 AM

Good Morning Sir,

Can you assist me with this response?

Thanks,
Sym

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
803-201-9770

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Debbie Barthe <DebbieBarthe@scsenate.gov>
Date: March 31, 2020 at 11:47:21 AM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fw: From constituent Jason Hucks - need clarification

Sym,

Can you review below from Mr. Hucks? We need to try to answer him ASAP.

Thank you!

Debbie Barthe

for Senator Tom Young

803-413-1510

From: Tom Young, Jr. <tyoung@tomyounglaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:41 AM
To: Debbie Barthe
Subject: From constituent Jason Hucks - need clarification

D – got this – need to help get answers from Governor's office

Senator Young,

As an intermittent employee of The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), I am sometimes deployed to disasters involving mass fatalities. The organization I deploy under is the Disaster Mortuary Operations Response Team (DMORT). Recently, we were asked to deploy to Dobbins ARB in support of HHS and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), caring for the quarantined Grand Princess cruise ship passengers relocated to the base.

Due to developments in New York City (NYC) over the last few days and weeks regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, DMORT services have been requested. In considering a deployment to NYC, I have a few concerns and questions prior to committing.

1. I understand that Governor McMaster has mandated a self-quarantine if returning from a hot zone such as NYC. My question regarding this policy is if it would exclude South Carolina residents deployed under federal orders, covering a two week deployment, and returning to South Carolina. All work done on location would be in full Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and overseen by HHS. The work would include, but not be limited to, direct contact with body bags containing deceased human remains with COVID-19 being the determined cause of death.

2. Prior to returning to South Carolina, would a test for

COVID-19 be required by the state of South Carolina for re-entry into the state? If required, and a negative result is determined by the test, would the self-quarantine still be required?

3. If the CDC has required a self-quarantine for anyone returning home from a hot zone, would such an exception by Governor McMaster be overridden by the CDC policy, thus requiring self-quarantine?

4. If required to self-quarantine, what is an acceptable location to serve out the 14 days? Home with family? A different location such as a hotel or secluded cabin?

While I have more concerns regarding this situation, these are issues I feel the state of South Carolina can clarify for me prior to making a final decision on a future deployment.

I truly appreciate your help in this matter, and look forward to a response.

Sincerely,

Jason B. Hucks

Aiken, SC

@aol.com

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From: [Walker, Trey](#)
To: [Rick Toomey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] FW: Medication for COVID-19
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 12:11:54 PM
Attachments: [290E4D5D-36B8-4472-8E08-9DEE279F579B\[11\].png](#)
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Mr. Stern has contacted the governor about this issue. It might be appropriate for someone to contact the doctor and provide the explanation we have received from US HHS on the distribution rationale.

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Via Trey Walker iPad/iPhone.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bill Stern <bill@sternproperties.biz>
Date: May 9, 2020 at 10:44:45 AM EDT
To: "Walker, Trey" <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] FW: Medication for COVID-19



Bill H. Stern

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Columbia, South Carolina 29223

bill@sternproperties.biz

From: Helmut Albrecht <Helmut.Albrecht@uscmed.sc.edu>
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 at 12:39 PM
To: Bill Stern <bill@sternproperties.biz>
Subject: Medication for COVID-19

Dear Mr. Stern,

I am the Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine for Prisma Health USC. I am also an infectious diseases physician with significant experience in management of epidemics from my time at Emory and the CDC and, among other jobs, am on the incident command for Prisma Health for COVID-19.

I need some political support, and when I asked my friends who was politically

connected I got 2 recommendations, one from Bonnie Goldberg, one from Rick Cohn, and interestingly they both pointed to you. I am sorry, I am introducing myself with a long email and I will try to call you but wanted to get you some information up front. This is fairly time sensitive

You may have heard of Remdesivir, an antiviral with activity against SARS-CoV2 that after preliminary results from a study we participated in was touted by Dr. Anthony Fauci as “the new standard of care for COVID-19”.

<https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/929685>

The FDA gave Remdesivir Emergency Use Authorization

<https://www.fda.gov/media/137565/download>

and Gilead, the maker of the drug, decided to donate all currently available Remdesivir to the federal government which decided that all donated drug would be distributed via AmerisourceBergen.

We participated in 3 Remdesivir studies and were hopeful we could get some of the drug for our SC patients. We contacted AmerisourceBergen repeatedly and are being told we are not on the list to receive drug from the US government. In the days of full internet connectivity within days a map of hospitals that have voluntarily responded with whether or not they are “on the list” was created, courtesy of Conan MacDougall, PharmD at UCSF. This is a voluntary survey from frontline providers, so interpret accordingly, the government has not released criteria:

<https://public.tableau.com/profile/conan.macdougall#!/vizhome/RemdesivirEUAMap/Sheet1?publish=yes>

Multiple hospitals in Massachusetts but the closest to us is in Nashville, no hospital in South Carolina.

State newspaper picked the story up this AM

<https://www.thestate.com/news/coronavirus/article242538606.html>

We have contacted representatives and staff of our state senators and our push has been to have some transparency and criteria for distribution but I would like to go a step further as governors and the White House could look really go in this if they could avoid botching this.

Governors can look really good if they can get their state access to the medication. Easy for the Massachusetts Governor whose state has several hospitals who got more treatment courses than they have patients but he put a medical task force (essentially 3 physicians) in charge to distribute meds statewide and everybody is happy and the governor look like a champion without doing anything but tell some of his hospitals: “work out a plan”.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2020/05/07/nation/whos-getting-federal-distributions-coronavirus-drug-remdesivir-after-much-confusion-massachusetts-government-hospitals-team-up-share/>

This is actually not rocket science, this should not go to specific hospitals but to patients who need it most. How the federal government cannot come out of being donated 1.5 million doses of the drug that everyone wants looking like a rock star, is beyond me. Put a medical task force in charge but do not give it to a company that has never done this which then posts they do not decide, the government does, and it quickly became a real mess. No accountability, no recourse, no criteria for distribution, no transparency, no meds shipped in days, plenty of our right now precious time wasted trying to get access to information and ultimately medications.

Here is what could happen in SC: If the governor can convince the President to get 500-1000 treatment courses (5000 to 1000 vials of medication for a 10 day course) to SC, charge 3 Infectious Diseases docs (1 Prisma/USC Columbia, 1 MUSC, 1 Greenville for instance) to develop a distribution system with a tight deadline. We can develop criteria in a flash with a central fax/phone number and we could get this done, get back to work, some patients could be saved and a million dollars worth of free good will/publicity. I can create a task force and produce a fully developed plan within hours of knowing how many courses SC could get access to but I understand that I am outpunting my coverage.

Feel free to contact me via email or via text (cell [REDACTED]) if you have additional questions

Helmut Albrecht, MD
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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] FW: Sunlight kills viruses ~ Website email from Scott Snape
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:28:29 PM

FYI. Please see the email below from Rep. Clary.

Thanks,
Sym

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
803-201-9770

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Gary Clary <GaryClary@schouse.gov>
Date: April 5, 2020 at 8:38:21 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] FW: Sunlight kills viruses ~ Website email from Scott Snape

Mr. Singh,

I am forwarding an email I received from a constituent. Although I know all of my correspondence to the Governor's office are ignored, I assured Mr. Snape I would send along to the Governor and his staff.

Stay well,

GC

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From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com [REDACTED]@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, April 4, 2020 7:18 AM

Subject: Sunlight kills viruses ~ Website email from Scott Snape

Mr. Clary, We spoke about the wrongful closures of outdoor spaces. Here is a scientific study about how sunlight kills a virus. The time is measured in minutes from 8- 71 minutes. It is imperative that we open up our natural resources and encourage social distancing.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1280232/>

Scott Snape

[REDACTED]

Central, SC 29630

[REDACTED]

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Bcc: [Call, Katherine](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Fwd: Concerned Amazon driver
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:32:00 PM

Maria,

Please see the email below received from a constituent. If there is someone else we should send this to, please let me know.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Senior Advisor and Scheduler
Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette
South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Justin Evans <Jevans@pcmatic.com>
Date: April 9, 2020 at 9:39:13 AM EDT
To: Megan Finnern <megan@finnernerconsulting.com>
Subject: Fwd: Concerned Amazon driver

FYI

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From: **Gabriel Webber** [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@gmail.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@gmail.com)>
Date: Fri, Apr 3, 2020 at 8:01 PM
Subject: Concerned Amazon driver
To: <jevans@pcmatic.com>

Mr Evans

I am Gabe Webber, son of Sharon + Thomas Webber.

I am a driver for a company (Blue Jacket Logistics) that delivers packages for Amazon in Greenville upstate, Pickens, Oconee, and Anderson, South Carolina.

On March 22, an employee of Amazon at their distribution center on

744 Frontage Greenville Rd, Greenville SC 29611, left work because he had tested positive for the COVID19 virus. Amazon did not make us aware of this fact until 10 days later, on Wednesday, April 1.

I know personally that Amazon is not taking safety measures to protect many of its own employees or that of the drivers. Many days there have not been enough sanitizer wipes, or hand sanitizer. My boss has sent conflicting messages with what Amazon is saying and what we will do. I thought they would protect us drivers and warehouse workers from the virus. I read nationally they would take employees' temperatures to see if workers are feeling okay and safe, as well as vulnerable people around them. Instead my boss said Amazon will monitor all lead drivers (and owners) going into the facility, and drivers have to check their temperature at home. I cannot find one in the stores as of April 3rd or the last few weeks. I'm upset and afraid of the health risk going into work everyday. Also concerned for my coworkers and everyone working at Amazon facility. As they are at risk of the virus, but my boss sent multiple emails detailing they have put many of our South Carolinians' health at great risk. Also, please don't use my name in any of this. They will come after me no doubt, or make me quit. Thanks

I hope you will pass this information on to our government leaders who will act to help us.

Thank You,
Gabe Webber

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Justin Evans
Senior VP - Government Relations
803.467.6680

From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Mark Hendrick](#); [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Fwd: Conference Call Follow Up
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:18:14 PM

Mark and Rick,

I hope you both are doing well today. Please review the email below and provide any assistance you can with the questions asked. Thank you both for your continued hard work and I hope y'all are having a good Saturday, even though you were working.

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
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From: Michael Gambrell <mwgambrell@bellsouth.net>
Date: April 10, 2020 at 4:14:05 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Mike Gambrell <mikegambrell@scsenate.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Conference Call Follow Up

Sym: These issues came up at yesterday's conference call with Anmed Health in Anderson. Thanks for your help and have a blessed Easter.

Sincerely

Mike Gambrell

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Cunningham
<michael.cunningham@anmedhealth.org>
Date: April 10, 2020 at 1:55:36 PM EDT
To: mwgambrell@bellsouth.net, ajthay@charter.net,
wcox@coxandcole.com, jhill9693@gmail.com,
westjt1964@gmail.com, brian.white@marshmma.com
Cc: Bill Manson <Bill.Manson@anmedhealth.org>
Subject: Conference Call Follow Up

Good Afternoon,

We really appreciate your time on our call yesterday and wanted to follow up as promised with a summary of the items we discussed that we need your assistance around.

We continue to need confirmation from SC DEW around the process that can be followed for employees that may be facing furlough or reductions in hours. We want to be able to assist in any way possible with their application for benefits and ensuring they get quick access to assistance.

We would appreciate any conversation you can have with Governor McMaster around allowing individual physicians and health care systems to return to some elective procedures.

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.

We would appreciate Governor McMaster's continued consideration of liability protection extension for providers performing innovative and or processes to care for COVID 19 patients.

Finally, the following drugs are in short supply for the treatment of our COVID 19 patients and we would ask that Governor McMaster request that these be attained from the strategic stockpile if available:

1. CISATRACURIUM INJECTION
2. ROCURONIUM INJECTION
3. PROPOFOL INJECTION
4. DEXMEDETOMIDINE INJECTION
5. AZITHROMYCIN ORAL 250MG
AZITHROMYCIN INJECTION 500MG
6. ALBUTEROL MULTIDOSE INHALERS
7. MIDAZOLAM 50mg/10ml INJECTION

Thanks,
Michael C.

Michael Cunningham
VP Community Health Partnerships
AnMed Health Executive Offices
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(864) 512-3750 (fax)

From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#); [Nancy Mace](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Fwd: Testing for Covid-19
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:44:40 PM

Good afternoon ma'am, I've also included Rick Caldwell on this email. I am not sure of the answer to your question below. Rick, can you help?

Sym Singh
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From: Nancy Mace <nancy@nancymace.org>
Date: March 30, 2020 at 7:08:50 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Testing for Covid-19

Are we able to get these real-time tests?

Cheers,

Rep. Nancy Mace
www.nancymace.org
843.580.6223



----- Forwarded message -----

From: Joseph Bo Bowers <bbowers@cityofhanahan.com>
Date: Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 6:29 PM
Subject: Testing for Covid-19
To: Nancy Mace <nancy@nancymace.org>, rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
<rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov>

Nancy,

As we are aware, that self-isolation is just not enough to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus. We come to see that the only goal for us as a state to defeat this, is strengthen our precaution and mitigate exposures. It was brought to my attention by my very own paramedics working in the EMS field of our agency, conducting COVID-19 tests in the field, strengthening mitigation efforts by using our first responders and paramedics that are also highly trained in HAZMAT and DE-CON for situations of this sort. I propose that we, "leaders" of different agencies in the state of South Carolina, begin to get ahead of the current mitigation effort, pushing for strengthen the effort forth before the predicted worse arrives.

Using the Paramedics and EMT's to conduct in home tests and in home care, would help to relieve and reduce the exposures of COVID-19 to healthcare workers in hospitals, keeping them open to the ones who need these hospitals, allowing patients with life threatening illness to continue their care and appointments lessening the risks of exposure to these patients and the hospitals health care providers. The reality is that most citizens would rather not have to go somewhere to get tested and would be quick to use a route that allows the testing to be completed at home, resulting in mild cases to truly stay home and lessen exposure. Below is the link for Abbott testing, a quick test approved for COVID-19, allowing for first responders to complete the tests at home and warning hospitals of true COVID confirmed life treating illness that may need hospitalization during transport. This would reduce exposure, keep hospitals open, lessen the use of precaution supplies from hospitals who would be able to prepare for confirmed severe COVID patients that have been tested before arrival, and allow first response agencies to test their members for COVID-19 exposures when needed, reducing the mandatory quarantine of first responders for possible exposures only to find out its due to allergies during the pollen season or other illness that causes like symptoms.

Please take a look at the below links for Abbott testing, and lets pull the state together to step up the mitigation practices before it the predicted worse arises.

<https://www.abbott.com/corpnewsroom/product-and-innovation/abbott-launches-novel-coronavirus-test.html>

<https://www.abbott.com/corpnewsroom/product-and-innovation/detect-covid-19-in-as-little-as-5-minutes.html>

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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV; [Jamie Blair](#); [Kim Stenson](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Gave Mask
Date: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:05:38 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
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Hello and Happy Sunday,

Just passing along. He initially reached out to Lt Gov Evette via LinkedIn and she directed them to me.

I know I forwarded information from him last week. I also gave him the PPE email address for SCEMD.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Senior Advisor and Scheduler
Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette
South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Kenneth Wilkerson <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Date: May 9, 2020 at 1:58:50 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Gave Mask
Reply-To: "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Mrs Finnern

I hope today is finding you well. We currently have 500,000 Covid 19 Rapid test kits in the warehouse and can have them delivered within 24-36 hrs. Please be advised we have not shopped them to anyone at this point. As with everything we attempt to give South Carolina the first chance to purchase.

Thanks
Kenneth Wilkerson
Wilkerson Consulting LLC
9702184399

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Fri, May 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM, Finnern, Megan
<MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Wilkerson,

I've passed along this information to our logistics team at the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, they will absolutely reach out if this is something they need.

Additionally, if you would like, you can also reach out directly to SC EMD at: ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov.

Thank you again for your interest in working with the state,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Kenneth Wilkerson <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 11:57 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Gave Mask

Mrs Finnern

First off I appreciate you taking your time for me.

That being said, I am completely out of mask in North Carolina. I have 1 million mask in a warehouse in New Jersey. I keep getting calls and messages from hospitals and nursing homes wanting to order mask in the form of 2000-10000 units. Obviously I am more than happy to take care of these customers and provide them what they need. However to keep the price per unit down to \$0.65 I need to get an order of 300,000 - 500,000. If

not the trucking will will make the mask unaffordable.

Is this something you could help me with? If the state or a big customer were to purchase the big order I will fill the truck out and make sure all of these hospitals get their mask too.

I hate to bother you as I am sure you have plenty on your plate. I am just trying to figure out how to get everyone taken care of at a price that is reasonable.

Thanks

Kenneth Wilkerson

Wilkerson Consulting LLC

9702184399

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

On Thu, Apr 30, 2020 at 9:00 AM, Finnern, Megan

<MFinfern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Wilkerson,

The Lt. Governor is glad to hear from you. I received both of your emails and I have forwarded on to our team at SC DHEC. Additionally, the state has an email address for those looking to sell or provide personal protective equipment or other medical supplies:

ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov. You can also reach out directly via this email.

Thank you so much for your interest in helping SC,
Megan



Megan Finnern

Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor

mfinfern@governor.sc.gov

o. 803-734-1505

From: Kenneth Wilkerson <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:55 PM

To: Finnern, Megan <MFinfern@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] Gave Mask

Mrs Finnern,

Sorry to bother you twice. I forgot to mention I also have 300,000 three ply mask on the ground in North Carolina also. I meant to inform you on the last email about the ventilators and I spaced it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks
Kenneth Wilkerson
Wilkerson Consulting
9702184399

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Fwd: [External] Greenville County EOC and DHEC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:14:41 AM

This needs to get fixed. Today.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Ross Turner <Ross@turneragencyinc.com>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 8:17:04 AM EDT
To: "Walker, Trey" <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Plowden, Mark" <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>, "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>, Jason Elliott <jelliott@jasonelliottlaw.com>, "Rep. Bobby Cox" <BobbyCox@schouse.gov>, "Garry R. Smith" <GarrySmith@schouse.gov>, Chandra Dillard <chandra.dillard@furman.edu>
Subject: [External] Greenville County EOC and DHEC

Trey:

Good morning! First, thanks for all you and your team are doing. I attended a meeting yesterday, at the Greenville County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) along with other members of the Greenville County Legislative Delegation. The Director asked that DHEC provide and/or implement the following so that EOCs statewide are better prepared to respond to the COVID-19 crisis:

1. Timely response to requests from EOCs for guidance related homeless populations and battered women's shelters. DHEC continues to delay issuing the guidance after repeated requests from EOCs.
2. Other states report greater detail on positive test results. More data should be provided to EOCs regarding positive cases of COVID-19 including but not limited to:
 - a. Zip Code
 - b. Neighborhood
 - c. Is there intelligence indicating if the case was spread through community contact?
 - d. Is the positive case isolated at home or a hospital?
3. Follow through with data collection on individuals who recovered from COVID-19.
4. Require private labs to report negative COVID-19 test results to DHEC. Some states have required this by executive order. President Trump stated in his briefing yesterday that private labs are now required to report negative test results to CDC. The reporting of this data will help to more accurately determine the

prevalence of COVID-19 in SC.

5. A priority method for first responders to be tested for COVID-19 so that they can stay in the fight.

I ask that DHEC promptly implement these requests or provide a legitimate rational for not doing so. I appreciate your time and assistance.

Ross Turner
SC Senate District 8

P. O. Box 142
Columbia, SC 29202
(803) 212-6148

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Jennifer Read](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Greenville County EOC and DHEC
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 9:35:47 AM

This is only an example...

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Date: March 24, 2020 at 8:19:11 AM EDT
To: Ross Turner <Ross@turneragencyinc.com>
Cc: "Plowden, Mark" <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>, "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>, Jason Elliott <jelliott@jasonelliottlaw.com>, "Rep. Bobby Cox" <BobbyCox@schouse.gov>, "Garry R. Smith" <GarrySmith@schouse.gov>, Chandra Dillard <chandra.dillard@furman.edu>
Subject: RE: [External] Greenville County EOC and DHEC

Senator - We will provide to Director Toomey at DHEC for a prompt response. -
Trey

-----Original Message-----

From: Ross Turner <Ross@turneragencyinc.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Jason Elliott <jelliott@jasonelliottlaw.com>; Rep. Bobby Cox <BobbyCox@schouse.gov>; Garry R. Smith <GarrySmith@schouse.gov>; Chandra Dillard <chandra.dillard@furman.edu>
Subject: [External] Greenville County EOC and DHEC

Trey:

Good morning! First, thanks for all you and your team are doing. I attended a meeting yesterday, at the Greenville County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) along with other members of the Greenville County Legislative Delegation. The Director asked that DHEC provide and/or implement the following so that EOCs statewide are better prepared to respond to the COVID-19 crisis:

1. Timely response to requests from EOCs for guidance related homeless populations and battered women's shelters. DHEC continues to delay issuing the guidance after repeated requests from EOCs.
2. Other states report greater detail on positive test results. More data should be provided to EOCs regarding positive cases of COVID-19 including but not limited to:

- a. Zip Code
 - b. Neighborhood
 - c. Is there intelligence indicating if the case was spread through community contact?
 - d. Is the positive case isolated at home or a hospital?
3. Follow through with data collection on individuals who recovered from COVID-19.
 4. Require private labs to report negative COVID-19 test results to DHEC. Some states have required this by executive order. President Trump stated in his briefing yesterday that private labs are now required to report negative test results to CDC. The reporting of this data will help to more accurately determine the prevalence of COVID-19 in SC.
 5. A priority method for first responders to be tested for COVID-19 so that they can stay in the fight.

I ask that DHEC promptly implement these requests or provide a legitimate rational for not doing so. I appreciate your time and assistance.

Ross Turner
SC Senate District 8

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Fwd: [External] HHS Update - Remdesivir Distribution to States
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 5:02:14 PM

Jordan Marsh
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From: "Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA)" <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>
Date: May 8, 2020 at 9:33:42 PM EDT
To: "Stevens, Lee (OS/IEA)" <Lee.Stevens@hhs.gov>, "Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA)" <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>
Subject: [External] HHS Update - Remdesivir Distribution to States

remdesivir

From: MFinnern@governor.sc.gov
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#); [Walker, Trey](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] JCI Hospital One Pager_VF (1).docx
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 6:29:42 PM
Attachments: [JCI Hospital One Pager_VF \(1\).docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

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From: David Beightol <david@flywheelgs.com>
Date: March 22, 2020 at 1:06:25 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Matthew Saer <matthew@flywheelgs.com>
Subject: [External] JCI Hospital One Pager_VF (1).docx

Megan
JCI stood up hospitals in China, can do same in SC if needed...please share with
appropriate folks in SC
Thanks and stay well!
Db

David Beightol

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Fwd: [External] Looping you in
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:55:51 AM

Call you help facilitate DHEC's participation?

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From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: April 30, 2020 at 7:53:10 AM EDT
To: "Plowden, Mark" <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>, "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Looping you in

The Thermo Fisher Director of Commercial Operations for North America has availability at 11am, 12pm and 1pm on Thursday and Friday. Would any of those work?

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Looping you in

OK good. We will follow arrangement set forth in preceding email.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Looping you in

Ryan, with Thermo Fisher, has been working with folks in the Columbia DHEC lab but was tasked on Friday to start working on a proposal re how their company can help expand testing capacity throughout the entire state. This is part of a national company initiative that they were directed to do by the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Senator Scott's office connected Thermo Fisher with me.

They want to know how South Carolina plans to manage increasing testing capacity in public and private labs. Aside from DHEC, they have six main labs across South Carolina that have the resources to push samples through. They also want to know if there have been any talks about trying to consolidate work, maybe get to a more regional level with all the labs working together through agreements to share resources, testing of samples, reporting, etc.

I told Ryan I would follow-up with him after relaying this information to the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff, who is running point with DHEC and EMD. Ryan is interested in doing another call with you and the appropriate DHEC staffers.

Let me know if you are interested in setting up a call to review further.

Best,
Jordan

From: Griffis, Ryan J. <ryan.griffis@thermofisher.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:56 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Looping you in

Hey Jordan,

I can be available for either. Just let me know which is best and I look forward to speaking soon.

Thanks
Ryan

On Apr 28, 2020, at 5:31 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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I'm available at 10 or 11. Does that work for you?

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jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

On Apr 28, 2020, at 5:20 PM, Griffis, Ryan J. <ryan.griffis@thermofisher.com> wrote:

Hey Jordan,

I have been on calls this since 3:15 and have another call with one of our Sr VPs regarding the overview of SC in a few minutes. Is there a good time to talk in the morning?

Thanks,
Ryan

Ryan Griffis

Genetic Analysis Instrument Sales
Life Sciences Solutions Group
Applied Biosystems

Thermo Fisher Scientific

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Ryan.Griffis@thermofisher.com www.thermofisher.com

From: Marsh, Jordan [<mailto:JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:40 PM

To: Pak, Chol <chol.pak@thermofisher.com>; Griffis, Ryan J. <ryan.griffis@thermofisher.com>

Subject: RE: [External] Looping you in

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Ryan—can you give me a quick call 803-509-0581 before I connect you with Mark?

From: Pak, Chol <chol.pak@thermofisher.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:18 PM

To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Griffis, Ryan J. <ryan.griffis@thermofisher.com>; Pak, Chol <chol.pak@thermofisher.com>

Subject: RE: [External] Looping you in

Jordan-

Thanks for your time earlier today. I'm CCing Ryan who is leading our SC team. He has not been in contact with Mark Plowden (Gov's Deputy of Chief of Staff) who you mentioned was running the COVID operations.

Will take you up on your offer for introduction, could you please intro Ryan to Mark?

Thanks again.

Chol

From: Marsh, Jordan [<mailto:JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:43 AM

To: Pak, Chol <chol.pak@thermofisher.com>

Subject: RE: [External] Looping you in

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Thank you for connecting, Conor—moving you to bcc.

Chol—please give me a call 803-509-0581 when you have a minute. After our initial call, I'll set up a time for us to get on a conference call with the DHEC lab director.

Best,
Jordan

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From: Sheehey, Conor (Scott) <Conor_Sheehey@scott.senate.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:01 AM

To: chol.pak@thermofisher.com

Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] Looping you in

Chol, per our discussion, I'm looping you in with Jordan Marsh from Gov. McMaster's office.

Jordan, Chol is with Thermo Fisher; they are looking to be helpful with the state's testing efforts and were hoping to connect with your office.

Thanks,
Conor

Conor Sheehey
Office of Senator Tim Scott

From: [Walker, Trey](#)
To: [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Singh, Sym](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Memo
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:38:32 PM
Attachments: [Memo to Members of the Senate from Chairman Leatherman 03.13.20.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

See attached. Thanks

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From: Mike Shealy <mikeshealy@scsenate.gov>
Date: March 13, 2020 at 4:08:14 PM EDT
To: "Walker, Trey" <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Quentin Hawkins <QuentinHawkins@scsenate.gov>
Subject: [External] Memo

Trey - This memo was sent to all members of the Senate this afternoon. We will use H4014 (Hixon) as the vehicle, strip the contents and amend to direct \$45M to DHEC from the Contingency Reserve Fund. We will have that bill in the box on Tuesday at the beginning of session. As it is read out of the box, someone will request immediate consideration. As long as no one objects, we will give the bill second reading on Tuesday and third reading on Wednesday. H4014 will be in the House's box for concurrence on Tuesday.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Mike

From: MFinnern@governor.sc.gov
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Kim Stenson](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] PPE Logistics Solution
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:23:56 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.htm](#)
[image002.png](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)
[ATT00003.htm](#)
[PPE_SA_OnePager.docx](#)
[ATT00004.htm](#)

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From: Matthew Couvillion <mcouvillion@wyche.com>
Date: April 21, 2020 at 5:19:23 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]@pamelaevette.com" <[REDACTED]@pamelaevette.com>, "Milisic, Sonja" <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] PPE Logistics Solution

Megan,

As an update on this project, we had a call yesterday to discuss logistics and the parties involved are hosting a Skype call tomorrow at 11 eastern for interested states. I've attached an updated one pager with the Skype link here. If any of the SC teams can join we would love to have their feedback and questions.

All the best,

MWC

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: Fwd: [External] PPE One-Pager
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 2:47:10 PM
Attachments: [PPE Offer.pdf - Apr 4 2020 - 9-16 AM.pdf](#)
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From: Erika Grace Powell <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Date: April 4, 2020 at 1:45:58 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] PPE One-Pager

Megan,

I wanted to share a trend I'm noticing, in case you may find it helpful.

Medical suppliers will require minimum purchase orders. For example, our supplier requires a minimum purchase of 100k of any item.

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Please let me know if we can be of any assistance. We have 7 day air freight delivery and would be glad to help.

Stay safe,
Erika Powell

On Mar 31, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Finnern, Megan
<MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Erika,

Thank you for sharing this information with us. I have passed this along to DHEC and I've also sent the information to the email below.

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Stay safe and healthy,

Megan

-----Original Message-----

From: Erika Grace Powell [REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:39 PM

To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] PPE One-Pager

Megan,

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As always, thank you for all you do.

Erika Powell



From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Cc: [ACC-Log](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] PPE One-Pager
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 8:56:58 AM
Attachments: [PPE Offer.pdf - Apr 4 2020 - 9-16 AM.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Good Morning Megan

I believe the EMD model works perfectly for these situations. Businesses who need PPE are encouraged to route those requests through their local EMD office. The local EMD office then will forward the request to State EMD where all requests are compiled. State EMD is placing large orders for PPE for this exact reason below. Obviously the company is responsible for payment.

Hope this helps.

Rick C.

Rick Caldwell, II
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Director of Legislative Affairs
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Date: April 4, 2020 at 2:55:36 PM EDT
To: ACC-Log <ACC-Log@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: "Caldwell, Rick" <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] PPE One-Pager

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Subject: Fwd: [External] PPE One-Pager

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Erika Powell



From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: SC Testing Capacity
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:54:47 PM

These are the questions I was referring to.

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From: "Simpson, Cody" <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 3:49:59 PM EDT
To: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: SC Testing Capacity

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From: "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 3:46:09 PM EDT
To: "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>, Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>, "Simpson, Cody" <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: SC Testing Capacity

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)

Jennifer Read

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Two Deaths Related to COVID-19, 32 Additional Cases
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 6:52:35 PM

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
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803-201-9770

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Sandy Senn <sandy@sennlegal.com>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 6:18:13 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Two Deaths Related to COVID-19, 32 Additional Cases

What is considered elderly? Just wondering. Thanks Sym.

On Mar 26, 2020, at 5:12 PM, Singh, Sym
<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 26, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced two additional deaths related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the state's total number of deaths to nine.

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 health conditions.

"Our condolences go out to the family and friends of these individuals and to all those in South Carolina who have suffered the loss of loved ones to COVID-19," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician consultant.** "This unfortunate announcement is a reminder of the importance of taking actions to protect ourselves, our family and

friends, and our community from this disease.”

DHEC also is investigating 32 additional cases of COVID-19. This brings the total number statewide to 456 cases in 39 counties*.

The fluctuation in the number of new cases from day to day reflects the availability of the reagents, or chemicals, needed for laboratories to perform the testing. There is currently a shortage of these reagents nationwide, including in South Carolina, which can lead to delays in test results.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

- Abbeville County: 1 case
- Aiken County: 2 cases
- Anderson County: 2 cases
- Beaufort County: 3 cases
- Berkeley County: 3 cases
- Charleston County: 8 cases
- Fairfield County: 1 case
- Georgetown County: 1 case
- Greenville County: 1 case
- Horry County: 1 case
- Jasper County: 1 case
- Kershaw County: 1 case
- Lancaster County: 1 case
- Lexington County: 2 cases
- Orangeburg County: 2 cases
- Richland County: 1 case
- York County: 1 case

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 is a serious time that calls for serious actions,” **Dr. Traxler**. “Our chance of reaching the best outcome hinges on us all doing our part. We can’t express strongly enough the importance of all of us practicing social distancing, staying home and away from other people when sick, and washing our hands often.”

Individuals with signs of illness should stay at home and not attend public gatherings. All South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items, and regularly wash their hands, especially after being in a

public place.

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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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#)
Cc: [Chip Huggins](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf *Update*
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 9:08:41 PM

Please see Rep. Huggins request below. I have also copied him on this email.

Thanks,
Sym

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
803-201-9770

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From: Chip Huggins <chip@duraclean.net>
Date: April 4, 2020 at 3:38:05 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <ssingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Hall, Madison" <mhall@governor.sc.gov>, Rick Caldwell
<caldwert@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf
Update

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

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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: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] Ventilator Company Contact
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 4:21:30 PM

Can you send me a contact for Prisma?

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Date: March 28, 2020 at 4:18:14 PM EDT
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Subject: [External] Ventilator Company Contact

Hi Jordan,

Our procurement team saw the below article about the FDA approving a device of ventilator sharing. It references a South Carolina company, Prisma Heath.

Do you happen to have a contact there that you could send me? We'd really appreciate it.

Hope you are well. Thank you!

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/26/health/coronavirus-ventilator-sharing.html>

Dana Sherry
Deputy Director, Federal Affairs
Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer
c: 517-927-4517

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Cassandra S. Harris](#); [Laura A. Renwick](#); [Jennifer Read](#)
Subject: Fwd: [External] WCIV request for information
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:40:37 AM

FYI. I'm going to send Anne your way, though I'm sure she's already reached out.

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Date: May 4, 2020 at 10:27:15 AM EDT
To: "Symmes, Brian" <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] WCIV request for information

Hi Brian,

As far as the deaths at the SC nursing homes, can you please break down the number between care workers' and patient's at nursing homes? If not, why is that not being released by DHEC?

My deadline is today at 3pm.

Thanks so much-

Anne Emerson
WCIV- ABC News4 Reporter
843-478-3330

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Fwd: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:41:16 AM

Please see Fed requirement below.

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Date: May 6, 2020 at 9:13:50 AM EDT
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Cc: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan

State Testing Plans Due to HHS on May 24

As part of the April 24 [Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act](#), states have until May 24 to submit a plan to HHS for COVID-19 testing in order to be able to draw down the funding included in the act for testing and testing related services.

The plan must include the states' goals for the remainder of the calendar year and 1) the number of diagnostic, serologic, and other tests needed by month; 2) estimates of laboratory and testing capacity (including workforce, equipment, supplies, and available tests) by month; and 3) a description of how the state will use its resources for testing, including related community mitigation policies. To date, HHS has provided little guidance on the required plans or how states will be able to use the funding.

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fed Requirement for State Testing Plan

I've flagged this requirement for DHEC.

The recently passed emergency supplemental phase 2.5, included \$25 billion for COVID-19 testing, including \$11 billion for states, territories, localities and tribal organizations. The law states that no later than 30 days after enactment, the governor or designee receiving funds must submit to the Secretary of HHS its plan for COVID-19 testing, including goals for the remainder of the current calendar year, to include:

1. the number of tests needed, month by month, including diagnostic, serological

- and other tests, as appropriate;
2. month-by-month estimates of laboratory and testing capacity, including related to workforce, equipment and supplies, and available tests; and
 3. a description of how the state, locality, territory, tribe or tribal organization will use its resources for testing, including as it relates to easing any COVID–19 community mitigation policies.

Further guidance is expected this week.

Additional details about the state allocation: \$11 billion for states, territories, tribes, tribal orgs, urban Indian health orgs, or health service providers to tribes

- \$2 billion to states localities and territories according to formula for [Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreements for 2019](#)
- \$4.25 billion shall be allocated to states, localities, and territories according to a formula methodology that is based on relative number of cases of COVID-19
- \$750 million from HIS to tribes, tribal orgs, urban Indian health orgs, or health service providers to tribes
- An additional \$4 billion that HHS has the discretion to distribute to state and local governments
- Funding can be used to develop, purchase, administer, process, and analyze COVID-19 tests, including support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers or in other settings, scale up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, conduct surveillance, trace contacts, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing
- States must submit plan within 30 days of the act (presumably by May 23)
 - Number of tests needed by month (dx, serologic, etc.)
 - Month by month estimate of laboratory and testing capacity including workforce, equipment, supplies, available tests
 - Description of how resources will be used for testing and community mitigation
- HHS must allocate these funds within 30 days of act (presumably by May 23) and must submit the funding formula to the Committees on Appropriations one day prior to awarding funds

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Cc: [Plowden_Mark](#)
Subject: Fwd: Gov. Henry McMaster, State Public Health Officials to Hold Media Briefing
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 2:01:21 PM

Please see notice below.

I understand this is redundant for most of you, but in the interest of keeping the entire Cabinet and extended agencies informed I will be forwarding updates to this group.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Kristy

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March 15, 2020
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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, Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 PM.

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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Subject: Fwd: Southeastern Transport--medical masks
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[ATT00002.htm](#)

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Subject: Southeastern Transport--medical masks

Mark,

Is this something you would handle?

Amy Hornsby
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Lead.Collaborate.Innovate.

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[2020-03-23 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-13 - Authorizing Law Enforcement to Preserve Public Health.pdf](#)

Good afternoon. Please see the attached Executive Order No. 2020-13 in pdf form.

All the best,
Mardi Fair



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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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Subject: Gov. Henry McMaster to Lift "Work-or-Home" Order May 4th - Outdoor Dining Service for Restaurants to Start May 4th
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 10:06:00 AM

May 1, 2020
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Gov. Henry McMaster to Lift "Work-or-Home" Order May 4th Outdoor Dining Service for Restaurants to Start May 4th

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today announced that the statewide "Work-or-Home" order will be lifted and returned to voluntary status on Monday, May 4th. The governor also announced that beginning on May 4th, restaurants throughout South Carolina may provide outdoor customer dining service in addition to existing take out, curbside, and delivery services.

The governor also announced that he has lifted [Executive Order 2020-19](#) because CDC guidance identifying "hotspots" throughout the country, which constituted the basis upon which short term rental companies were to deny reservations, has since lapsed and was not renewed. The governor has also lifted [Executive Order 2020-14](#), which required individuals entering the state from the same "hotspots" to self-quarantine for two weeks.

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](#).

Additional guidance that restaurants are expected to follow, should they choose to open, have been provided by the South Carolina Restaurant & Lodging Association and [can be found here](#).

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Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:37:00 PM



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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, Tuesday, March 17 at 4:00 PM.

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Tuesday, March 17 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.

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Subject: Gov. Henry McMaster, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman to Make an Announcement
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 8:45:00 AM

April 22, 2020

For immediate release

Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437

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Gov. Henry McMaster, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman to Make an Announcement

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster and Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman will make an announcement today, Wednesday, April 22 at 11:00 AM.

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman

WHAT: Announcement regarding education

WHEN: Today, Wednesday, April 22 at 11:00 AM

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. Reporters will be able to access to the Emergency Operations Center. However, in an effort to maximize space in the Emergency Operations Center, we ask that all TV stations wishing to carry the press conference live either use ETV's multibox onsite or its satellite coordinates.

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Importance: High

Hello Jamie,

Could you please give me a call at your earliest convenience to discuss the below and attached?
Please call my mobile: 803-920-8845, today if at all possible.
Beth Webb was nice enough to provide me with your information.

Thank you!
Megan



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From: Nate Wilbourne <nate.wilbourne@precisiongenetics.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Letter to the State

Megan,

Attached is a letter I sent to Dr. Gokul Gondi who sits on SC Health Planning Committee and also has served on the state's Opioid Reduction Committee. He has offered to assist us with delivering the message that there is a solution within our state that can be deployed with support and resources.

Not sure who needs to see this on your end but I am asking you to please pass this letter along to the Governor's office so they are aware of the problem

Thank you!

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: HIPAA - PHI
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:28:24 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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From: Tommy Pope <tpope@elrodpope.com>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 5:24 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Kevin S. Brackett <Kevin.Brackett@yorkcountygov.com>; Kevin Tolson (<Kevin.tolson@yorkcountygov.com> <kevin.tolson@yorkcountygov.com>; Keel, Mark <mkeel@sled.sc.gov>
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

Jarrold:

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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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: ggierhart@emd.sc.gov; OUZOUNM@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: [Kim Stenson](#); [Jamie Blair](#)
Subject: Invitation 11 AM Call — Fwd: [External] PPE Logistics Solution
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 7:28:51 PM
Attachments: [ATT00001.htm](#)
[image002.png](#)
[ATT00002.htm](#)
[PPE_SA_OnePager.docx](#)
[ATT00003.htm](#)

Good evening everyone,

Since I have included all of you in sharing the initial email from Mr. Couvillion, I also wanted to be sure that you had this additional information regarding a call they're hosting tomorrow at 11:00 AM.

Thank you,
Megan

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South Carolina Office of the Governor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Matthew Couvillion <mcouvillion@wyche.com>
Date: April 21, 2020 at 5:19:23 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "[REDACTED]@pamelaevette.com" <[\[REDACTED\]@pamelaevette.com](mailto:[REDACTED]@pamelaevette.com)>, "Milisic, Sonja" <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] PPE Logistics Solution

Megan,

As an update on this project, we had a call yesterday to discuss logistics and the parties involved are hosting a Skype call tomorrow at 11 eastern for interested states. I've attached an updated one pager with the Skype link here. If any of the SC teams can join we would love to have their feedback and questions.

All the best,

MWC

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Island Packet: 'Assert some leadership': Beaufort Co. residents ask for local help on coronavirus issues
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 12:49:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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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From: [Walker, Trey](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: Jamie Blair at DHEC
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:35:05 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Can I get an email address for Jamie Blair to forward prospects?



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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Amanda Q. Williams](#); [Connelly-Anne Ragley](#); [Deborah Parker](#); [Dexter Lee](#); [Dutton, Lee](#); [Foster, Sally](#); [Hall, Madison](#); [Page, Hank](#); [Holly Beeson](#); [John Padgett](#); [Julian Barton](#); [Katie.Phillips@llr.sc.gov](#); [Kovacs, Elisabeth](#); [Lauren Phillips](#); [Mark Hendrick](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Meredith Cleland](#); [Michael McInerney](#); [Nance, Toni](#); [Phil Hamby](#); [Reeves McCloud](#); [Richardson, Kathryn](#); [Gaulden, Sid](#); [Stirling, Jenny](#); [Grimsley, William](#)
Cc: [Rick Caldwell](#); [J. Hutto](#)
Subject: Legislative Liaison Conference Call
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:19:34 AM

Good Afternoon,

I hope you all had a great weekend. We will have our legislative liaison meeting today via conference call. I have provided the call in information below. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. The call will begin at 9 am.

Call in number:

800-753-1965

Conference number/code:



Thanks,

Sym

[<image001.png>](#)

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Legislative Update
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 7:56:00 AM

Hi Rick,

Can you share your legislative update so I can include it in the Governor's daily update to the delegation?

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To: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Bcc: [terrylynn.dichiara@admin.sc.gov](#); [Hamilton, Debbie](#); [Carol Smoak](#); [Davis, Monishia L.](#); [Dunlap, Doris](#); [Lewis, Victoria](#); [JEANETTE.DAVISSCDMV.NET](#); [STEPHANIE.COLLIERRLLR.SC.GOV](#); [AJJAMESCDJJ.NET](#); [Casey Clyburn](#); [Amy Wright](#); [Jan Polatty \(POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov\)](#); [jmhendrick@dew.sc.gov](#); [Haile.Dayne@doc.sc.gov](#); [Wooten, Vicki](#); [Taylor, Mitchell](#); [Cogdill, Lily](#); [Lee, Kim](#); [Hamby, Phil](#); [Grimsley, William](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [Leach, Michael](#); [Woods, IV Robert G.](#); [Adger, Jerry](#); [Parrish, Duane](#); [Shwedo, Kevin](#); [Farr, Emily](#); [Pough, Freddie](#); [Farmer, Ray](#); [Powell, Hartley](#); [Baker, Joshua](#); [dellzey@dew.sc.gov](#); [Stirling, Bryan](#); [Hitt, Bobby](#); [Goldsby, Sara](#); [Munn, Connie](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [McCarty, Van](#); [Whittle, Amanda](#); [Hall, Christy](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Lamkin, Brian](#); [kstenson@emd.sc.gov](#); [BOYLESRDNR.SC.GOV](#); [agwilson@scag.gov](#); [DeLinda Ridings](#); [rkittle@scag.gov](#); [mgates@scag.gov](#); [scsupted@ed.sc.gov](#); [RYBROWNED.SC.GOV](#); [Loftis, Curtis](#); [Adams, Clarissa](#); [Frazier, Edward](#); [Owens, Karen](#); [jmarkhammond@bellsouth.net](#); [Dunlap, Melissa](#); [Eckstrom, Richard](#); [Stagg, Joy](#); [Gunn, Eddie](#); [Ward, Eric](#); [hweathers@oburg.net](#); [Leach, Clint](#); [CONNELLY.RAGLEYDSS.SC.GOV](#); [Duffy, Amy](#)
Subject: Letter from DHEC Dir. Toomey to The Association of Counties
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:44:00 PM
Attachments: [Letter from DHEC Dir. Toomey to Association of Counties -3-24-20.pdf](#)

Please see attached –

This letter discusses the request for county emergency management officials to be informed of the location of infected citizens in their county.

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To: [SC - TOOMEY RICHARD](#)
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:54:54 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

To: [Limehouse, Thomas](#)
Bcc: [Avant, David](#); [Shenkar, Joseph](#); [KMANNINGSCOMMERCE.COM](#); [elliott.salley@doc.sc.gov](#); [vincent.barton@doc.sc.gov](#); [timmons@dew.sc.gov](#); [ROBERTSBSCDHHS.GOV](#); [GMCGRIFDOI.SC.GOV](#); [EAHILLSCDJJ.NET](#); [MELINA.MANNLLR.SC.GOV](#); [VAL.VALENTASCDMV.NET](#); [EJOHNSONSCPRT.COM](#); [MATTHEW.BUCHANANPPP.SC.GOV](#); [BEN.APLINPPP.SC.GOV](#); [Gore, Marcus K.](#); [JOE.DUSENBURYDOR.SC.GOV](#); [JASON.LUTHERDOR.SC.GOV](#); [TONY.CATONEDSS.SC.GOV](#); [AWHITSETTSLED.SC.GOV](#); [DKELLYSCAG.GOV](#); [bpolk@emd.sc.gov](#); [Rick Todd](#); [Rex Kneece](#); [Taryn Shekitka](#); [Michael Fields](#); [SCPGA](#); [Cam Crawford](#); [MCDONALDLCSDOT.ORG](#); [Taylor, Marshall](#); [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [LTRAYWICKED.SC.GOV](#); [Andino, Marci](#); [Walker, Trev](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Quattrone, Kristy](#); [Lemoine, Leigh](#); [Pippin, Zach](#); [Hall, Madison](#); [Singh, Sym](#); [Barton, Melanie](#); [Symmes, Brian](#); [Cleveland, John](#); [Parks, Michael](#); [Rea, Micah](#); [Milisic, Sonja](#); [Finnern, Megan](#); [Evette, Pamela](#); [Wingo, Karen](#); [Dove, David](#); [McKinney, William C](#); [whaynie@tompsec.com](#); [Joe Dawson](#); [tecklenburgj2@charleston-sc.gov](#); [tecklenburgj@charleston-sc.gov](#); [Sheriff Al Cannon](#) ([alcannon@charlestoncounty.org](#)); [Dunlap, Melissa](#); [Fair, Mardi](#); [DPRZIREMBELSCCOURTS.ORG](#); [KENMOFFITTSSENATE.GOV](#); [johnhazzard@scsenate.gov](#); [PATRICKDENNISCHOUSE.GOV](#); [Reid, Charles](#); [Gossett, Jeff](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [rtaylor@scmedical.org](#); [csoura@scha.org](#); [swati.patel@scchamber.net](#); [DKELLYSCAG.GOV](#); [Cummings, John W III MAJ USARMY NG SCARNG \(USA\)](#); [jwhitley@smythwhitley.com](#); [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [Jeff Young](#); [MGATESSCAG.GOV](#); [bcook@scag.gov](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [dellzey@dew.sc.gov](#); [McCook, Keith](#); [Gillespie, Grant](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [Shannon Bobertz](#); [John Wall](#); [agwilson@scag.gov](#); [Fair, Mardi](#); [Leach, Clint](#); [Bill L. Tuten \(BTuten@charlestoncounty.org\)](#); [Stenson, Kim](#)
Date: Saturday, May 2, 2020 4:23:55 PM
Attachments: [2020-05-01 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-30 - Rescinding Self-Quarantine, Lodging, & Travel Restrictions for Individuals Entering S.C. from High-Risk Areas.pdf](#)

Please see attached.

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: Mayor Bellamy, Conway
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:42:00 PM

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

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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [Polatty, Jan](#)
Cc: [Call, Katherine](#); [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Subject: Message for DHEC & HHS from Constituent Re: Air Sanitizing Technology 3/18/2020
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:38:00 PM
Attachments: [voicemail-96.m4a](#)

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: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Taylor, Marshall](#)
Subject: NC Order
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 1:34:00 PM
Attachments: [EO116 - SOE COVID 19.pdf](#)

Please see attached and call me when able.

MP

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: HARRISCDHEC.SC.GOV; RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: New Case Release
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 11:45:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Can you guys send over the draft release for the two new cases?

Than you.



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Subject: News Roundup from SC First Steps and Details on SLDS Grant
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:20:47 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Dear Trustees,

During this challenging time, our team at South Carolina First Steps has been busier than usual, both responding to COVID-19 related matters while simultaneously building for the future. Your support, engagement, participation in online meetings and virtual press conferences, and financial contributions have been encouraging to all of us. We appreciate you.

With so much happening, I wanted to share a “news roundup” including some links to newsletters produced by SC First Steps and the Early Childhood Advisory Council. Also, later in this email, you’ll find some details on the State Longitudinal Data System Grant. Before you delve into this long email, I want to give one last request that you **consider donating** to the [Start with a Book campaign](#), which will wrap up in the next few days. We have already been able to make grant awards to local partnerships in six counties, and soon books will be delivered to families with young children home due to the COVID-19 crisis. Every gift is helpful, and we would love to see our whole board involved. Thank you!

Council Briefs – Newsletter of the Early Childhood Advisory Council

This newsletter is meant to be a helpful compendium of information, announcements and resources related to early childhood from *across* the many state agencies that are part of the ECAC and the Interagency Collaboration Committee.

[Inaugural Council Briefs – April 2020](#)

First Steps Monthly Newsletter

This goes out to our entire mailing list. That means you definitely should have gotten it. In case you missed it, here it is.

[Monthly Newsletter – April 2020](#)

Weekly Wrap

On a weekly-basis, we send this newsletter to our 46 local First Steps partnerships. The newsletter recipients include local partnership staff and board members. If any of you would

like to *subscribe* to this newsletter, please send me an email indicating that, and we will add you to the list. Here are the last few editions:

[May 8, 2020 Weekly Wrap](#)

[May 1, 2020 Weekly Wrap](#)

4K Connection

We produce a newsletter for our network of the over 220 childcare providers in our First Steps 4K network.

[4K Connection – May 2020](#)

Media Coverage

Whenever First Steps or the Early Childhood Advisory Council is in the news, we send it out to our list. Here's the most recent links to media coverage.

[First Steps 4K Grant Awarded to the Town of Kershaw](#)

[Preschool Development Grant and State Longitudinal Data System Grant](#)

4K Expansion Grants

You'll see in the media coverage that we held a virtual press conference yesterday announcing a major grant award to the Town of Kershaw. Funds will support the renovation of a historic building on Main Street, converting the vacant, historic bank building into a 4K center and, in the future, a childcare center. Lancaster County First Steps will operate the childcare. Thanks to our board members who attended, Dr. Canright, Rep. Allison, and Senator Malloy. And special thanks to Dr. Shelley Canright for her service on the grant review committee.

Save the Date: May 20th at 10 am

We will be hosting another virtual press conference on May 20th at 10 am for our next major grant award. We would love for you to participate. We also sent award letters to four additional childcare centers for the smaller expansion grants that will enable centers to do necessary renovations or make changes to their operations that support providing 4K in underserved communities for a minimum of an additional classroom of 10 children. These awards will also be announced on May 20th.

Federal Grants for Early Childhood Services and System Building in South Carolina

Over the past month, we have also learned that our state is the recipient of *two* significant federal grants that will strengthen our early childhood state system and allow us to expand needed services to children and families. These funds are *separate* from the additional dollars coming to our state from the CARES Act. As we finalize the details of First Steps' and the ECAC's role in the Preschool Development Grant, announced at our last board meeting, we will share that information with you. I did want to go ahead and share more details regarding our agency's role in the State Longitudinal Data System Grant.

State Longitudinal Data System Grant

The South Carolina Department of Education received \$3.3 million from the US Department of Education to incorporate early childhood programs into state's existing system for capturing and tracking student progress through school. South Carolina was one of 28 applicants selected for funding, which totals \$105 million nationwide. A total of \$400,000 will be coming directly to South Carolina First Steps and the Early Childhood Advisory Council over the course of the four-year project period through a contract.

The Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems (SLDS) Grant Program awarded the funds competitively based on South Carolina's plan to extend its existing K-12 data system to early childhood programs, and to make the information more accessible to the public. The four-year grant is part of a national effort to help states and educators better understand what works for students and facilitate research to increase student achievement and narrow achievement gaps.

Goals for the funding in South Carolina include:

1. Expanding the state's educational data infrastructure to include early childhood data,
2. Linking early childhood and K-12 data to improve understanding of early learning outcomes,
3. Increasing the availability of early childhood data
4. Creating a data portal accessible to educators, policy-makers, researchers and the public

Awarded to the South Carolina Department of Education, the grant will be coordinated in partnership with South Carolina First Steps, the Early Childhood Advisory Council, the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the Department of Social Services, and the state's Head Start programs.

What does this mean for South Carolina First Steps?

Children served through our local partnerships and our 4K program will be longitudinally tracked in their interaction with other public investments in early childhood, as well as tracked through grade 12 and potentially beyond. We will finally have a more up to date and efficient way of answering, for example, "how do children enrolled in First Steps programs do on SC READY, a statewide reading and math assessment, in 3rd grade?". Further, [the SC Profile data tool](#) will be updated and will include an up-to-date, unduplicated count of children served across public programs. This will help First Steps more strategically see where there are service gaps across the state and target funds accordingly.

What does this mean for the Early Childhood Advisory Council?

The Early Childhood Advisory Council, particularly the Interagency Collaboration Committee, will develop the data governance and lead the stakeholder engagement for the project with the help of a program coordinator that will reside at First Steps and report to the Strategic Impact Manager, Chelsea Richard. Establishing this via the ECAC's ICC will allow for the

sustainability of these efforts beyond the four-year grant period, as well as potentially bring more partners on board to contribute data to the SLDS.

A collaborative effort

Betty Gardiner, Martha Strickland, Cassie Barber, and Chelsea Richard collaborated with staff at the Department of Education, the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs, the Department of Social Services, and the state's Head Start programs to develop the grant application. The main contacts for the project at First Steps moving forward will be Chelsea Richard and Cassie Barber.

Thank you for your leadership on our board and for your continued support. And to the many public servants who are a part of our board, *Happy Public Servant Recognition Week*. Have a great weekend.

Georgia

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On Mar 15, 2020, at 2:01 PM, Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Please see notice below.

I understand this is redundant for most of you, but in the interest of keeping the entire Cabinet and extended agencies informed I will be forwarding updates to this group.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

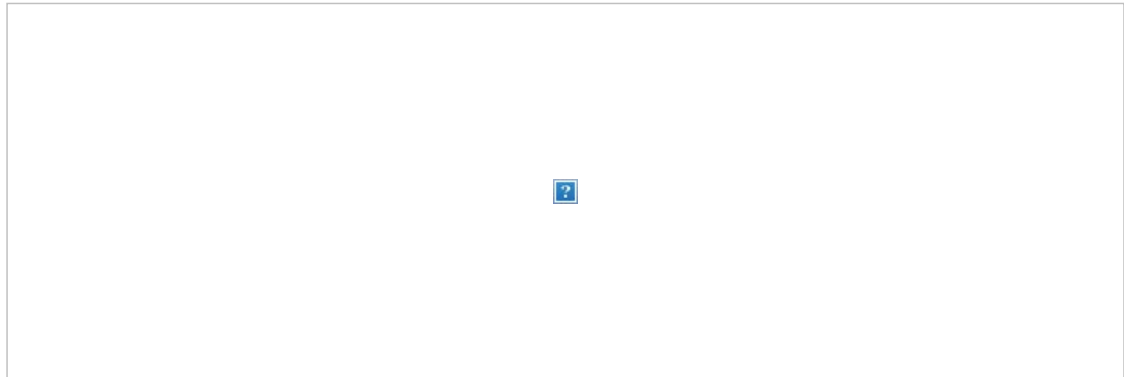
Thank you,

Kristy

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Reply-To: govnews@gov.sc.gov



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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, Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 PM.

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Sunday, March 15 at 4:00 PM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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To: BRITWDDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Limehouse, Thomas](#)
Subject: President Trump's March 13 Emergency Declaration
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 6:07:00 PM

Today the President issued an emergency declaration, with details expected later today. The Administration issued a Public Health emergency on January 31, 2020.

Quick Highlights of Today's Declaration

During today's press statement, the President announced the below actions with additional details and authorities expected later this evening:

- Called on states to set up emergency operations centers immediately, as well as called hospitals to activate their emergency preparedness plans.
- Suspended student loan interest payments
- Announced federal action on telehealth, nursing homes and hospitals.

National Emergencies Act Emergency Declaration ([50 U.S.C. §§ 1601-1651](#))

The National Emergencies Act gives the emergency powers to the President when, "with respect to Acts of Congress authorizing the exercise, during the period of a national emergency, of any special or extraordinary power, the President is authorized to declare such national emergency."

The president may declare an emergency without first receiving a gubernatorial request if the emergency involves an area of "federal primary responsibility" in which principal responsibility for response rests with the federal government. The Act imposes procedural requirements on the President's exercise of emergency powers. Upon a declaration of National Emergency, [136 statutory powers](#) become available to the President.

The White House indicated official documentation will be released later this evening to denote specific authorities. In the meantime, please see the below links with information that is currently available.

Press Advisory – President Donald J. Trump Directs FEMA Support Under Emergency Declaration for COVID-19 ([PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION HERE](#))

Today, President Trump [declared](#) a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"). This increases federal support to the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in its role as the lead federal agency for the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic response. As a result of the President's decisive, unprecedented action, FEMA is directed to assist state, local, tribal, territorial governments and other eligible entities with the health and safety actions they take on behalf of the American public. Today's declaration does not make direct financial assistance available to individuals.

The emergency declaration does not change measures authorized under other federal statutes and HHS remains the lead federal agency directing the federal response to COVID-19. FEMA actions will be in support of HHS and in coordination with state, tribal and territorial governments. Eligible emergency protective measures taken at the direction or guidance of public health officials in

response to this emergency, and not supported by the authorities of another federal agency, will be reimbursed strictly under the FEMA Public Assistance program. FEMA assistance will be provided at a 75 percent Federal cost share. Reimbursable activities typically include emergency protective measures such as the activation of State Emergency Operations Centers, National Guard costs, law enforcement and other measures necessary to protect public health and safety.

Presidential Message to the Congress on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak (March 13, 2020) ([PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE HERE](#))

“Pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1621), I hereby report that I have exercised my authority to declare that the outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the United States constitutes a national emergency. This declaration invokes section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1320b–5, to allow the Secretary of Health and Human Services to exercise the authority under that section to temporarily waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule throughout the duration of the public health emergency declared in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.”

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Memorandum on Expanding State-Approved Diagnostic Tests ([FULL MEMORANDUM HERE](#))

“By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows: It is the policy of the United States to take proactive measures to prepare for and respond to public health threats, including the public health emergency involving Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), which was declared by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (the “Secretary”) on January 31, 2020, pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d). Our response must include heightened coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal agencies, and we must offer States the flexibility they need to care for their citizens. In accordance with this principle, the Food and Drug Administration, in coordination with the State of New York, allowed the State flexibility in expediting State-approved COVID-19 testing. Should additional States request flexibility to authorize laboratories within the State to develop and perform tests used to detect COVID-19, the Secretary shall take appropriate action, consistent with law, to facilitate the request.”

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Cc: [Singh, Sym](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [Gaines, Brian](#)
Subject: Question
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 10:39:00 AM
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Rick:

Hope you are doing well!

The Resources Committee of accelerateSC meets on Monday. We need to have ballpark estimates on the cost of contact tracing (number to be hired, trained, supplies, etc.) and on the cost of testing. The estimates need to reflect extra costs above and beyond any other sources of revenues. If possible, we need the estimates by close of business today.

If you have questions, please feel free to call me or Marcia. I know that you have been working with her on this!

Melanie



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From: [Davidson, Nick](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Cc: [Stenson, Kim](#); [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Duwve, Joan M.](#); [Coleman, Alvin](#)
Subject: Re: [External] FW: SCBIO time sensitive request regarding SC-based COVID-19 test kit companies urgently needing swabs
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 5:19:02 PM

All, there does now appear to be a mechanism for DHEC to request supplies from the feds for labs like Precision Genetics. Dr. Coleman has reached out to P.G. to give it a try.

Thanks,
Nick

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Thanks, Rick. Yes, on the White House call it was made very clear that each state public health agency will be distributed supplies sufficient for testing up to 2% of the state's population. At this point, we have not yet received any of those supplies and we don't know of any particular ship date. Additionally, on that same call it was made very clear to the states that this was intended specifically for that public health effort and not for private labs for their own distribution. Of course the situation could change drastically between now and whenever we happen to get any supplies, but for now that is what we have been told.

Thanks,
Nick

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On May 9, 2020, at 3:01 PM, Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

The White House lab task force had a call with a group at DHEC last week. Asking Nick to summarize Believe we will be getting shipments for two months to assist DHEC in meeting the challenge to test 2 percent of population for the next two months. Do not believe we have received anything yet.

Rick.

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On May 9, 2020, at 2:54 PM, Stenson, Kim
<Kstenson@emd.sc.gov> wrote:

*** Caution. This is an EXTERNAL email. DO NOT open attachments or click links from unknown senders or unexpected email. ***

Good afternoon,

We have requested and received swabs through the FEMA RRF process at DHEC's request. However, we believe that FEMA and HHS are providing swabs automatically each month to each state but that process may be transitioning to the White House Task Force. Our FEMA sources indicate DHEC expects to receive 170,000 per month through this automatic system. We contacted FEMA this morning and was initially told that private sector companies could order directly. However, they later indicated that they were not sure and there was a possibility that the federal government was buying up all swab supplies and state allotments included a portion for the private sector. They indicated they will follow-up with a response.

Director Toomey, does this track at all with what your folks know?

Standing by to provide assistance as required.

Regards,

Kim

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

Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:51 PM

To: Sam Konduros - SCBIO <skonduros@scbio.org>
Cc: Rick Toomey <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>
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Sam, I am looping in DHEC Director Rick Toomey and SCEMD Director Kim Stenson for some guidance on your questions.

I will follow up with you on this shortly. Have a great weekend.

- Trey

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On May 8, 2020, at 1:54 PM, Sam Konduros - SCBIO <skonduros@scbio.org> wrote:

Dear Trey,

I hope you're doing well on this Friday, and will get a chance to over the weekend to recharge your batteries – as I know you've been going full-tilt as the state navigates its way through this unprecedented public health crisis. Sincere thanks for all that you and Governor McMaster are doing!

Per my thoughtful sister-in-law Cindy's personal request for us to connect, I truly appreciate your willingness to share your direct email address with me. Frankly, I've heard so many great things about you from Cindy, Rob Godfrey, and others, I've been hoping to establish a more direct relationship with you at the right time -- as SCBIO's mission *to build, advance, and grow the life sciences industry in South Carolina* is completely convergent and intertwined with the Governor's overarching economic development strategies for our great state – and the vital life sciences & healthcare industries have never been more front-and-center in fulfilling a vital role than at present in the midst of the COVID-19 battle.

While there are a number of strategic issues it would be meaningful to discuss with you at some point in the months ahead regarding how we can make SC more competitive than ever in becoming one of the nation's most fertile places to build the life sciences industry

(which is already 500+ companies strong in the palmetto state, located in 43 counties, and is now the fastest growing segment of our innovation economy) – including our being a top US location for the repatriation of a lot of the medical devices and biotech products that we have grown too reliant on China for, as COVID-19 has demonstrated.

In relation to the above, the **specific issue** that catalyzed **this email** today is to provide you some specific background information regarding the ongoing shortages of vital materials/supplies needed by some of our critically important life sciences companies that are helping to battle COVID-19. At present, there is an **urgent need of “swabs” for a handful of world-class diagnostic companies in SC that are actively producing COVID-19 test kits (and are likewise processing those samples in their labs – to supplement DHEC’s capacity) on behalf of healthcare providers and industries that are trying to safely reopen.** The CEOs of Greenville-based **Precision Genetics** and Charleston-based **Vikor Scientific** both independently reached out to me with urgency in the past 24 hours regarding their rapidly dwindling supply of approved swabs, that could potentially preclude them from meeting the needs of healthcare system clients like Prisma, and companies like Milliken.

SCBIO continues to do everything we possibly can to address these types of issues:

- We established www.SCCOVID19.org in partnership with SCMEP, SC DOC, and the SC Hospital Association to have a powerful **on-line supply chain portal** for matching up carefully vetted and approved companies that can provide everything from PPE to COVID-19 test kits (and beyond) to our healthcare providers and manufacturers.
- SCBIO is **constantly scouring the country (and international sources) for critical need items** ranging from PPE to swabs and reagents. Gratefully, the situation regarding face shields and N95 masks appears to be improving, whereas gowns are the newest item on our hot list at present.
- We are **working with various SC companies that are striving to pivot to produce some of these crucial items locally** (and are having some success) – including one promising company that has developed prototype swabs that are being tested by the

diagnostics companies and could potentially be available as soon as late June

- Please also check out our www.SCBIO.org website that has a very robust **Coronavirus portal**, as well as a **SC Life Sciences Job Board** under the career portal designed to help as many citizens as possible find employment in our industry which continues to 'roar' in the midst of the crisis.

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Subject: Re: [External] FW: SCBIO time sensitive request regarding SC-based COVID-19 test kit companies urgently needing swabs
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:33:30 PM

Thanks, Rick. Yes, on the White House call it was made very clear that each state public health agency will be distributed supplies sufficient for testing up to 2% of the state's population. At this point, we have not yet received any of those supplies and we don't know of any particular ship date. Additionally, on that same call it was made very clear to the states that this was intended specifically for that public health effort and not for private labs for their own distribution. Of course the situation could change drastically between now and whenever we happen to get any supplies, but for now that is what we have been told.

Thanks,
Nick

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On May 9, 2020, at 3:01 PM, Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

The White House lab task force had a call with a group at DHEC last week. Asking Nick to summarize. Believe we will be getting shipments for two months to assist DHEC in meeting the challenge to test 2 percent of population for the next two months. Do not believe we have received anything yet.

Rick.

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Good afternoon,

We have requested and received swabs through the FEMA RRF process at DHEC's request. However, we believe that FEMA and HHS are providing swabs automatically each month to each state but that process may be transitioning to the White House Task Force. Our FEMA sources indicate DHEC expects to receive 170,000 per month through this automatic system. We contacted FEMA this morning and was initially told that private sector companies could order directly. However, they later indicated that they were not sure and there was a possibility that the federal government was buying up all swab supplies and state allotments included a portion for the private sector. They indicated they will follow-up with a response.

Director Toomey, does this track at all with what your folks know?

Standing by to provide assistance as required.

Regards,

Kim

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Per my thoughtful sister-in-law Cindy's personal request for us to connect, I truly appreciate your willingness to share your direct email address with me. Frankly, I've heard so many great things about you from Cindy, Rob Godfrey, and others, I've been hoping to establish a more direct relationship with you at the right time -- as SCBIO's mission *to build, advance, and grow the life sciences industry in South Carolina* is completely convergent and intertwined with the Governor's overarching economic development strategies for our great state – and the vital life sciences & healthcare industries have never been more front-and-center in fulfilling a vital role than at present in the midst of the COVID-19 battle.

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SCBIO continues to do everything we possibly can to address these types of issues:

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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.***

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- 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

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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.

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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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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7. 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.).

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Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers

CDC 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.

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

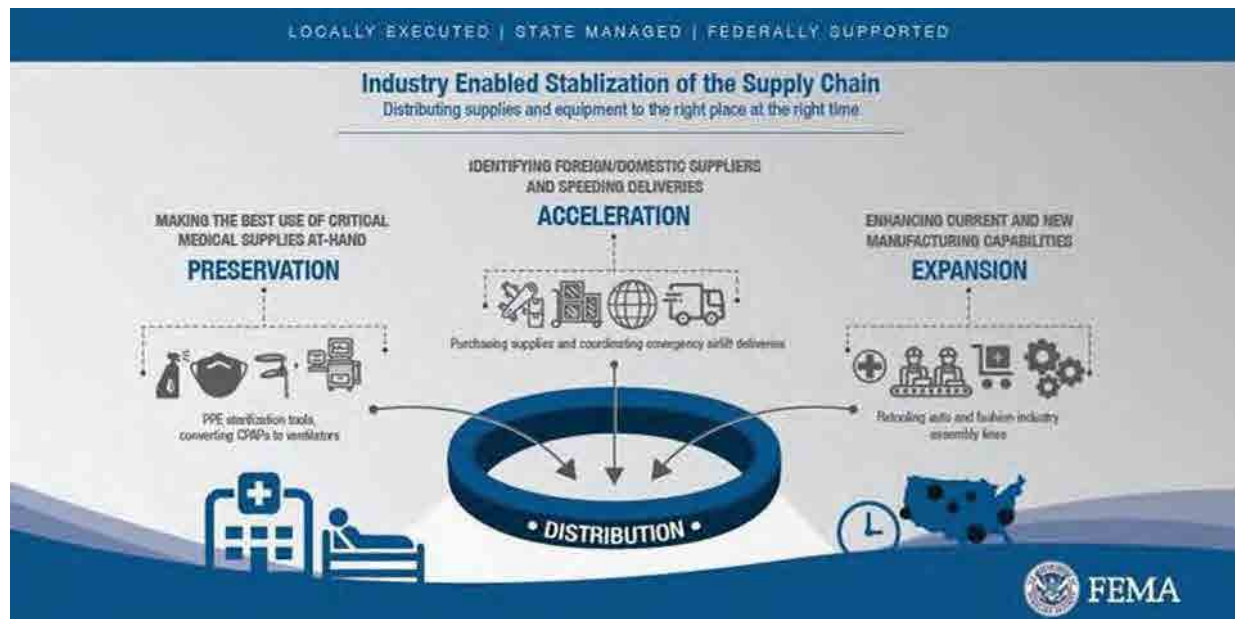
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- **Additional Testing Resources:** FDA [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQ\)](#) and 24/7 technical assistance for labs (1-888-463-6332).
- Strategies to **Optimize the Supply of PPE** (extend capacity and supply) (more [here](#)).
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- **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](#)).

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- [Paycheck Protection Program](#) prioritizes millions of Americans employed by small businesses by

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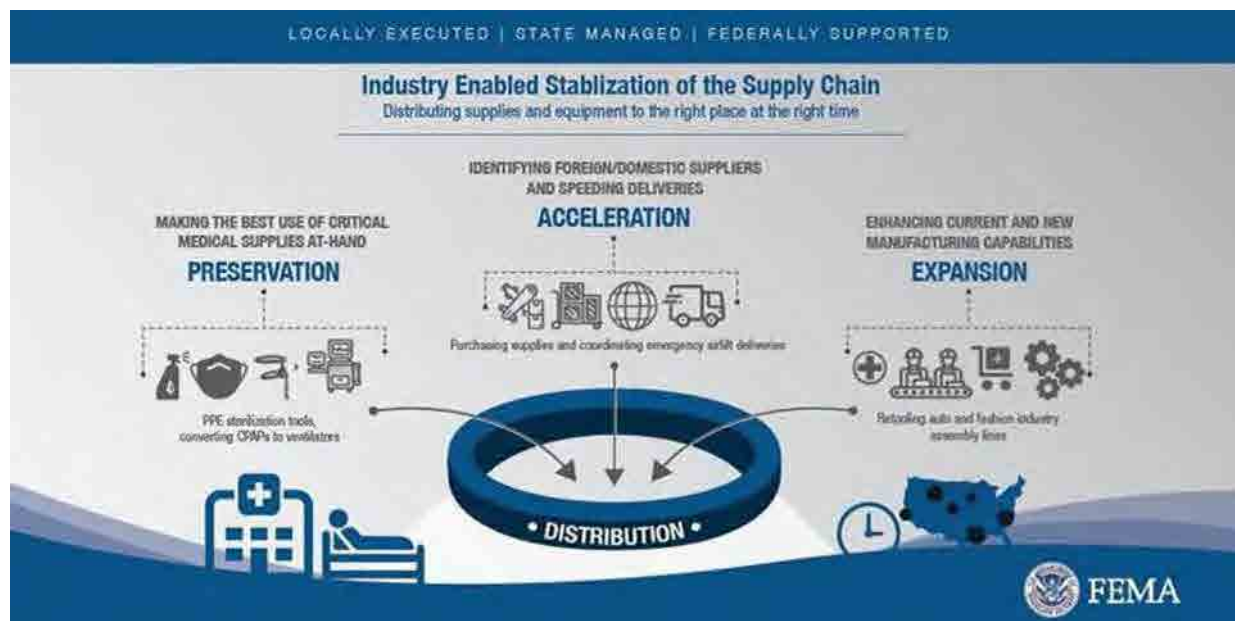
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By way of this email, I am forwarding this contact information to our Plans Chief so we have it in case we need to contact them. Thanks

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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,
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Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 8:56:37 AM

This has been forwarded and handled already.

Thanks!

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Sent: Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:59 AM
To: ESF8
Cc: Singh, Sym; Greene, Tammie; Webb, Beth; Hall, Madison
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ESF-8 Team,

Please forward this to ESF-18 (Donated Goods) in the SEOC.

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Thanks,
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Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
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To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:28:44 PM
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To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:56:06 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks MP. Appreciate you!

Rick Caldwell, II
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On Apr 30, 2020, at 3:55 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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As I expressed thanks to the Director afterward -- DHEC had all the right people on that call and it was obvious and appreciated.

MP

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Congressman Clyburn Plan

Thank you to everyone at DHEC that participated in the call this morning. Congressman Clyburn's staff were impressed and satisfied with the ongoing work. I also received the below note from Senator Scott's staffer.

From: Sheehey, Conor (Scott) <Conor_Sheehey@scott.senate.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:04 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External]

I think you guys covered a ton of it this morning! Hugely helpful call...I'll definitely be in touch as questions come up, but I'm also summarizing the call today for my team/boss so he's aware of all that you guys are doing

From: Marsh, Jordan

Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:43 AM

To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] connecting with Lt. Gov. Evette
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 5:10:52 PM

Thank you for sharing.

On Apr 3, 2020, at 4:58 PM, Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Passing along. Thank you!

Megan Finnern
Senior Advisor and Scheduler
Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette
South Carolina Office of the Governor

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kelly Willenberg <kelly@kellywillenberg.com>
Date: April 3, 2020 at 4:30:59 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Evette, Pamela" <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] connecting with Lt. Gov. Evette

I had connected with Lt. Gov Evette over Facebook this week and she asked me to send you my contact information. I have been a nurse for over 35 years and am a specialist in compliance. I have expertise in Medicare, Medicaid and reimbursement. I have attached my CV in hopes that if SCDHEC needs any further help in advisory capacities during the Pandemic or beyond, they have my contact information. I am willing to assist in any way necessary and am licensed in SC as a Bachelor's prepared nurse. Thank you.

Stay well, stay safe and stay home!

--

Kelly M. Willenberg, DBA, RN, CCRP, CHRC, CHC

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#); [Milisic, Sonja](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Considerations for Lt. Governor on AccelerateSC Task Force
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 4:12:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Thanks for sharing with us, Megan.

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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 3:16 PM
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Maria and Chuck,

Please see attached letter.

Lt. Gov – FYI

Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
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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?](#))

To: [Higgins, Teresa](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Constituent requests pertaining to Governor's Executive Orders
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:17:08 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)



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Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
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From: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Constituent requests pertaining to Governor's Executive Orders

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

Teresa J. Higgins
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From: Symmes, Brian
To: Read, Jennifer
Cc: CALDWERTHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: RE: [External] Contact at DHEC
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:47:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Thank you both!



Brian Symmes
Communications Director
bsymmes@governor.sc.gov
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From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:41 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: CALDWERTHEC.SC.GOV <CALDWERTHEC.SC.GOV>
Subject: Re: [External] Contact at DHEC?

Ricky C., please call these folks for us. Thanks!

From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Contact at DHEC?

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Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:41 AM
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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#) <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Contact at DHEC
Date: Thu today, March 12, 2020 5:24:46 PM
Attachments: [img0001.png](#)
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Afternoon

Spoke with Sandra. Sandra informed me that she appreciated the call but they had just canceled their event.

Best Regards

Rick C.

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From: [Reed, Jennifer](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [Coughlin@DHEC.sc.gov](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Contact at DHEC
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:41:15 PM

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From: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [HARRISCS DHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Coronavirus info for SC Spanish-speaking population
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 11:28:05 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-1518792812.png](#)
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He reached out to us as well -- we'll get back to him.

TY,

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From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 9, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>; Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
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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

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Growth and Local Government Reporter



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Glad we were able to assist. Let me know if you need anything.

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From: "Bacher, Chelsea" <Chelsea.Bacher@mail.house.gov>
Date: March 12, 2020 at 1:42:42 PM EDT
To: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Austin, Grady" <Grady.Austin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: [External] Coronavirus Questions

Hey-

Any chance we can get these questions answered by DHEC? I understand you all are busy though – just trying to get it cleared up.

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Chelsea

How many facilities in South Carolina have FDA approval to conduct COVID-19 test?
How many tests does DHEC currently have?
How many tests can DHEC conduct daily?
What is the time frame to receive results from the test? From DHEC and from CDC?
Where can someone who is ordered by a doctor to receive a test get swabbed to send the swab to DHEC?

- What is the step by step of someone going to the doctor / MUSC telehealth

having symptoms and then what's next? Who reports them to DHEC? How are they in line for a test? What is the protocol from DHEC standpoint?

- How is DHEC ensuring patients that have doctors or MUSC telehealth are being received/counted and put in line?

How is DHEC determining who gets tested?

What is the backlog of getting the test?

Are the people that are being monitored by DHEC in the queue (in the line) to receive a test? What does monitoring mean?

Chelsea J. Bacher

Legislative Director

Office of Congressman Tom Rice (SC-07)

512 Cannon House Office Building

Washington, DC 20515

202.225.9895

From: [Read, Jennifer](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Coronavirus Questions
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:01:42 PM

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To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Coronavirus Questions
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:04:10 PM

Yep.

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 1:51 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: [External] Coronavirus Questions

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Cc: [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Coronavirus Questions
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Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:13:50 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Glad we were able to assist. Let me know if you need anything.

Best Regards

Rick C.

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Staff just informed me that Congressman Rice called Rick Caldwell directly. Rick answered all of his questions. Sorry for the confusion.

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To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [ACC-Plans](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Coronavirus Tele Town Hall
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:39:58 PM

Thank you.

Rick C., appreciate you reaching out to the Congressman's staff to see if we can assist.

Copying our planning chief for awareness.

On Mar 16, 2020, at 3:36 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Please see the below request from Congressman Norman's office.

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To: "Livingston, Austin" <Austin.Livingston@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Coronavirus Tele Town Hall

Hey Jordan,

Would you happen to know, or could get, a medical doctor with experience in virology or immunology? We're trying to find a district doctor, but anyone else would be great too. Thanks.

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
319 Cannon HOB
P: 202.225.5501

From: [Davidson, Nick](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] COVID- 19 Pre-Screening and Testing App from Microsoft
Date: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:44:37 PM

Thanks. On a per population basis, we are well ahead of where NY State was prior to their project, although not as high as NY State now reports to be. Not only do we have the benefit of our hospitals doing drive-through testing, but it will be important to first get the backlog in labs somewhat more resolved. Once our lab adds capacity, we might be able to get there.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson
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From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 6, 2020 2:16 PM
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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 where 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

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Covid 19 Test Laboratory
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:44:17 PM

Hi, Megan,
Thank you for the email. I will pass this request along to our Public Health Lab team.
Take care,
Maria

Maria Ouzounidis
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Covid 19 Test Laboratory

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Good afternoon Maria,

Can you please have someone contact the gentleman below? He actually reached out first to the Lt Governor via her professional Facebook page.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Senior Advisor and Scheduler
Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette
South Carolina Office of the Governor

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Date: March 23, 2020 at 2:05:10 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Covid 19 Test Laboratory

Ms. Evette,

I am assisting Phi Lifesciences, a CLIA High Complexity medical laboratory located in Charleston. They are trying to stand up a Covid 19 test, and need help.

The Laboratory's CLIA License is: 4 [REDACTED], CAP is: 8 [REDACTED], and NPI is: 1 [REDACTED].

My number is 703.362,7242.

Thank You,
Richard Phillips

From: [Webb, Beth](#)
To: [John Warner](#)
Cc: [Tammie Greene](#); [Maria Ouzounidis](#); [Cleveland, John](#)
Subject: Re: [External] COVID 19 testing at scale very rapidly
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:53:44 PM

Hi Mr. Warner,

So very glad to hear about the PPP loan. I have copied contacts at DHEC, the Dept of Commerce, and the AccelerateSC Protection subcommittee so that they may be aware of your platform and testing potential.

Thank you for your email and continued correspondence. Please continue to stay in touch and let me know how I can be helpful.

All the best,
Beth

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2020, at 7:33 PM, John Warner
<johnwarner@accessiblediagnostics.com> wrote:

Beth

For several years now, Accessible Diagnostics has developed and is marketing a smartphone, at-home health monitor. It is used by customers every day to monitor the health of their family members. A few weeks ago you were kind enough to help direct me to the right places for SBA funding. We did get a PPP loan. Thank you!

About three weeks ago, we understood that we could modify our platform to be an at-home health monitor of COVID 19 antibodies. There is a broad consensus that the existing brick and mortar clinical laboratory capacity is a bottle neck to the massive testing we need to restart the economy. Dr. Birx of the White House Coronavirus Task Force has been very clear there needs to be out-of-the-box innovation about testing to restart the economy. With some of the brightest minds in South Carolina, we have developed an out-of-the-box solution cloud based solution to make COVID 19 testing rapidly deployable and massively scalable in South Carolina, across the country, and internationally. My co-founder of our company, Dr. Delphine Dean, is a Clemson endowed research chair and is serving on the COVID 19 testing task focus with others from South Carolina research universities. We're excited that a key technology to help get our nation back to work was developed here in South Carolina.

I am requesting your help in identifying and connecting with the right people in the Governors Office, AccelerateSC, the SC Department of Commerce, or SC DHEC so we can deploy our platform to do the testing necessary to restart our

economy in South Carolina and across the country.

Thanks for your help.

John

John Warner, CEO
Accessible Diagnostics LLC
JohnWarner@AccessibleDiagnostics.com
864-561-6609

From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Read, Jennifer](#)
Cc: [Walker, Trey](#); [Bell, Linda J.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] COVID analysis from USC scientist
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:42:31 AM

Thanks for this information. We will touch base with Dr. Morris. I may not have been clear, but we know of multipole scenarios being developed and our effort was connecting various individuals to see if we could reach a consensus – and as quickly as possible.

Rick

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
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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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To: "Limehouse, Thomas" <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
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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](mailto:[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: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: RE: [External] COVID-19 Cases by Zip Code
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:08:23 PM

Left a message for him to call me. Will update after that.

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-----Original Message-----
From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 01, 2020 4:35 PM
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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: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Cc: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Covid-19 Test kits and Contact Tracing in buildings
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 2:03:17 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Thank you for sharing.

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Megan



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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 than 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
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San Diego, CA 92126
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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
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"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>

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To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: RE: [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 12:05:34 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Checking to get someone on call.

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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)

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To: [DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Cc: [RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Re: [External] cruise ship repatriation plan
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 6:33:44 PM

I think that works. Many thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 11, 2020, at 6:31 PM, Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Mark,

Per our discussion, see attached.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson

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<cruise monitoring plan.docx>

From: [Simpson, Cody](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] daily #s
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 11:39:47 AM

Great to hear from you. We hope you have been doing well. I have relayed this updated information over to the Governor.

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From: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:52 PM
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From: [Davidson, Nick](#)
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Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:28:21 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Thanks

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Cc: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#); [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Daily News Release
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:07:03 PM

Okay. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 28, 2020, at 3:50 PM, Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Please see attached news release. We will be sending this out around 4:30 this afternoon.

Thanks,
Cassie

Cassandra S. Harris

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<SC Announces Latest COVID-19 Update April 28.docx>

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Cc: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Daily Release
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:16:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you.



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From: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 3:06 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Daily Release

Hi Brian,

Please see attached daily release. Plan to send out at 3:30 p.m.

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From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Denominational Leader List
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:39:51 AM

Thanks. Passed along.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2020, at 11:34 AM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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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



<church denomination heads.xlsx>

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Lofton, Lane](#)
Cc: [CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] DHEC Director Contact?
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:46:28 PM

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Subject: RE: [External] DHEC Director Contact?
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 6:12:28 PM
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Perfect!
Have a Great Weekend!
Rick C.

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Contact info:

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Director of Legislative Affairs
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
Office: [\(803\) 898-2786](tel:(803)898-2786)
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Let me know if you need further information or assistance.

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State of South Carolina
[\(803\) 509-0581](tel:(803)509-0581)
jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

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423 Cannon House Office Building
202.225.3176

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To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Cc: [CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: [External] DHEC Director Contact?
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:50:14 PM

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Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:50:13 PM

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Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: [External] DHEC Director Contact?
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 6:12:28 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Perfect!
Have a Great Weekend!
Rick C.

Rick Caldwell, II
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Connect: www.scdhec.gov [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)



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Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 6:09 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Great – thank you. He’ll probably call over the weekend at some point.

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 5:20 PM
To: Lofton, Lane <Lane.Lofton@mail.house.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] DHEC Director Contact?

Hey Lane
I believe Rick is in preparation for a press conference that will begin within the next hour. Not sure on the length of the conference.

His cell is [REDACTED]
Best Regards
Rick C.

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Subject: Re: [External] DHEC Director Contact?
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 4:46:30 PM

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] DHEC News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 11, 2020)
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:22:37 PM

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 11, 2020, at 12:24 PM, Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon, Brian.

I've attached today's news release that we plan to issue around 3:30 p.m. for your awareness. There's no teleconference for media today. We plan to update our website at 3:15 p.m.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Cristi Y. Moore

Chief Communications Officer

S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control

Office: (803) 898-1597

Mobile: (803) 622-8402

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<South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 11, 2020)_FINAL.docx>

From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Donate Life SC - Request for Governor's Support
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 2:34:40 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Yes. A very important group.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2020, at 2:19 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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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 extend 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*

<image003.png>

Organ, Eye and Tissue Donors are LIFE donors. What can you make possible?
Register Today: DonateLifeSC.org or RegisterMe.org

<COVID-19_McMaster Request.pdf>

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Cc: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Draft Realse
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:34:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ok. Thank you.



Brian Symmes
Communications Director
bsymmes@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-0304 c. 803-673-9437

From: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Draft Realse

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

Cassandra S. Harris

Director of Strategy and Engagement

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Cc: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] DRAFT RELEASE
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:49:51 PM

Okay.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2020, at 6:48 PM, Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Please see attached.

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From: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Draft Release
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:38:21 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks, Brian.

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To: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Draft Release

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Okay. Thank you. No press conference today.



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From: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Draft Release

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Thanks,
Cassie

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To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Draft Release
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:37:00 PM
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From: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] DRAFT RELEASE
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 6:51:52 PM

I'll have it sent and posted in 5.

Laura Renwick
Media Relations
S.C. DHEC
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 20, 2020, at 6:50 PM, Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Draft Release for Today
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 2:31:29 PM

Okay. Good by me.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2020, at 2:00 PM, Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi Brian,

Please see draft release for today. Plan to send out at 3:30 p.m.

Thanks,
Cassie

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<03.22.2020_Template Release_Final.docx>

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Draft Release
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:22:55 PM

Planning on 4?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2020, at 12:42 PM, Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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Thanks,
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<03.29.2020 News Release_ Draft.docx>

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [HARRISCDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Draft Release
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:23:24 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I'm fine with this. Please let me know when it's out.



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From: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:18 AM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; [RENWICLADHEC.SC.GOV](#) <[RENWICLA@DHEC.SC.GOV](#)>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#) <[READJH@DHEC.SC.GOV](#)>
Subject: [External] Draft Release

Hi Brian and Laura,

Please see draft release for review.

Thanks,
Cassie

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From: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Draft Release
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 11:25:56 AM
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Will do.

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Cc: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Draft Release
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:05:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Ok. Thank you.



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From: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 5, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Draft Release

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Face Mask Covers- LinkedIn Follow Up
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 1:28:28 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hi Megan,
Thanks. Feel free to continue to share with us.
Take care,
Maria

Maria Ouzounidis
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Face Mask Covers- LinkedIn Follow Up

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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



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
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: RE: [External] Final Letter to Association of Counties -3-24-20.docx
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:20:00 PM

Received. Thank you.

-----Original Message-----

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Thanks,

Mark

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Subject: RE: [External] Follow-Up COVID-19 Testing Technical Assistance Call Tomorrow
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 3:14:00 PM
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Can't wait to join you on this Friday afternoon 5pm call.

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Thank you

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Sincerely

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Best Regards

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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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Dr. Ramasamy,

I have forwarded on your letter to our office leaders and our legal team for review. I have also requested the information regarding PPE supply chain. I will be back in touch with what I find out.

Additionally, I shared some of our conversation yesterday with Craig Burridge, CEO of the South Carolina Pharmacists Association. I believe he may be good to connect with if you have not already regarding your concerns with drug shortages, wholesalers, etc. I've copied some information he shared and his contact information below. He has been in contact with DHHS, DHEC and DOI. Perhaps there would be a benefit to you working together. He seem to know a good bit about DIR and CMS and have contacts as well.

If you go to: www.scrx.org and click on our Covid-19 Resource page (Banner Ad at top of Home Page). You may have to refresh a couple times to get through other ads. This is a very robust resource page covering all aspects of the Covid-19 crisis including the Cares Act with some legal interpretations at the bottom.

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I corrected one of the emails that was wrong in this thread. Please reply to this one.

Thank you

Poornema

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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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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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Thank you Megan!

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Good morning Mr. Caldwell,

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Best,
Megan



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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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Received. And thank you for the briefer on the phone preceding. MP

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On Apr 4, 2020, at 7:07 PM, Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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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Thank you. I talked with seanna, who said she's asking you guys about tracking patient outcomes. How do you plan to respond? Will the message change from yesterday?



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Subject: Re: [External] For Review: News Release 03.16.2020
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 3:55:26 PM
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Brian -- will give you a quick call.

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Thank you. I talked with seanna, who said she's asking you guys about tracking patient outcomes. How do you plan to respond? Will the message change from yesterday?



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We're also adding in the call-in information at the bottom of the news release for a 4 p.m. telebriefing with Dr. Bell and Nick Davidson.

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Subject: RE: [External] FOR YOUR REVIEW
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:31:00 PM
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Good by me. Thank you.



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Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] FOR YOUR REVIEW

****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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Cc: READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: Re: [External] FOR YOUR REVIEW: March 14 news release
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:57:02 PM

All good here. Thanks, Laura.

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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: RE: [External] FW: accelerate SC - Protection Subcommittee
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:09:00 AM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Thanks, we are happy to help. Frank

From: Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 10:02 AM
To: Rainwater, Frank <Frank.Rainwater@rfa.sc.gov>
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From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 7:42 AM

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To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] FW: Accelerate SC Resource Request
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 8:13:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Thank you!
Melanie

From: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 6:22 PM
To: Barton, Melanie <MBarton@governor.sc.gov>; ACC-FinAdmin <ACC-FinAdmin@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-PublicHealthChief <ACC-PublicHealthChief@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-PublicHealth <ACC-PublicHealth@dhec.sc.gov>; ACC-IT <ACC_IT@dhec.sc.gov>
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Subject: [External] FW: Accelerate SC Resource Request

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

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To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: [John Wrangle](#)
Subject: RE: [External] FW: Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:14:27 PM

Thank you both! Dropping Jordan to bcc since I clog his inbox enough .

Also adding Dr. Wrangle to the chain.

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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

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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.

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Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 09:57 AM

To: John Wrangle <john.wrangle@precisiongenetics.com>; Coleman, Alvin <colemaaa@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: Constituent able to perform mass COVID19 testing

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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: [Pippin, Zach](#)
To: [Higgins, Teresa](#)
Subject: RE: [External] FW: Contact information for Clemson University President Clements
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:27:00 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:26 AM
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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Cc: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fw: Convalescent Plasma Therapy
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:49:00 PM

Received. Thank you for the assistance.

From: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fw: Convalescent Plasma Therapy

Mark,

Rick asked that I pass this to you. You can see in the attached talking points, it is essentially a plan that allows recovered COVID patients to donate blood which can then be used as potential treatment for patients. We have no concerns.

Thanks,

Nick

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Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Convalescent Plasma Therapy

Hi Director Toomey.

Attached are talking points Dr. Robert Rainer (Prisma Upstate) and I discussed this morning

regarding this interesting therapy. Certainly may help selected patients especially since there is not much else currently available. There is also a fact sheet that maybe the press could use to drum up interest in donating/participating.

Let me know if you need anything else.
Regards.

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To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Cc: [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fw: death counts
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:13:00 PM

Received. Thank you.

From: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
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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 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.

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Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: death counts

Nick,

I added rates and the total population.

Thanks,

Dani

Daniela Nitcheva, PhD

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From: Nitcheva, Daniela

Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2020 12:17 PM

To: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: death counts

Hi Nick,

Please see the attached document. I'll be happy to add any additional information.

My cell phone is [REDACTED].

Thanks,

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From: [Limehouse, Thomas](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] FW: DHEC Inquiry
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:04:57 AM

Sure thing, Rick. Even though she ultimately wasn't able to provide the answer the constituent was hoping for, she did a great job communicating the complexities of a difficult situation. The constituent was very appreciative when I spoke with her night before last.

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Thomas
Thank You for those kind words to Ellen. Appreciate your thoughtfulness. If we can ever assist, let us know.
Best Regards
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This is excellent. You the man.

I sent the following and attached to sym for him to share—

Rep. 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 let you know that we are working on a proposal to expand testing and medical services to rural underserved areas with populations that are considered at-risk. 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 to 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.

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Do not hesitate to contact Jordan Marsh in the Governor's office if you have any questions ahead of your NGA call.

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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:

- Partnering with the Commission of Minority Affairs (working with the Commission to reach minority populations across the state)
- Telebriefing with members of the Legislative Black Caucus
- Telebriefings with faith-based leaders
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Thank you both!



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Subject: Re: [External] Fw: Essential Business - New Image Group
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:28:18 PM
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Good Evening Sir,

We are compiling a list at the governors office of businesses for consideration, if needed. We will log this request. I hope you have a great evening.

Thanks,
Sym

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Sent from iPhone, please excuse any typos and misspellings.

On Mar 27, 2020, at 8:31 PM, Doug Gilliam <doug.gilliam@schouse.gov> wrote:

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

 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!

Courtney Sanford

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To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fw: FOR YOUR REVIEW: March 23 news release, two addition deaths, to be issued 3 p.m.
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 3:00:00 PM
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I'm sorry. I missed the 3PM portion. Is there a reason for not waiting until the 4PM presser?



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Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fw: FOR YOUR REVIEW: March 23 news release, two addition deaths, to be issued 3 p.m.

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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From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 2:57 PM
To: Bell, Linda J. <BELLW@dhec.sc.gov>
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 effectively 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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Subject: Re: [External] Fw: FOR YOUR REVIEW: Responses to The State
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:20:45 PM
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You read correctly. RT and I are working towards increasing amount and type of info shared. Will brief y'all later today. Thx

On Apr 8, 2020, at 11:52 AM, Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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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.

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Yes.

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Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 12:20:45 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:16:00 PM
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At your convenience. Call anytime!



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Time for a call?

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Good Morning Sir,

Can you assist me with this response?

Thanks,
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Sent from iPhone, please excuse any typos and misspellings.

Begin forwarded message:

From: Debbie Barthe <DebbieBarthe@scsenate.gov>
Date: March 31, 2020 at 11:47:21 AM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
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Sym,

Can you review below from Mr. Hucks? We need to try to answer him ASAP.

Thank you!

Debbie Barthe
for Senator Tom Young
803-413-1510

From: Tom Young, Jr. <tyoung@tomyounglaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 11:41 AM
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D – got this – need to help get answers from Governor's office

Senator Young,

As an intermittent employee of The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), I am sometimes deployed to disasters involving mass fatalities. The

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I truly appreciate your help in this matter, and look forward to a response.

Sincerely,

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Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 12:25:30 PM

Perfect, thank you both. Please don't hesitate to let me know how I can assist.

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Given the crisis of the Coronavirus and the short supply of hand sanitizer in the U.S. market place, SantoLubes Manufacturing may be able to assist our fellow Americans. SantoLubes Manufacturing is a chemical manufacturing and blending company located in Spartanburg, South Carolina. We have eight (8) six-thousand gallon stainless steel mixing kettles that we can utilize to manufacture the World Health Organization's hand sanitizer formula, as well as most other hand sanitizer formulas. We have the ability to ship in Drums, Totes, Tank Cars, or Rail Cars but do not have the capabilities to bottle the product into small packages. The main issues we face is that hand sanitizers are covered under the FDA and we are not FDA approved at this time and some raw materials may be in tight supply. In return, we would need to cover all of our costs and make a reasonable profit.

The following is a brief history of our company.

- Blackman Uhler (BU) was founded in 1945 strictly as a sales company (no manufacturing).
- BU purchased land and buildings in Camp Croft in 1954 (our present site) for purposes of manufacturing certain dyestuffs. Our first manufacturing facility was set up in 1955 in the old Officers' Club at Camp Croft (Bldg. 3).
- In 1958, Blackman Uhler Chemical Company was formed as a holding company into which all shares of B.U. Company, B.U. Manufacturing Company and Balco Realty Company were transferred with the same four (4) stockholders owning all the stock.
- The company was listed on the American Stock Exchange on June 8, 1966, and in 1967, we had our first public offering and officially changed our name to Synalloy Corporation from Blackman-Uhler Industries. Blackman Uhler Specialties, LLC became a wholly owned subsidiary of the Synalloy Corporation.
- SantoLubes Manufacturing, LLC acquired Blackman Uhler Specialties, LLC on October 3, 2009 and we became SantoLubes Manufacturing LLC dba Blackman Uhler Specialties. SantoLubes does sell products indirectly to the U.S. Government and these products are used in military aircraft.
- Presently, SantoLubes LLC is owned by private investors who are

looking to grow the company through toll manufacturing and our proprietary specialty lubricant business.

If you are interested in discussing our capabilities and what SantoLubes can do to assist and protect our fellow Americans in this time of crisis, please feel free to call me at 864-596-1541 or on my private cell at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,

John J. Pezzillo

CEO

SantoLubes Manufacturing LLC formerly Blackman Uhler Specialties

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To: [Higgins, Teresa](#)
Cc: [ken.davis@scsu.edu](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Fw: on Behalf of SC DHEC Director Rick Toomey -- AccelerateSC Protection Task Force Meeting Invitation - Tuesday, April 28
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 9:15:40 AM
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On May 11, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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

Teresa J. Higgins
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Sent: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:37 AM
To: Higgins, Teresa <higgint@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@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.

Teresa M. Brewington

Vice President for Finance & Management

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Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 12:54:36 PM
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Thanks, Zach!

From: Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>
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Subject: RE: [External] FW: PPE?
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 5:21:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Sorry it took me so long, Rick. It has been one of those afternoons.

We have put in resource requests for some of the utilities for PPE and cleaning supplies. Unfortunately, none have been filled so far as those items are going to higher priority facilities. However, if you can get a detailed list together with quantities needed. I am happy to put the request in for you. (EMD needs specific numbers so I can put in an open ended request)

Here's how the process would work:

1. Send me a spreadsheet or a word document with items to be ordered and quantities
2. I will enter the resource request with EMD
3. The requestor, meaning SCTA and its members, are financially responsible for the items ordered
4. EMD tasks the request to their finance section
5. Finance section either orders the equipment and bills the requestor or forwards the vendor name to the requestor for them to order
6. Supplies received (EMD is saying 10-14 delivery time)

Thanks and just let me know what direction you want to go.

Tom Allen
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From: Rick Todd <ricktodd@sctrucking.org>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:28 PM
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Subject: [External] FW: PPE?

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: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Cc: [Hilkin, Jake](#); [Hammond, Kimberly](#); [Connelly A Ragley](#)
Subject: Re: [External] FW: Ralph: See attached: May be able to help the country with needed supplies-- Fw: masks and hand sanitizer
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 3:52:21 PM

I previously shared Johns information with our Logistics and SC EMD. Left a message for him to call me also. Copying Connelly Anne because she and I were discussing this earlier.

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SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
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On Apr 2, 2020, at 3:21 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Adding Rick

From: Hilkin, Jake <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Hammond, Kimberly <Kimberly.Hammond@mail.house.gov>
Subject: [External] FW: Ralph: See attached: May be able to help the country with needed supplies-- Fw: masks and hand sanitizer

Hey man,

Just got this from someone on our staff. This company in Tennessee wants to help send supplies to SC but cannot get approval from SC DHEC. I guess the guy, John, below, is pushing for this company to help send stuff to SC...?

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
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From: "Hammond, Kimberly" <Kimberly.Hammond@mail.house.gov>
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 2:32 PM
To: "Hilkin, Jake" <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>

Subject: FW: Ralph: See attached: May be able to help the country with needed supplies-- Fw: masks and hand sanitizer

Jake-

I have been back in forth with this guy about his friend in Tennessee who has supplies and wants to get a contract to provide for South Carolina. They have reached out to Fema and we connected him with SCDHEC as Mark suggested. They have had no luck getting a contract but want to help.

As you mentioned via slack to connect you with manufacturers, hope this helps. See attached

Let me know if you have questions

From: "Hammond, Kimberly" <Kimberly.Hammond@mail.house.gov>

Date: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 4:24 PM

To: "Hammond, Kimberly" <Kimberly.Hammond@mail.house.gov>

Subject: FW: Ralph: See attached: May be able to help the country with needed supplies-- Fw: masks and hand sanitizer

From: soaresje <soaresje@bellsouth.net>

Reply-To: "soaresje@bellsouth.net" <soaresje@bellsouth.net>

Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 8:10 AM

To: RepRalphNorman <RepRalph.Norman@mail.house.gov>

Subject: Fw: Ralph: See attached: May be able to help the country with needed supplies-- Fw: masks and hand sanitizer

Best regards

John E. Soares, President/CEO

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020, 12:02:03 PM GMT-5

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From: William Rigby <bill.rigby@osmartmove.com>

To: "soaresje@bellsouth.net" <soaresje@bellsouth.net>

Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 10:21:48 AM GMT-5

Subject: RE: masks and hand sanitizer

John one supplier raised their prices which is reflected in the attached document. We also have a new supplier we added to the list of offers available. The suppliers are either increasing prices with demand or their supply will be sold. So timing will play into getting these done. I have sent you a revised list, we lost one supplier as they are out of inventory but picked up a new one as well today. thanks for your efforts, Bill

From: William Rigby [mailto:bill_rigby@osmartmove.com]
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John here are the items we have to offer. As I text you seems FEMA is also on the hunt for the masks as well. thanks Bill

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Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020, 10:21:48 AM GMT-5

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Subject: Re: [External] FW: Ralph: See attached: May be able to help the country with needed supplies-- Fw: masks and hand sanitizer
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 4:01:23 PM

Just got off the phone with John and shared his information with SC EMD with a request to reach out to him.

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SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
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Office: (803) 898-2786
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On Apr 2, 2020, at 3:54 PM, Hilkin, Jake <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov> wrote:

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If the ball is in John's court, then that's all we needed to hear. If something arises then we'll reach back out.

Thank you all for everything!

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
319 Cannon HOB
P: 202.225.5501

From: Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
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To: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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As you mentioned via slack to connect you with manufacturers, hope this helps. See attached
Let me know if you have questions

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Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020 2:54:35 PM

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Rick.

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Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:11:18 PM

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That's fantastic! Really appreciate you giving them a call.

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Mark

Just got off the phone with Mrs Sutton. She got her daughter tested today. We had a good discussion on next steps.

Best Regards

Rick C.

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To: [Sylleste Davis](#); [Richard Caldwell](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fw: Trinity
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 3:07:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Rhapsody McMaster Request.pdf](#)
Importance: High

They should submit a request through the Dept. of Commerce. <https://sccommerce.com/covid-19-non-essential-business-guidelines>

I will say that gyms are specifically listed as being closed on the Dept. of Commerce's website. I have added Beth Webb, the Governor's Commerce Liaison on this email.

Thanks,
Sym



Sym Singh
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From: Sylleste Davis <sylleste_davis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Richard Caldwell <caldwert@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fw: Trinity

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 [REDACTED].

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

Trinity Wheeler Co-Founder and Business Manager

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Moore, Davis Q.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: ACS/ Collection Sites
Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020 11:53:00 AM

Received. Thank you.

MP

Mark Plowden

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From: Moore, Davis Q. <mooredq@dhec.sc.gov>
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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
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Beaufort Memorial Hospital	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Activation Approved
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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
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East Cooper Medical Center	Extension of Current Emergency Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	ACS Site Approved Pending Inspection

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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
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Tideland Georgetown Memorial Hospital	Department (e.g., triage and screening tent)	Pending Review
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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
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Sincerely

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Date: May 10, 2020 at 8:53:17 AM EDT
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Subject: Re: Agenda for Monday

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To: [Reece, Myra](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Compliance Assistance/Regulatory Relief during COVID-19 Pandemic
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:45:00 PM

Excellent. Thank you.

From: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:43 PM
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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,
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Date: Saturday, April 11, 2020 2:49:43 PM
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Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 1:18 PM
To: Hendrick, Mark <JMhendrick@dew.sc.gov>; Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
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Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:02:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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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.

Cases are reported based on their county of residence. Totals may fluctuate on a daily basis as further investigation reclassifies cases from one county to another.

These cases will be reported later this afternoon on DHEC's website. If you have any questions about the new cases in your county, please respond to this email with the best phone number to reach you at and the questions you would like answered.

Please be mindful of the following when reviewing the data:

- DHEC knows the names of only those who have tested positive for COVID-19 in South Carolina. There are many more people in the community who have the disease who have never been tested.
- DHEC is not notified when individuals are no longer infectious (i.e., they are well). As a result, these numbers likely include people who have recovered and no longer pose any risk to others. Even so, local governments should assume that the total number of positive cases in any zip is greater than reported.

Because this information is incomplete and not reflective of actual circumstances, local governments should use caution in making decisions based upon these numbers, including decisions about personal protective gear for first responders.

The DHEC Agency Coordination Center Situation Unit will work with our medical professionals to reach out to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,

Situation Unit Leader
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From: [Davidson, Nick](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Fwd: COVID-19 Treatment ~ Website email from Deirdre Edmonds
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:40:49 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I think we also got this one directly and might have even responded. I will check after the gov call and let you know.

Thanks,
Nick

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Mark,

Blood plasma, in certain circumstances as determined by the treating physician, from a recovered patient can be used as a potential treatment for COVID-19. This letter infers that we should get that plasma from China. Obviously physicians have to use methods and products approved by the FDA and they are already working on its use for individual patients. This is a national program. A physician in any state, including South Carolina, can do this for a patient who qualifies under certain FDA criteria. The patient has to be severely, life-threateningly sick to be allowed to try it. Basically it's a last-ditch effort. There is absolutely no data right now that shows it is beneficial for treatment of COVID-19. Such plasma, which contains antibodies against the virus, has been used with mixed success to treat other viral illnesses. That is the basis for why the FDA is willing to let it be tried for COVID-19.

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To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [Cleveland, John](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 23, 2020)
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 11:44:00 AM
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Thank you, Rick. Can you please share future emails with John Cleveland as well?

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 7:54 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 23, 2020)

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Subject: DHEC Update on COVID-19 (March 23, 2020)

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

Legislative Update # 7—March 23, 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.-6 p.m. every day in English and Spanish. 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](#).

Press Release: Two Additional Deaths

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 effectively 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.

New Cases

- The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 103 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 298 cases in 34 counties. **Please note that today's reported cases include two days' worth of DHEC Public Health Laboratory testing. Due to a shipment delay from one of our lab suppliers, yesterday's lab results were run later than usual and received after the 4 p.m. daily update.

New Cases by County:

Anderson	5
Beaufort	7
Berkeley	2
Charleston	17
Chester	1
Clarendon	3
Darlington	2
Dorchester	1

Fairfield	1
Florence	2
Georgetown	2
Greenville	12
Horry	5
Kershaw	10
Lancaster	2
Lee	1
Lexington	5
Oconee	1
Orangeburg	5
Richland	14
Spartanburg	1
Sumter	1
York	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.
 - 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.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

Negative Tests (DHEC Public Health Laboratory only) **2,239**
Positive Tests **298**

- 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 negative COVID-19 testing results. Regional epidemiology staff will continue to call providers about positive results although they can also be obtained in Result Point.
- If a facility/practice is 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.

DHEC Operations

- Currently, DHEC has more than 600 staff deployed across the state in response to COVID-19. The department continues to provide public services across the state while abiding by the requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders and by following the agency's own recommendations and guidance for protecting against COVID-19. Staff who are able to perform their jobs remotely are doing so, and those who are continuing to work in offices are practicing social distancing with excessive attention to hand-washing, covering coughs, and refraining from coming into work if they're ill.
- While the department has temporarily suspended some of its routine inspections of health care facilities, DHEC continues to receive and investigate complaints, as the safety of residents remains the agency's top priority.

- DHEC's environmental programs continue to respond to critical environmental emergencies like spills or releases, as well as maintaining oversight of essential public operations like restaurants and water and wastewater systems.
- 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. Residents can order through VitalChek at <http://www.vitalchek.com> or 1-877-284-1008. Residents can also order from DHEC directly by mail.

HAN Issued: Guidance on Discontinuation of Isolation/Quarantine and Management of Healthcare Personnel

March 21, [DHEC issued a new HAN through the Health Alert Network](#) to:

1. Assist healthcare facilities and healthcare providers in determining when to discontinue isolation and quarantine requirements for their patients and staff.
2. Provide recommendations and considerations for healthcare facility leadership to utilize when deciding whether and when staff may return to work after testing positive for COVID-19 or being exposed to a patient who is positive for COVID-19.

If not already receiving HANs directly, providers may register

at <https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCHANRegistration/>.

Strategic National Stockpile

- 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, loaded the personal protective equipment and other supplies on March 20 to be transported and distributed to all 46 counties in South Carolina. Please see the [video footage available here](#). (*U.S. Army National Guard video by Sgt. Tim Andrews, South Carolina National Guard*)
- 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. Distribution will be in accordance with the SC Logistics Annex to the SC Emergency Operations Plan.

FEMA Rumor Control

- FEMA has set up a rumor control page for COVID-19 at <https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>. This page addresses several myths and rumors, and it may be a great resource for South Carolina residents looking to separate fact from fiction.

Coronavirus Rumor Control

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](#).

✓ Myth: FEMA Has Deployed Military Assets.

Fact: No, FEMA does not have military assets. Like all emergencies, response is most successful when it is locally executed, state managed and federally supported. Each state's governor is responsible for response activities in their state, to include establishing curfews, deploying the National Guard if needed and any other restrictions or safety measures they deem necessary for the health and welfare of their citizens.

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](tel: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 **Director Dr. Rick Toomey**:

From: Dr. Rick Toomey

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Press Release: Two Additional Deaths

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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.

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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:

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- covering your cough,
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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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Charleston	17
Chester	1
Clarendon	3
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Positive Tests **298**

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2. Provide recommendations and considerations for healthcare facility leadership to utilize when deciding whether and when staff may return to work after testing positive for COVID-19 or being exposed to a patient who is positive for COVID-19.

If not already receiving HANs directly, providers may register at <https://apps.dhec.sc.gov/Health/SCHANRegistration/>.

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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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Fact: No, FEMA does not have military assets. Like all emergencies, response is most successful when it is locally executed, state managed and federally supported. Each state's governor is responsible for response activities in their state, to include: establishing curfews, deploying the National Guard if needed and any other restrictions or safety measures they deem necessary for the health and welfare of their citizens.

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- 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](tel: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 **Director Dr. Rick Toomey**:

From: 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](#).

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Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:49:32 PM

Appreciate it. We are going to publish this daily

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On Mar 18, 2020, at 6:29 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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I shared it with congressional staffers assigned to coronavirus issues. Let me know if you want to add my list of contacts for future emails.

Very helpful information. Thanks!

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 6:08 PM
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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:

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Constituent Inquiries/DHEC Care Line

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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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New Cases

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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.

<!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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

<!--[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.

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

Negatives (DHEC Public Health Lab)	583
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All South Carolina Positives	60
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<i>from DHEC Public Health Lab</i>	53
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<i>from private labs</i>	7
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Note: While a test positive for COVID-19 must be

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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:

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Strategic National Stockpile

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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.
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->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.
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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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This is the email from Greenville I meant to send showing list of schools where students and teachers have been asked by district to stay home

Sent from my iPhone

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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

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GCS Employees,

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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:

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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

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Executive Director of Communications and Engagement
Greenville County Schools



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Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Hair Salon - Reopening Plans Support Offered
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:32:00 PM
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Hi Megan,

If he has those documents re their best practices, I would love to pass them on to our Response committee. Know they are not specifically charged with this issue, but I think it may be helpful nonetheless.

Thanks,
Beth

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To: [Chip Huggins](#); [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Hands-free hand sanitizer dispensers ~ Website email from Nancy Rhodes
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 12:59:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rick,

Is this a mandated requirement at this time? I am unaware that it is.

Sincerely,
Sym



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From: Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 11:31 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Hands-free hand sanitizer dispensers ~ Website email from Nancy Rhodes

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

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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



Chapin, SC 29036

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Taylor, W. Marshall](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Health Care Workers
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:51:00 AM

Received.

From: Taylor, W. Marshall <taylorwm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Health Care Workers

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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,

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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

President

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temporary health services to adequately care for patients that may be stricken by COVID-19. Health care facilities must coordinate with and address their requests pursuant to this section to DHEC.

From: [Read, Jennifer](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Cc: [RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Fwd: RGPPC - Contacts for Additional Healthcare Resources
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:48:51 AM

Thank you. Sharing with our logistics team. Helpful.

On Mar 18, 2020, at 10:47 AM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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From: Rebecca Schimsa <rschimsa@rgppc.org>
Date: Tue, Mar 17, 2020 at 8:43 PM
Subject: RGPPC - Contacts for Additional Healthcare Resources
To:

As discussed on last night's call and tonight's call: Attached is a list of contacts for medical device manufacturing companies, which may be able to help backfill state stockpiles of PPE and ventilators, if interested.

In addition, Marriott has offered the potential of empty hotel rooms for COVID-19 response to help with hospital bed shortages. If interested, please email Tom Maloney, Government Affairs Lead for Marriott, at thomas.maloney@marriott.com<<mailto:thomas.maloney@marriott.com>>.

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Trey Walker

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@gmail.com

<Contacts for Medical Device Companies.xlsx>

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Thank you!



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Sheheen
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To: Nate Wilbourne <nate.wilbourne@precisiongenetics.com>

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March 20, 2020
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Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
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SBA Approves Gov. Henry McMaster's Request for Disaster Assistance

COLUMBIA, S.C. – [The U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\) has approved](#) Governor Henry McMaster's request for the agency to offer South Carolina's small businesses with disaster assistance. Governor McMaster requested the disaster declaration in a March 17 letter to SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza. The disaster declaration means that South Carolina's small businesses that have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 virus may qualify for low-interest federal disaster loans. All 46 counties are included in the disaster declaration.

"These low-interest loans are of monumental importance to our business community," said Gov. Henry McMaster. "There's no doubt that our state's small businesses have suffered losses throughout this incredibly difficult time, but help is on the way. To have Administrator Carranza approve our request so quickly shows that President Trump's administration is fully committed to helping our businesses recover from the impact of this virus."

South Carolina's businesses can apply online at: <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

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Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Testing for Covid-19
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:49:30 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good Evening

When Bo sent us the email this afternoon I asked our logistics folks to look into availability.
Hopefully we hear something tomorrow!!

Rick C.

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From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:45 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Nancy Mace <nancy@nancymace.org>
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Are we able to get these real-time tests?

Cheers,

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Date: Mon, Mar 30, 2020 at 6:29 PM
Subject: Testing for Covid-19
To: Nancy Mace <nancy@nancymace.org>, rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
<rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov>

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Cc: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Fwd: Testing for Covid-19
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 7:53:18 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Great, thank you! Pls keep me posted

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Will do. Would be nice if it could work out!

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To: Caldwell, Rick
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Update from DHEC on COVID-19 (March 31, 2020)
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:19:00 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Can you send me yesterday's update?

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 6:51 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: Update from DHEC on COVID-19 (March 31, 2020)

FYI.

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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 Legislative Updates: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 15— 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.
 - 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](#).
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COVID-19 Case Updates

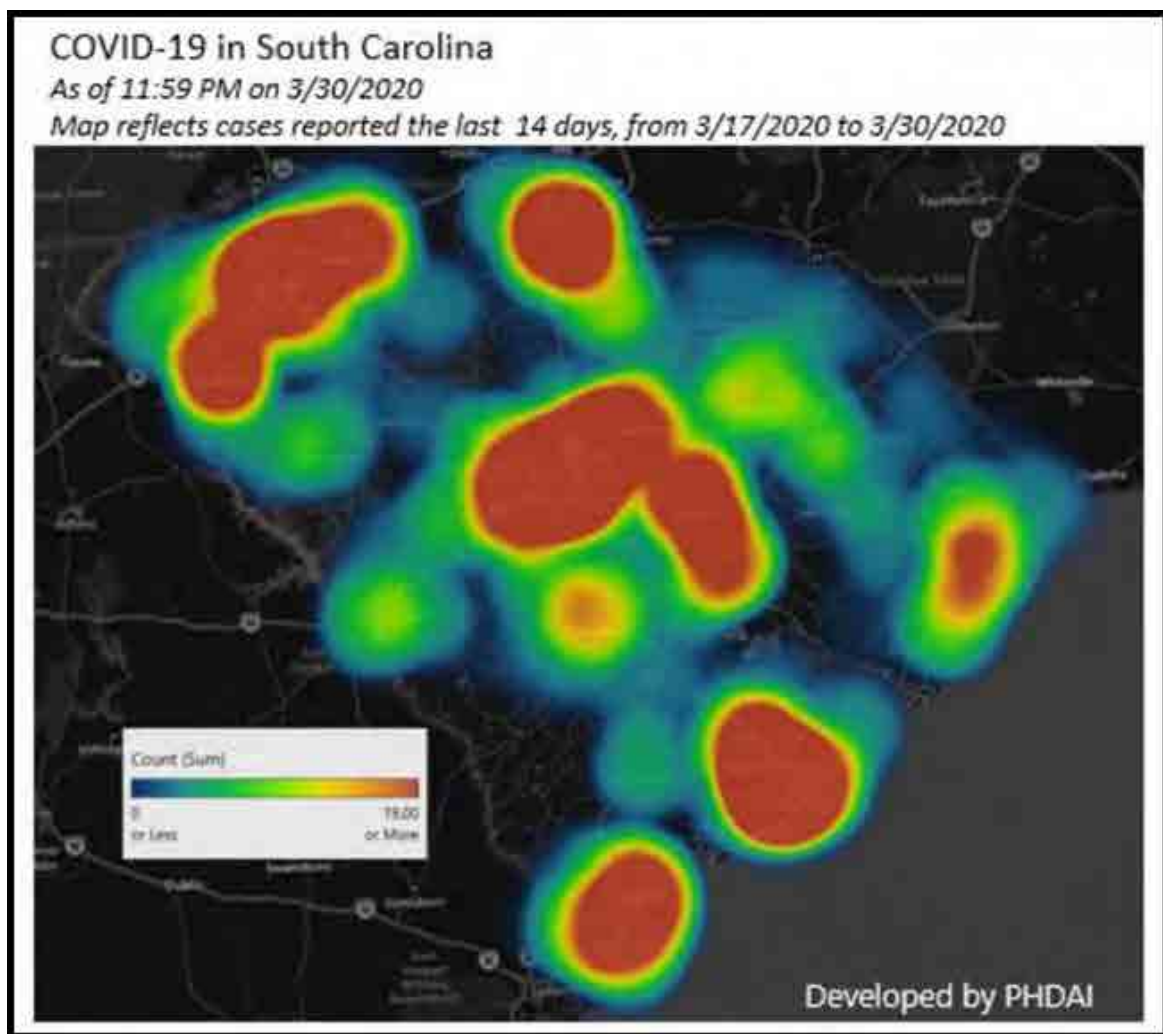
- Today, [DHEC announced](#) it is investigating **158 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 1,083 cases** in **42 counties**.
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **22**. Both patients were elderly individuals 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					

- **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.



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.

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](#)

From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Gave Mask
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 8:27:53 AM
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Thank you

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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, May 10, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
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Hello and Happy Sunday,

Just passing along. He initially reached out to Lt Gov Evette via LinkedIn and she directed them to me.

I know I forwarded information from him last week. I also gave him the PPE email address for SCEMD.

Thank you,
Megan

Megan Finnern
Senior Advisor and Scheduler
Lt. Governor Pamela S. Evette
South Carolina Office of the Governor

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From: Kenneth Wilkerson <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>
Date: May 9, 2020 at 1:58:50 PM EDT
To: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Gave Mask
Reply-To: "[REDACTED]@yahoo.com" <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Mrs Finnern

I hope today is finding you well. We currently have 500,000 Covid 19 Rapid test kits in the warehouse and can have them delivered within 24-36 hrs. Please be advised we have not shopped them to anyone at this point. As with everything we attempt to give South Carolina the first chance to purchase.

Thanks
Kenneth Wilkerson
Wilkerson Consulting LLC
9702184399

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On Fri, May 1, 2020 at 12:00 PM, Finnern, Megan
<MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Hello Mr. Wilkerson,

I've passed along this information to our logistics team at the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control, they will absolutely reach out if this is something they need. Additionally, if you would like, you can also reach out directly to SC EMD at: ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov.

Thank you again for your interest in working with the state,
Megan



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Mrs Finnern

First off I appreciate you taking your time for me.

That being said, I am completely out of mask in North Carolina. I have 1 million mask in a warehouse in New Jersey. I keep getting calls and messages from hospitals and nursing homes wanting to order mask in the

form of 2000-10000 units. Obviously I am more than happy to take care of these customers and provide them what they need. However to keep the price per unit down to \$0.65 I need to get an order of 300,000 - 500,000. If not the trucking will make the mask unaffordable.

Is this something you could help me with? If the state or a big customer were to purchase the big order I will fill the truck out and make sure all of these hospitals get their mask too.

I hate to bother you as I am sure you have plenty on your plate. I am just trying to figure out how to get everyone taken care of at a price that is reasonable.

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<MFinfern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Wilkerson,

The Lt. Governor is glad to hear from you. I received both of your emails and I have forwarded on to our team at SC DHEC. Additionally, the state has an email address for those looking to sell or provide personal protective equipment or other medical supplies:
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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:55 PM
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Mrs Finnern,

Sorry to bother you twice. I forgot to mention I also have 300,000 three ply mask on the ground in North Carolina also. I meant to inform you on the last email about the ventilators and I spaced it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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Of course. We'll get you on there right now.



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Good morning, Brian.

When you get a chance, please add me to the Governor's press list.

Thanks,

Cristi Y. Moore

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Good morning All,

Please find attached questions that we have received from businesses that we plan to ask on the call this morning. We will ask as many as we can during our timeframe. We continue to receive questions everyday and will work with you all going forward to help businesses in SC.

Thanks again for participating on our call!

Best,
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Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 4:23:55 PM

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To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Invitation to Join CFR 4/7 State and Local Officials Conference Call: COVID-19 Lessons from Washington State
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 6:01:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I will register for the call. Thank you

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State and Local Officials Conference Call

COVID-19 Lessons from Washington State

Dear Mark:

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To register, please click the *Register or Decline* button. This

Invitee

Mark Plowden, SC Office of the Governor

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Best regards,
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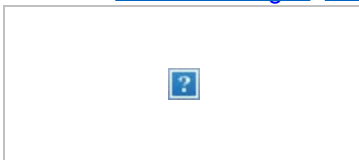
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To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>; Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>
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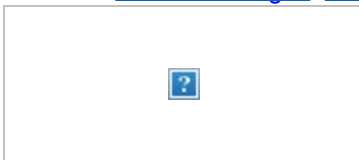
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Thank you, Megan.

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Subject: Re: [External] Letter from Lisa Van Riper and Holly Gatling to Governor McMaster
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 11:40:04 AM

Thank you, Leigh. We appreciate all that the Governor and HIS STAFF are doing to protect all SC residents.

Lisa V.

From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 9:22 PM
To: South Carolina Citizens for Life <sccl@sclife.org>
Cc: [dridings@scag.gov](#) <[dridings@scag.gov](#)>; [wilsonforag@gmail.com](#) <[wilsonforag@gmail.com](#)>; [taylorm@dhec.sc.gov](#) <[taylorm@dhec.sc.gov](#)>; Lisa VanRiper <[Lisa.VanRiper@ngu.edu](#)>
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Leigh

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Subject: RE: [External] Letter from Sec. Azar
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 10:43:15 AM

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Thanks, Emily for forwarding the letter from Secretary Azar.

We'll have our proposed response to the Governor's Office soon.

I will also be talking with the largest medical malpractice writers within the hour to let them know we will expect them to be flexible during this time of crisis and to accommodate the requests of Secretary Azar as it applies to their sector of the industry.

Ray


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That will be great – we can push that message back up to the feds and the governor can release it to the public and to the business community.

Thanks very much for leaning in on this.

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Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:25:00 PM

The senator just issued a press release:

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<https://www.scott.senate.gov/media-center/press-releases/scott-presses-hhs-to-ramp-up-testing-in-long-term-care-facilities>

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Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 11:09:00 AM

OK good. We will follow arrangement set forth in preceding email.

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To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
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Ryan, with Thermo Fisher, has been working with folks in the Columbia DHEC lab but was tasked on Friday to start working on a proposal re how their company can help expand testing capacity throughout the entire state. This is part of a national company initiative that they were directed to do by the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Senator Scott's office connected Thermo Fisher with me.

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I told Ryan I would follow-up with him after relaying this information to the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff, who is running point with DHEC and EMD. Ryan is interested in doing another call with you and the appropriate DHEC staffers.

Let me know if you are interested in setting up a call to review further.

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Dr Coleman... Atwell is his first name!!!!

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Okay. Who is joining on your end?

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To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Lock in 12:15-12:45

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Available. Get us a time asap because filling up time slots.

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To: [Hall, Madison](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Medical Mask (N95 & surgical) from China
Date: Saturday, March 28, 2020 7:52:14 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Madison,

ESF-7 at SCEMD is working on the procurement of all PPE. They have established an email address for those wishing to business with the state. PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov.

We are now forwarding all offers to this email address.

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 4:00 PM
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Jamie,

If this is a request better-suited for someone else, please let me know.

Thanks.

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Please see the information that we have related to mask below. Medical masks are not our line of business. But, we have done business in China 35 years plus and have long term relationships. These relationships are offering to help us with sourcing and accessing mask. We would like to help the hospitals and South Carolina if we can. The following is the information we have. Please let me know if we can capitalize on these relationships to help.

Thank you

Jimmy

For N95 masks, supplier states capacity to deliver 1,000,000 N95 NIOSH certified masks by NIOSH certified manufacturer in 15 days from purchase order placed. The quoted cost for the N95 masks from this factory is \$2.00 USD per piece. This costs does not include freight (air freight is estimated at .05 to .06 per unit or \$50,000 to \$60,000 for 1,000,000 units) or any profit for us.

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The current issues that we face to deliver the masks to the USA are:

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- There is currently an extremely high demand for N95 masks from this factory and we are being told that if we do not place the order immediately, lead times could extend
- While we have a long relationship with our colleague , we have no relationship with the factory. Since we do not have a personal relationship with the factory, the ability for the factory to deliver on the stated lead times and quantity is uncertain
- The long term supply of this factory is unknown at this time. They are currently quoting 1M masks as the quantity and it is uncertain whether this factory could be a long term supplier
- Ocean freight container shipping lead times are currently 45 days from Shanghai to SC Greer Inland Port – Ocean freight container shipping is currently stable with excess capacity
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- Pricing for this factory (and all sources that we have identified) is high relative to pre-virus pricing which indicates pricing risk and an unknown about future pricing

For throw away surgical masks, we have identified several suppliers that state total capacity to deliver 500K surgical masks per day from the date that the purchase order placed. The

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To: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Cc: [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: [External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 26, 2020)
Date: Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:11:49 PM

Thank you, Cristi.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 26, 2020, at 2:50 PM, Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Hi, Brian.

Please see the attached news release that we plan to issue around 3:30 p.m. today.

Cristi Y. Moore

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To: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
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Subject: RE: [External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 15, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:01:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you.



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From: Rebecca Schimsa <rschimsa@rgppc.org>
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Cc: Wesley Williams
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All – Multiple private sector companies contacted RGPPC with offers to help governors' offices with COVID-19 response operations. Please see a variety of offers below and reach out directly only if interested. Thank you.

Attached: Contacts for seven companies manufacturing medical devices, including respirators and some PPE: General Electric (GE), Medtronic, ResMed, 3M, Siemens, Johnson & Johnson, and Honeywell.

Sysco

Contact: Brad Christie, Gov't Relations, 832-906-1812,

christie.bradley@corp.sysco.com<<mailto:christie.bradley@corp.sysco.com>>

Offer: Sysco can distribute food and emergency supplies in areas where they have excess capacity on their trucking fleet. They can also loan out trucks and trailers if needed.

About: Sysco is the #1 food distributor in the U.S. The company serves more than 650,000 customer location in the US and internationally in the restaurant, healthcare & education, and hotel industries. Its 330-plus distribution centers and some 14,000 delivery vehicles deliver branded and private-label food -- including fresh, frozen, and canned foods, and specialty and meat products -- as well as non-food items such as silverware and utensils.

DoorDash

Contact: Toney Avaya, Head of Gov't Relations, 202-295-6765,
toney.anaya@doordash.com<<mailto:toney.anaya@doordash.com>>

Offer: DoorDash is donating their platform to connect those in need with groceries and prepared food from local companies. They are in the process of shipping more than 1 million sets of free hand sanitizer and gloves to couriers.

About: DoorDash is a technology company with a mission to grow and empower local companies. They are also offering financial assistance to eligible couriers who are diagnosed with COVID-19 or quarantined.

Aaron's Inc.

Contact: Robert Kamerschen, EVP, General Counsel & Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, 678-402-3275,
Robert.Kamerschen@aarons.com<<mailto:Robert.Kamerschen@aarons.com>>

Offer: Aaron's is willing to donate mattresses to help with COVID-19 healthcare for patients.

About: Aaron's rents and sells sofas, beds, electronics, and appliances along with other furniture and household goods. One of the nation's top rental and rent-to-own companies (behind industry leader Rent-A-Center), Aaron's purveys private-label and name-brand merchandise through nearly 1,600 Aaron's stores in the US and Canada. The company's Woodhaven Furniture unit makes most of its furniture and bedding at about a dozen plants in the US. Aaron's also provides virtual leasing services to help some 20,000 retail partners across the US serve credit-challenged customers. Aaron's was founded in 1955.

Maximus

Contact: Jim Miller,
JamesEMiller@maximus.com<<mailto:JamesEMiller@maximus.com>>

Offer: Maximus can help states expand surge capacity in UI call centers and processing departments to meet the increase demand. (Note: OPM permits the use of contractors to administer federally funded entitlement programs.)

About: Maximus can provide surge communication contact center operations, support surge in UI benefits access and support, support surge in employer support, and supplement program capacity to administer services remotely or virtually.

Merit ReadyNow

Contact: Hannah Burke, hannah@gomerits.com<<mailto:hannah@gomerits.com>>

Offer: Merit can help state boards, commissions, hospital systems, and others get licenses digitized, issued, and verified to help with license verification, issuance, and reciprocity across state lines.

About: Many governors have begun providing licensure recognition and reciprocity for medical professionals and others for increased capacity to COVID-19 response. Merit is offering a platform to quickly issue and verify credentials at no cost states.

Chelsea Health Solutions – FluChecker.com

Contact: Dr. Soumi Eachempati

info@gonogohealth.com<<mailto:info@gonogohealth.com>>, 917-593-7170

Offer: The Flu Checker app can be designed for local or state specific purposes to help citizens self-assess symptoms.

About: Chelsea Health Solutions has spent several years creating a customizable web-based app called FluChecker.com to help determine which symptomatic individuals with flu symptoms needs testing or care for Coronavirus. FluChecker.com is an active website created by a team of doctors who have worked at multiple academic centers including Cornell and Emory over the last several years and modified for the recent Coronavirus outbreak. Further, it can easily be modified to provide directions to local testing sites, hotlines, and if appropriate, designated treating hospitals and more.

BIO

Contact: Patrick Plues, Vice President of State Affairs,
pplues@bio.org<<mailto:pplues@bio.org>>

Offer: BIO has resource called the Coronavirus Hub that connects companies with supplies and resources to healthcare providers that need them.

About: BIO is the world's largest trade association representing biotechnology companies, academic institutions, state biotechnology centers and related organizations across the United States and in more than 30 other nations.

MJM Strategies

Contact: Nan McLaughlin, 717.215.3356,

nmclaughlin@mjmstrategiesllc.com<<mailto:nmclaughlin@mjmstrategiesllc.com>>

Offer: MTN Black Boxes can help states in need of heavy-duty, temporary, weather-protected structures for response operations.

About: The MTN BLACKBOX is a Heavy-Duty Superstructure that is purpose-built to accommodate large scale events. This Modular, yet temporary, structure can be scaled as needed to contain live events, studio productions, custom soundstages and arenas. With its impressive Load Rating, Weather Protection and seemingly endless Customization, this all-in-one package is perfect for your next project.

<Contacts for Medical Device Companies.xlsx>

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[REDACTED] (M)

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Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 11:49:41 AM

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Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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o. 803-734-0304 c. 803-673-9437

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To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [ACC-Log](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: RE: [External] PPE One-Pager
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 9:49:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good morning Rick,

Thank you for sharing the below. I will pass this back along to Ms. Powell, who I know has also reached out directly via the PPE email as well.

I appreciate your time and thank you for all you're doing.

Stay well,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
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Cc: ACC-Log <ACC-Log@dhec.sc.gov>; Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
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Good Morning Megan

I believe the EMD model works perfectly for these situations. Businesses who need PPE are encouraged to route those requests through their local EMD office. The local EMD office then will forward the request to State EMD where all requests are compiled. State EMD is placing large orders for PPE for this exact reason below. Obviously the company is responsible for payment.

Hope this helps.

Rick C.

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From: "Ouzounidis, Maria" <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
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From: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>
Date: April 4, 2020 at 2:47:09 PM EDT
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Date: April 4, 2020 at 1:45:58 PM EDT
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Subject: Re: [External] PPE One-Pager

Megan,

I wanted to share a trend I'm noticing, in case you may find it helpful.

Medical suppliers will require minimum purchase orders. For example, our supplier requires a minimum purchase of 100k of any item.

We have a purchase order from Georgia for 3m masks, and we have another purchase order from FEMA for 5m masks.

In South Carolina, I've noticed our information was shared down to the local level, so we are getting inquiries from Counties and in some cases fire departments asking for small

orders, like 100 isolation gowns.

I sense South Carolina may soon notice a problem that they aren't receiving PPE because no local entity had the need or capacity to make minimum orders.

If y'all aren't doing it already, I would recommend the state or DHEC make these orders.

Please let me know if we can be of any assistance. We have 7 day air freight delivery and would be glad to help.

Stay safe,
Erika Powell

On Mar 31, 2020, at 9:08 AM, Finnern, Megan
<MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good morning Erika,

Thank you for sharing this information with us. I have passed this along to DHEC and I've also sent the information to the email below.

This email is where we've been asked to direct all individuals who are offering to sell personal protective equipment or other medical supplies: ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov.

I'm sure it wouldn't hurt if you wanted to also reach out directly. Also, I wanted you to have it should you know of anyone else looking to do something similar.

Stay safe and healthy,
Megan

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Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 10:39 PM

To: Finnern, Megan

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Subject: [External] PPE One-Pager

Megan,

I hope you are well and safe! In the interest of time, Pam asked that I send all info related to available PPE to you, so it may be provided to DHEC soonest.

Please kindly confirm receipt and delivery.

As always, thank you for all you do.

Erika Powell

864.419.8999

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Presser today?
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:22:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

We have not confirmed an afternoon press conference yet. If we do have one, DHEC presence will be required. We will make a decision as soon as the governor is off the phone with the Vice President. You'll be the first to know what we decide.



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Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 1:09:00 PM

Confirmed that we'll be having a 3:00 presser. I'm sending an advisory now.

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Tammie Epps with Prisma reached out, she's trying to also coordinate a presser this afternoon, I think because she saw MUSC at Governor's last update. Any thoughts on Prisma attending?

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Tammie Epps with Prisma reached out, she's trying to also coordinate a presser this afternoon, I think because she saw MUSC at Governor's last update. Any thoughts on Prisma attending?

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Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:11:34 AM
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Negative.

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Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:07:58 PM
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Happy to talk further. Would you be free at 5pm EST?

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David—thank you for your time last week.

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Best,
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Rick,

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Thanks,
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From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:24 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Quest Diagnostics is interested in speaking with someone at DHEC to review how they can assist with testing. Are you okay with me connect David with Rick to determine the best person for him to contact?

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 9:57 AM
To: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

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From: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 6:16 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Great, I can send you a call-in that you can share around if that works?

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To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Thanks, Jordan. Is there any chance 1130 or 1pm tomorrow would work? I'd like to bring in a Vice-President from our regional operation to make sure we're able to be as informative as possible. Otherwise we'll work to make ourselves available at another time. Thanks.

David

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What times are you available for a call tomorrow?

From: Reiner, David M <David.M.Reiner@questdiagnostics.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:31 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Quest Diagnostics - COVID-19

Jordan,

Good to talk to you. As I mentioned, I wanted to make your office aware of what we're doing in the COVID-19 testing space to see if we could be helpful in the state's efforts to combat the pandemic and get folks back to work. Below is a link to our latest update on our molecular testing efforts, as well as our announcement from yesterday that we have launched our serology/antibody test. I look forward to connecting with appropriate folks in the state. Thanks.

<https://newsroom.questdiagnostics.com/COVIDTestingUpdates>

<https://newsroom.questdiagnostics.com/2020-04-21-Quest-Diagnostics-Begins-to-Perform-COVID-19-Antibody-Testing>

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Question about DHEC
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:11:20 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hi, Megan,

Thanks for the inquiry. I called Mr. Acquilano and provided him with some resources from our website.

Take care,

Maria

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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Question about DHEC

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Hello Maria,

Could you please provide me with an answer on the below or let me know to whom I could direct Mr. Acquilano?

Thank you so much!

Megan



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From: Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestandiocese.org>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Question about DHEC

Dear Megan:

I pray you're well and enjoying your week ☺ It's a manic Monday.

Our Catholic Charities was provided notice in Jasper County (in Hardeeville) that they would receive inspections to ensure compliance with COVID-19 directives. Do you have any insight into this? We have never experienced this and are not aware of other locations experiencing this.

We, of course, are maintaining strict practices while maintaining operations. We would simply like to know if this is something we should ensure our statewide staff are aware of.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Question PPE
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:20:49 AM

Jordan

Please see below link to the Logistics Annex. I'm not sure I completely understand what the question is.

<https://www.scemd.org/media/1246/06-attachment-a-sc-logistics-plan.pdf>

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On Mar 25, 2020, at 10:58 AM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Question PPE
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:37:00 AM

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I am asking you if there is a summary of the plan to distribute PPE or should I refer to the link you provided below?

Thanks,
Jordan

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Subject: Re: [External] Question PPE
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 12:24:29 PM

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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. Per guidance from the SNS, items were sent out in full box quantity to keep the products clean. We anticipate a second allotment has begun to arrive at our Logistics site. This allotment will be pushed out to the the counties [on Friday March 27](#). Counties that did not receive some items from the last push will be the first to receive those items with the second push.

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Question
Date: Saturday, March 14, 2020 3:31:04 PM

Sym

Unsure if you want to respond or me but here is the answer:

The visitation restrictions apply to all visitors (for the indefinite future) to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Harmony at West Ashley is licensed by DHEC as an assisted living facility (also known as a community residential care facility).

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On Mar 14, 2020, at 2:21 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Sym

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To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Question

From constituent: When McMaster says limiting visits to nursing homes, what does that mean? My mother is in a memory care unit at a retirement village (Harmony) West Ashley. Is that considered a nursing home?

Sincerely,
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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Kathie Marsh](#); CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: mwgambrell@bellsouth.net
Subject: RE: [External] question
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 11:51:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Good Morning,

On-premises consumption is not permitted. This would include a patio or outside. I have provided the language from the Executive Order below. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

“Section 4. Pursuant to the aforementioned authorities and other applicable law, as well as the following specific provisions, I hereby order and direct that any and all restaurants or other food-service establishments (collectively, “Restaurants”), as set forth below, which prepare, produce, or otherwise offer or sell food or beverages of any kind for on-premises consumption in the State of South Carolina, shall suspend services for, and may not permit, on-premises or dine-in consumption, beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020, and through Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Notwithstanding the foregoing directive and prohibition, I hereby authorize, permit, and encourage Restaurants to prepare, produce, or otherwise offer or sell food or beverages for off-premises.”

Thanks,
Sym



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From: Kathie Marsh <KathieMarsh@scsenate.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:47 AM
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV <CALDWERT@DHEC.SC.GOV>
Cc: mwgambrell@bellsouth.net; Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] question

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: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
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From: [Stenson, Kim](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#); [Blair, Jamie](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Quick question
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 7:50:39 AM
Attachments: [image.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

Megan,

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Regards,

Kim

Kim Stenson
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020, 6:55 AM
To: Stenson, Kim; Blair, Jamie
Subject: FW: [External] Quick question

Good morning Director Stenson and Mr. Blair,

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Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Quick question

Hi Megan,

Hope things are going well and you are staying safe and healthy!

Had a random question for you all. I had a government grant offered to me for establishing a large face mask manufacturing facility in South Carolina in an Opportunity Zone.

Do you all know if facemasks are still a need for our state and how many we would need?

I'm trying to determine if this is in fact still a need and if so how large of a manufacturing plant we would need to build.



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Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:17:00 AM
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This is great. Thank you so much!



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Had a random question for you all. I had a government grant offered to me for establishing a large face mask manufacturing facility in South Carolina in an Opportunity Zone.

Do you all know if facemasks are still a need for our state and how many we would need?

I'm trying to determine if this is in fact still a need and if so how large of a manufacturing plant we would need to build.



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From: [Blair, Jamie D.](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Letter of concern to Governor McMasters - Terry Cunningham CEO PPCP
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:55:30 PM

Yes, you may! Also, SCEMD has started an email address for vendors interesting in providing services to the state to support COVID-19. Feel free to share this as well PEoffers@emd.sc.gov

Thanks for you help!

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Cc: [Ed, SCSupt](#); [Chambers, Virgie](#); laddvj@dhec.sc.gov; [Campbell, Karen](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Red Cross request to use school facilities for blood drives
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:48:52 PM

Thank you so much Laurie. I have asked for a list from other areas in the state. I have been in contact with Superintendent Melton in School District Five of Lexington & Richland Counties and am coordinating with them now. As soon as I receive the other target areas, I will let you know.

Again, thank you!
Rebecca

From: Traywick, Laurie [mailto:ltraywick@ed.sc.gov]
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:25 PM
To: Jordan, Rebecca <rebecca.jordan@redcross.org>; michael.leach@dss.sc.gov
Cc: Ed, SCSupt <SCSuptEd@ed.sc.gov>; Chambers, Virgie <vchambers@ed.sc.gov>; laddvj@dhec.sc.gov; Peggy McMaster <kcampbell@governor.sc.gov>
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Ltraywick@ed.sc.gov

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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Re: Red Cross request to use school facilities for blood drives
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 3:16:44 PM

Sorry for the extra emails. Our Regional Disaster Officer, Tony Reid, is compiling a list and will be working with DSS on identifying schools. He should have that ready next week.

Thank you so much!
Rebecca

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Cc: [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [READJHDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Re: [External] RE: 12 residents
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 11:29:46 AM

Thank you. Will be in touch.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 12, 2020, at 11:19 AM, Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Mark, see attached answers.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson

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From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>

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Nick – Please see attached list of additional questions sent to me over night. Call if needed.

Thanks

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<Questions for DHEC, 3.12.20 - cruise answers ND WB.docx>

From: [Pippin, Zach](#)
To: [James Burns](#)
Cc: [Higgins, Teresa](#)
Subject: Re: [External] RE: Audio Conferencing for Protection Task Force Meeting tomorrow at 2 pm
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:39:25 AM
Attachments: [Pippin.png](#)

View/listen only is available at sect.org/acceleratesc

I can also send a WebEx invitation in a few minutes. With that you'll be able to hear and be heard/seen in the room, but you won't be able to see us via WebEx.



Zach Pippin
Director of Digital Media
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On Apr 27, 2020, at 11:28 AM, James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com> wrote:

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.

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community
Date: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:06:11 PM

Perfect, thanks!

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 12:03 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community

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The best contact for Senator Scott is Joe McKeown at 843-343-4991 or joe_mckeown@scott.senate.gov.

Thanks,

Jordan

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Subject: RE: [External] Re: Brenda Murphy - S.C. President of NAACP
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:16:00 PM

Perfect! Thank you!

-----Original Message-----

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Foster, Sally <Sally.Foster@admin.sc.gov>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>; Hornsby, Amy <Amy.Hornsby@admin.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Brenda Murphy - S.C. President of NAACP

I'm going to leave that up to you but her concerns were related to contact investigations/process/notifications. I answered all of those and she said she had guidance on what She needed to provide to her members.

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> Do you feel that we need to contact as well?

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>

> Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 10:41 AM

> To: Foster, Sally <Sally.Foster@admin.sc.gov>

> Cc: Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym

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Cc: blairjd@dhec.sc.gov; [Hall, Madison](#); [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Call re masks/equipment, etc
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:16:43 PM

Do you have a call In number or what's the best way to get connected?

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 12:15 PM, Webb, Beth <bwebb@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Oh wonderful! We just would love to hear guidance from you both. Shouldn't last long!

From: Greene, Tammie <tgreene@sccommerce.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 12:13 PM
To: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: blairjd@dhec.sc.gov; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>; Singh, Sym <ssingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Call re masks/equipment, etc

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: [Blair, Jamie D.](#)
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Subject: RE: [External] Re: Call re masks/equipment, etc
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 5:05:57 PM

Sorry just saw this invite. Been a crazy day!
Is anything required from me?

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Beth, we are all set – please see number and details below for conference call at 2:30. Someone has the line from 2-2:30 so if it doesn't work the first time – wait a few minutes and try again.

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Access Code: [REDACTED]

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**	List available commands

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Tammie,

Can you set one up through Commerce?

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Subject: Re: [External] Re: Constituent Point of Contact for the Governor's Office
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 12:41:03 PM

Hello, Kristy,

My office number is 803 898 3598 and my cell is 803 904 1966.

Thanks!
Maria

On Mar 17, 2020, at 12:24 PM, Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Subject: RE: [External] RE: Contact Tracing Request for WH
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 8:35:09 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

As it relates to contact tracing –

Apple Call for State Officials

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Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 3:43:51 PM

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Subject: Re: [External] RE: Covid Testing Capacity Follow-up
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:47:12 PM

Good Afternoon,
Can we do a call tomorrow at 1:30 pm?

Thanks,
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On Apr 14, 2020, at 11:50 PM, Philip Kent <pkent@copernicusmd.com> wrote:

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 5:23:18 PM

Appreciate it.

Rick Caldwell, II
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office: (803) 898-2786
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On Mar 25, 2020, at 5:22 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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We weighed in, which is how you got priority testing and ZIP information.

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
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Thanks Sym
Shared with our team.
Stay Safe
Rick C.

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FYI. Please see the email below. I know you have seen multiple others like it. However, I wanted to make sure you were aware of this.

Thanks,
Sym

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From: Shannon Erickson <ShannonErickson@schouse.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 3:15 PM
To: Jacobs, Ashley <ashley.jacobs@bcgov.net>
Cc: George E. "Chip" Campsen III <ChipCampsen@scsenate.gov>; Jeff Bradley <JeffBradley@schouse.gov>; Margie Bright Matthews <MargieBrightMatthews@scsenate.gov>; Maxey, Cynthia <cmaxey@bcgov.net>; Michael Rivers, Sr. <MichaelRivers@schouse.gov>; Tom Davis <TomDavis@scsenate.gov>; William G. "Bill" Herbkersman <BillHerbkersman@schouse.gov>; William K. Bill Bowers <BillBowers@schouse.gov>; Weston Newton <WestonNewton@schouse.gov>; Passiment, Joseph <jpassiment@bcgov.net>; Sommerville, Paul <psommerville@bcgov.net>; Covert, Michael <mcovert@bcgov.net>; Flewelling, Brian <brianf@bcgov.net>; Hervochon Chris <chervochon@bcgov.net>; McElynn, Lawrence <lawrencem@bcgov.net>; Lawson, Mark <markl@bcgov.net>; Dawson, Gerald <gdawson@bcgov.net>; Howard, Alice G. <ahoward@bcgov.net>; Glover, York <yglover@bcgov.net>; Rodman, Stewart <srodman@bcgov.net>; John McCann <johnm@hiltonheadislandsc.gov>; Steve Riley <SteveR@hiltonheadislandsc.gov>; Sulka, Lisa <lsulka@townofbluffton.com>; Orlando, Marc <morlando@townofbluffton.com>; Billy Keyserling <billyk@islc.net>; William Prokop, City Manager <wprokop@cityofbeaufort.org>; Tanner, PJ <pjtanner@bcgov.net>; Baxley, Neil <neilb@bcgov.net>; Kline, Bruce <chiefkline@lishfd.org>; routreeh@burtonfd.org; Jones, Buddy <bjones@bcgov.net>; Boys, Ed <eboys@bcgov.net>; John Thompson <thompson@blufftonfd.com>; Foot, Philip <philipf@bcgov.net>
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Hi Ashley,
Thank you for your time in sharing this issue.

I will look into it with DHEC and the Governor's office immediately.

Sincerely,
Shannon

Representative Shannon S. Erickson
South Carolina House of Representatives
District 124, Beaufort
843-255-2260 Beaufort Delegation Office
843-734-3261 Columbia Office
(Sent by personal device, please excuse any typos or misspellings.)

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<ashley.jacobs@bcgov.net> wrote:

Citizens are encouraged to call or e-mail before driving to a Beaufort County Office. Visit us online at www.beaufortcountysc.gov.
Effective March 23, all Beaufort County buildings are closed to the public until further notice to minimize opportunities to spread COVID-19 in our community.

Good afternoon Senators and Representatives,

I am writing to make you aware of an immediate need related to COVID-19 and first responders, and to request your assistance.

For weeks, the counties across the state have been asking SCDHEC to provide us with specific location information about individuals who have tested positive for the virus. SCDHEC has not been responsive to this request, and this morning, they communicated that they will distribute this information by zip code.

As zip codes may cross county lines and cover hundreds of square miles, we find this totally unacceptable. Our first responders are going on calls without any knowledge of their exposure, which endangers them and requires using our limited supply of PPE. If firefighters, paramedics, and law enforcement officers are exposed on a call, they're diverted from duty to be tested and quarantined for days. As this crisis continues and grows, we will not have first responders and resources to respond to the demand. In other states, the health agency is providing this specific location information, and we need the same protection in SC. Please be aware that even in normal operating conditions, we have personnel shortages in EMS.

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Subject: Re: [External] RE: COVID-19 Reported in All 46 Counties Across South Carolina, 5 deaths, 261 New Cases
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 9:09:34 PM

Evening
Happy to discuss at your convenience.
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Rick C.

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Good Evening Senator,

I hope you are doing well. We will work with Rick Caldwell and the DHEC team to see how we can assist the Co-op. We will also let you know how it is handled. I hope you have a great night.

Sincerely,
Sym

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
803-201-9770

Sent from iPhone, please excuse any typos and misspellings.

On Apr 2, 2020, at 8:41 PM, Margie Matthews
<Margie@brightmatthewslaw.com> wrote:

Governor McMaster:

I know your office is inundated with numerous concerns and complaints.
Hopefully, this one will be easy.

I received a call from the CEO of Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative,

Jason Dandridge. The Co-op has been working hard to make sure that each home has access for internet in rural SC. Mr. Dandridge explains that his technicians has been working extra hard overtime to get internet to these areas.

In order to activate the internet, the technicians are required to enter homes. Out of concern for the technicians, Mr. Dandridge wanted to know whether they could get an alert to homes that are under mandated quarantine. This information would aid them in how to proceed with providing service to that home. I reached out to DHEC and learned that this information could not be provided the company due to HIPAA regulations.

Understanding the limitations of providing this confidential information, the technicians were advised to treat each home as if a person in the home had COVID-19. Mr. Dandridge has expressed his concerned for the PPE allotment that he has being depleted at the rate they are going. The technicians are wearing masks, gloves and boot coverings. It is unlikely that their PPEs will last through the pandemic.

We seek some direction on how we can proceed to protect the public, the technicians and their family, as well as the person sick with the virus.

By copy of this letter to Rick Caldwell, I am asking that someone reach out to Cooperatives to provide assistance with this issue. Jason Dandridge can be reached at (843)538-9331 Office and (843)908-3420.

Please let me know if there is anything else I need to do to assist.

Margie Bright Matthews
Senator, District 45
P.O. Box 499
205 East Washington Street
Walterboro, SC 29488
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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
- Kershaw County: 13 cases
- 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

Unfortunately, the agency also announced five additional deaths related to COVID-19. The deaths occurred in elderly individuals who all had underlying health conditions. Two were residents of Florence County, one of Anderson County, one Horry County, and one of Sumter County.

This brings the total number of deaths in the state to 31.

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.

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.

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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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: COVID-19 Updates on Actions Taken
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 8:55:18 AM

Good morning, Kristy,

DHEC's primary priorities remain preventing the spread of COVID-19 and protecting public health. The [DHEC Situational Summary \(COVID-19\)](#) includes information about COVID-19 and DHEC's response efforts.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

Thanks,
Maria

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From: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
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Good morning Maria,

Sorry for my delay – we actually did not have anything from DHEC, and I didn't worry about it because it is very obvious how busy everyone has been. You all are doing so much it would be hard to summarize, but I would like to include something. Do you have a way to communicate what has been done? Maybe a timeline? Whatever you think is best let me know!

Thank you,
Kristy

From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: COVID-19 Updates on Actions Taken

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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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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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

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To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#); [James Burns](#)
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Wonderful, and will do. Much appreciated.

Cassie

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Thank you, Cassie! Appreciate all your work, and please let me know if I can be of further assistance. My cell is 803-609-2658.

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Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 5:56 PM
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

◀External Email▶ - From: harriscs@dhec.sc.gov

Hi James,

Please see attached presentation deck and briefing handout for tomorrow. If your team decides to publish a presentation and/or materials externally, would appreciate having a chance to update with the latest information for that day.

Please let us know if you need any additional information and/or have questions/concerns. My cell is (808) 282-9240.

Sincerely,
Cassie

Cassandra S. Harris

Director of Strategy and Engagement
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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. 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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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: [Hall, Madison](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: DHEC Releases
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:19:15 PM

Thank you so much. That would be great!

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
803-201-9770

Sent from iPhone, please excuse any typos and misspellings.

On Mar 26, 2020, at 8:42 PM, Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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

Maria Ouzounidis
Legislative Affairs
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From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 7:14 PM
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Good Afternoon,

Would you mind adding Madison Hall, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs and me on your news release list that goes out? We are just looking to get the news releases, press releases, updates from DHEC come out daily. I have copied Madison Hall on

this email. Thanks so much!

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From: [Bart Daniel](#)
To: [Limehouse, Thomas](#)
Cc: [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [Dr. Heidi Williams \(williamsheidimd@aol.com\)](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Dr. Heidi Williams
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:18:58 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thanks Thomas. I've copied Dr. Williams on this email so Will and she can deal directly.

Will and Thomas, thank you for all you're doing. Give my best to Henry.

Bart

From: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:09 AM
To: Bart Daniel <bart.daniel@nelsonmullins.com>
Cc: [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#) <BRITTWDD@DHEC.SC.GOV>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Dr. Heidi Williams

Bart – Thanks so much for your email and for relaying Dr. Williams' generous offer to assist. By copy of this email, I am forwarding this information to, and connecting you with, Will Britt, who is DHEC's Chief Counsel for Public Health. I have spoken with Will and he said that he would be glad to help. Given Will's position and critical role in our shared preparation and response operations, he is better situated than I am to route this information and offer to assist to the appropriate medical, public health, or logistics officials at DHEC. Of course, please do not hesitate to call or email if I can be of service or assistance in any way.

Best,
Thomas



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From: Bart Daniel <bart.daniel@nelsonmullins.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:19 PM

To: Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] RE: Dr. Heidi Williams

Forgot to add, Dr. Williams' cell is [REDACTED]



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From: Bart Daniel

Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:02 PM

To: TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov

Subject: Dr. Heidi Williams

Thomas,

The Governor has asked for physician volunteers to help respond to the crisis. Dr. Heidi Williams is an Ivy League educated Plastic Surgeon with an OR in Mt. Pleasant. Significantly, she also has a ventilator in her office/OR. Since all elective surgeries are now postponed, she's offered to volunteer in whatever capacity she can. Based on her previous experience with infectious diseases (she worked for several years in the HIV Lab under the noted Dr. Fauci), she may be most effective advising the Governor on policy. I know well as she's become close friends with Cindy and me. She's very impressive and incidentally, conservative-not that that matters in these crazy times!

Let me know what I can do to put her in touch. Also, can you share your cell with me. Mine is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Thanks, Bart



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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Drive-thru List
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:46:00 AM

Received. Thanks

From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Drive-thru List

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: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26
Date: Thursday, March 26, 2020 3:12:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Okay. This looks good to me.



Brian Symmes
Communications Director
bsymmes@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-0304 c. 803-673-9437

From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26

Sorry -- please see this version. I didn't like the wording about the reagent shortage in the previous version.

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From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fw: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26

Please see today's news release draft attached. It includes two deaths as well as new positive cases.

Thanks,

L

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Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FINAL draft news release for today, March 26

Jennifer,

Please see attached. This includes reporting two deaths.

TY,

L

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To: [Perdue, Christopher \(OS/ASPR/SPPR\)](#); [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Cc: [Johnston, Darcie \(HHS/IEA\)](#); [Horahan, Kevin \(OS/ASPR/EMMO\)](#); [Flowers, Artensie \(OS/ASPR/EMMO\)](#); [DAVIDSNEDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [BLAIRJDDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Grand Princess re South Carolina
Date: Friday, March 13, 2020 12:30:24 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Dr. Perdue,

Thanks for your email below and continued assistance. By copy of this email, I am connecting you and your team with the appropriate staff at the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC"), who I understand will be contacting you all with some remaining logistics-related questions. Of course, please do not hesitate to call or email if you all need anything on our end.

Best,
Thomas



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From: Perdue, Christopher (OS/ASPR/SPPR) <Christopher.Perdue@hhs.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 11:52 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>; Horahan, Kevin (OS/ASPR/EMMO) <Kevin.Horahan@hhs.gov>; Flowers, Artensie (OS/ASPR/EMMO) <Artensie.Flowers@hhs.gov>; Limehouse, Thomas <TLimehouse@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Grand Princess re South Carolina

Thank you, Jordan. Thomas, please let me if you'd like to talk by phone, I can work with Darcie to set that up. Email is completely fine, too.

Christopher L. Perdue, MD, MPH

Captain (CAPT), US Public Health Service
Senior Policy Analyst, Designated Officer for Federal Advisory Committees
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o. (202) 401-5837 | m. [REDACTED]
christopher.perdue@hhs.gov | www.phe.gov

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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To: Perdue, Christopher (OS/ASPR/SPPR) <Christopher.Perdue@hhs.gov>
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Subject: Re: [External] RE: Grand Princess re South Carolina

Hi Christopher,

I am copying the Governor's Chief Counsel, Thomas Limehouse, who is coordinating with our state agencies on this matter. Thomas will follow up with you all regarding your questions and state requirements.

Best,

Jordan Marsh
Director of Federal Relations

Office of Governor Henry McMaster
State of South Carolina
(803) 509-0581
jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

On Mar 13, 2020, at 11:05 AM, Perdue, Christopher (OS/ASPR/SPPR) <Christopher.Perdue@hhs.gov> wrote:

Jordan, sorry for the 2nd email – we also need to know which are the airport or airports where you (SC staff) will meet them.

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Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 11:04 AM

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Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Flowers, Artensie (OS/ASPR/EMMO) <Artensie.Flowers@hhs.gov>

Subject: RE: Grand Princess re South Carolina

Hello, Jordan. Here are the names and other details we have for South Carolinians.

Last	First	Requirement	Home Address	Home City	Home	Home Zip	Email/s	Phone/s
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[REDACTED]								
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Can you also please confirm that –

- South Carolina is ready to take their residents into their own quarantine system (after they are swabbed for a PCR test)
- We do not need to wait for a test result to send them to SC (we are using contracted aircraft), though exactly scheduling is not yet available
- We do or do not need to provide ground transportation (i.e., contracted buses) to their homes to complete their quarantine/isolation

Thank you

Christopher

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Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: FW: Grand Princess re South Carolina

Please send SC list to Jordan with the Governor

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 <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Friday, March 13, 2020 8:03 AM

To: Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>

Subject: Grand Princess re South Carolina

Darcie,

Can you send me the list of South Carolina passengers? Number of passengers, addresses, and any other details that you are permitted to share.

Thanks,

Jordan Marsh

Director of Federal Relations

Office of Governor Henry McMaster

State of South Carolina

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jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: READJHDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Marsh, Jordan](#); [Walker, Trey](#)
Subject: Re: [External] RE: Invite to Briefing with Congressman Norman Re: Coronavirus
Date: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 6:15:19 PM

Many thanks

Sent from my iPhone

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Date: March 10, 2020 at 5:49:43 PM EDT
To: "Neece, Michael" <Michael.Neece@mail.house.gov>
Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)
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Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 5:48 PM
To: Neece, Michael <Michael.Neece@mail.house.gov>
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RSVP to Michael Neece by email at Michael.Neece@mail.house.gov or by phone at [REDACTED] (cell).

WHAT: Briefing and discussion with local officials in Sumter County on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-2019)

WHEN: Friday, March 13, at 9:00 AM

WHERE: Patriot Park Pavilion, 380 General Drive, Sumter, SC 29150

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Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information.

Best regards,

Michael Neece | District Outreach Director
Office of U.S. Congressman Ralph Norman (SC-05)
C [REDACTED]

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Cc: [Marsh, Jordan](#); [Walker, Trey](#)
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Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:32:10 AM

Many thanks

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Our regional medical director will be there. My legislative affairs staff is connecting with Ralph Norman. This has been handled.

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Subject: Re: [External] RE: Invite to Briefing with Congressman Norman Re: Coronavirus
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 11:05:00 AM

Our regional medical director will be there. My legislative affairs staff is connecting with Ralph Norman. This has been handled.

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Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Island Packet: 'Assert some leadership': Beaufort Co. residents ask for local help on coronavirus issues
Date: Friday, March 20, 2020 1:10:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Okay. Thank you.



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From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
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To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
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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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Were we aware of the concerns Sheriff Tanner addresses in this story?

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Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 7:42:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Cc: [Call, Katherine](#); [Quattrone, Kristy](#); [Polatty, Jan](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Message for DHEC & HHS from Constituent Re: Air Sanitizing Technology 3/18/2020
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:42:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Good afternoon Maria,

I appreciate the response! I shared the information with her and also provided direct contact information for her husband to share more specifics.

Thanks again,
Megan



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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 2:19 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Call, Katherine <Katherine.Call@admin.sc.gov>; Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>; Polatty, Jan <polattyj@scdhhs.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Message for DHEC & HHS from Constituent Re: Air Sanitizing Technology 3/18/2020

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

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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: [John Tsanas](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Cc: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Re: [External] RE: N95 Masks
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 12:01:22 PM

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John

I've already shared your information with our Logistics Branch. Do you have the masks in stock? What are the terms of the supplier?

Rick C.

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Read, Jennifer](#); [COVID-19](#)
Cc: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#); [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: NBC News question -- Darlington Raceway
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:51:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I didn't see this until this morning somehow. I will handle.



Brian Symmes
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From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 4:48 PM
To: COVID-19 <COVID19News@emd.sc.gov>; Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>; Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: NBC News question -- Darlington Raceway

Brian, confirming you're handling this, correct?

Jennifer Read
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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

803-737-8515

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
Editor
NASCAR Talk/NBC Sports

C: [REDACTED]
C: [REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]@gmail.com

From: [Webb, Beth](#)
To: [Reece, Myra](#); [Noel Fletcher, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: outdoor seating guidance
Date: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:19:00 PM

Excellent, thank you!

From: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>; Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@scommerce.com>
Subject: Re: [External] RE: outdoor seating guidance

Certainly! Will task someone now - for situational awareness, working of a draft document for consideration that lays out coordination of Commerce/LLR/DHEC to support businesses.....will share later....thanks!

Myra C. Reece

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From: Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@scommerce.com>; Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: outdoor seating guidance

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Myra,

Do you have anyone on your team who could give this Chef a call? I want them to be aware that

DHEC is actively involved in this process.

Thank you,
Beth

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This is an addendum to my earlier message. I just saw one of the recommendations by the restaurant association is to open outside dining first. Outside dining tables and chairs are generally not made of a smooth surface, a surface that can be quickly sanitized after use. More outside dining tables are made of metal with holes, chipped paint, and not smooth, impossible to clean and sanitize. Opening up outside dining first is a bad idea for two reasons, the first is the inability to sanitize surfaces. The second, if the reason is to give restaurants a chance to work out problems, what problems? The problems for the larger restaurants will not be in the front of the house, the problems will be in the back of the house with staffing unable to adhere to social distancing. Kitchens are designed with cooking equipment installed side by side sometimes requiring more than 1 staff person per piece of equipment. How does starting with outside dining help that? Perhaps there should be more input from SCDHEC inspectors and less from the restaurant association.
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From: Noel Fletcher, Jennifer <jfletcher@scommerce.com>
Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>; Webb, Beth <BWebb@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: outdoor seating guidance

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@scommerce.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?

Myra C. Reece

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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: [Chris Pavasaris](#)
To: [Cleveland, John](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Christian Soura](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 5:12:04 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi John,

Thanks very much. Director Toomey and Christian hoping to connect for 10-15mins to brief you on what we discussed with John. I recognize you both are extremely busy. Certainly happy to be flexible to find a time that works for one or both of you.

Very much appreciate the time,

Chris

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 2:07 PM
To: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Christian Soura <csoura@scha.org>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Director Toomey and Chris,

Wanted to connect you with Chris Pavasaris from Rave Mobile Safety. I've spoken with Chris, who went over the attached PPT regarding potential public health communication capabilities in South Carolina. The State House uses Rave for updates, I believe, as well as UofSC and others.

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Respectfully,



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From: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 1:17 PM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hey John,

Thanks for jumping on earlier to speak with us. Wanted to email you a copy of the PP that we shared. Looking forward to the connection with Director Toomey and Christian Soura and hope the meeting/presentation is going well this afternoon.

Appreciate the help,
Chris

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:15 AM
To: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hey Chris, I'm so sorry – got hung up. I can talk at 11:30 if that still works. I apologize.

From: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hi John,

Wanted to check if you are still able to join this morning?

Thanks,
Chris

From: Chris Pavasaris
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Sounds good. Invite is on it's way.

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:56 PM

To: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Perfect. Talk to you then.

From: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:55 PM

To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hi John,

No problem. 11am tomorrow works. I can send over an invite. One other person on our gov affairs team would like to join as well.

Thanks,
Chris

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 1:51 PM

To: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>

Subject: RE: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hey Chris,

Yes – sorry for the delay. Would tomorrow at 11:00 am work?

John

From: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>

Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 12:29 PM

To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hi John,

Wanted to follow up if you might have a few minutes to connect this week?

Thanks,
Chris

From: Chris Pavasaris

Sent: Friday, May 1, 2020 9:00 AM

To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: RE: Rave and Accelerate SC

Hi John,

Thanks very much for the note and connection with Director Toomey and Christian Soura. Would you also still be available to connect today prior to 12:30 for a few minutes?

Thank you,
Chris

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:26 PM
To: Chris Pavasaris <cpavasaris@ravemobilesafety.com>
Subject: Rave and Accelerate SC

Chris,

I received your email from Senator Peeler's office. I am staffing the "Protection" sub-group in the AccelerateSC task force. I am happy to connect you with our committee chairs, Director Toomey (DHEC) and Christian Soura. If you'd like to discuss first, let me know. I'm available until 12:30 tomorrow.

Best,



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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Cc: dougwilliam@schouse.gov
Subject: Re: [External] RE: Recap + Materials: 3/27 Complete Count Committee Census Launch/Engagement Call
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:09:09 PM
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Good afternoon,
Thank you for the inquiry. If healthcare entities have needs, they should follow the request to connect with their local county EMD.
If I can be of further assistance, don't hesitate to let me know.
Thanks and take care,
Maria

On Mar 30, 2020, at 12:56 PM, Finnern, Megan <MFinfern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Hello Maria,

Please see the email below from Rep. Gilliam. Could you please answer his questions?

Thank you,
Megan



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From: Doug Gilliam <DougGilliam@schouse.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinfern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: Recap + Materials: 3/27 Complete Count Committee Census Launch/Engagement Call

Megan, I have just talked to Prisma, and I am going to check on "Isolation Stethoscopes that they need now. Are you aware of any other system with that need?

Doug

Rep. Doug Gilliam
SC House District 42
[REDACTED] cell

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: "Finnern, Megan" <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>

Date: 3/30/20 9:37 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Mary Dell Hayes <marydell.hayes@uwasc.org>, Naomi Lett

<naomi.lett@uwasc.org>, "Mary L Peeler (CENSUS/AT FED)"

<mary.l.peeler@2020census.gov>

Cc: Christopher Kemper <chris@ermarketinggroup.com>, "CORCHADO, JONATHAN"

<corchadj@email.sc.edu>, "CANADA, VICTORIA L" <vcanada@email.sc.edu>,

brendacmurph@gmail.com, "Quattrone, Kristy" <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Recap + Materials: 3/27 Complete Count Committee Census

Launch/Engagement Call

Good morning Complete Count Committee, State Leaders and Members of the General Assembly,

Thank you again to all of you who were able to join us for last Friday's call. Attached to this email and copied below are minutes from the call itself (including links to materials) and attachments that the different presenters shared. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me or Mary Dell Hayes.

Best of luck on your Census activities, promotion and Facebook Live events this week!

Stay safe and healthy,
Megan

Finnern



SC Governor's Complete Count Committee 3/27 Virtual Meeting – Minutes/Recap

Welcome/Introduction: Lt. Governor Pamela Evette

- Sincere thanks to everyone who joined for making the time to be on this call.
- Know time of great uncertainty, and while everyone across the state is laser-focused on fighting the COVID-19 pandemic, we felt it was important to still meet virtually today as the **Census is ongoing, and still very important to the future of our state.**
- Highlighted that **2010 Census data is being used right now, during this time of crisis, to allocate federal resources** to programs like school meal programs, SBA

loan funding, disaster relief, etc.

Marketing Overview/Tools: Christopher Kemper, EMILY: Revolutionary Marketing Group

- Materials/Logo: view attached slide deck for messaging & examples of materials to date
- **Reshared the list of resources** – websites where you can find materials to download (<https://www.emarketinggroup.com/file-share>) and social media channels to follow
- **Census Day Ideas:** view attached slide deck including “script” for doing a Facebook Live on 4/1

Counting for Census Dollars: Dennis Dickerson

- Counting for Dollars 2020 PDF Here (also attached):
https://census.sc.gov/files/IPP-1819-3%20CountingforDollars_SC.pdf
- Visit SC Census Site to review additional information including link to “Response Rate” Map that can be found on the website: <https://census.sc.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau, Mary Peeler

- Census is still happening, field operations have been pushed back for at least two weeks. **While they have extended the deadline by 2 weeks through August 14**, further delay could actually lead to lower completion rates as we lose sense of urgency – so we must stay engaged now.
- Operations where hand-delivering census, completed 15% prior to field ops. suspension.
- **Good news, people can still go online or call the phone number to complete**
- **Do NOT need the ID, just need to enter address**
- Staff has been placed on 100% work at home – no in-person meetings or presentations, but continuing to be highly engaged with partners via phone, email and web conference.
- Working to get census materials to many of our schools: ex. sending them home with meal packets.
- Very pleased with work that partners in SC are continuing to do – asking cities/counties to issue challenges to increase response rate. **We have 25.6% completion in SC, slightly below the 28.1%**

United Way of SC, Naomi Lett

- Grant funding – working on behalf of SC Grantmakers Network and have **distributed \$116K to organizations across the state**; many of requests that came in included activities that are no longer possible due to COVID-19, so putting some of these on hold
- Did not distribute Chromebooks that had on loan through Google as we don’t want to put anyone at risk, **so we are getting creative in trying to engage with our school districts. Have been in initial conversations with Superintendent Spearman’s Office.**
- Review **“Census Hard to Count Maps”** – gives information regarding completion

AND mechanism of how people are choosing to respond. You can view by Census Tracts, being able to help get greater detail on where you need to concentrate efforts at the local level:

<https://www.censushardtocountmaps2020.us/>

Call to Action & Close:

- Remember to continue reaching out to those you know and those you interact with: **YOU can have a tremendous impact on census completion within your own personal network!**
 - #1: Start with Yourself
 - #2: Your coworkers + direct reports
 - #3: Your community – asking friends and neighbors.
- THANK YOU ALL!

From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Remdesivir COVID medicine
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 9:40:00 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Much appreciated. He actually sent me an email last night saying that DHEC had reached out and he was working with them.

Best,
Megan



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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Call, Katherine <Katherine.Call@admin.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Remdesivir COVID medicine

Thanks, Megan. We will reach out.

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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Call, Katherine <Katherine.Call@admin.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Re: Remdesivir COVID medicine

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Hello Maria,

I hope you are doing well. Could someone from DHEC please reach out to Dr. Ahuja regarding the below email?

Thank you very much,

Megan



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From: Divya Ahuja <Divya.Ahuja@uscmed.sc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:48 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: Remdesivir COVID medicine

Ms Finnern,

I am an Infectious Diseases Physician at Prisma Midlands and was the ID specialist on the telephone call with the Lieutenant Governor and the SC Association of Physicians from India, a few weeks ago.

As you know we continue to see new hospitalizations from COVID and once hospitalized the mortality is anywhere between 6-30%

Remdesivir is an antiviral and early data shows it might reduce mortality from 11 % to 8% and length of stay from 15 to 11 days.

Although it is not a perfect medicine, at present this seems to be the only antiviral that works to some extent.

It recently received approved an emergency authorization by the FDA but only some hospitals will be getting it.

It is not clear how many, or if any SC hospitals are on the list for distribution of this medication.

I was hoping to request a few minutes on the phone with the Lieutenant Governor to discuss this matter, to see if the state government could advocate for this drug to be delivered to SC.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Divya Ahuja, MD, MRCP (London)

Associate Professor of Medicine

Columbia

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From: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Kendall Buchanan](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#); [Diane Cooper](#)
Cc: [Daniel Morris](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 1:46:00 PM
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I appreciate everyone's quick response.

I've shared this date/time and I am waiting for confirmation from SCAPI. In the interim, they've asked us to please hold the time.

Thanks!

Megan



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From: Kendall Buchanan <KBuchanan@doi.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>; Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
Cc: Daniel Morris <DMorris@doi.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested

It works for us as well.

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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:02:45 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnnern@governor.sc.gov>; Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
Cc: Daniel Morris <DMorris@doi.sc.gov>; Kendall Buchanan <KBuchanan@doi.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested

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Hi Megan,

Yes, Wednesday 4/8 at 10:00 AM will work with us.

Thanks!

Maria

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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinfern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>; Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Daniel Morris <DMorris@doi.sc.gov>; Kendall Buchanan <KBuchanan@doi.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
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Hello Diane & Maria,

I am currently holding next Wednesday 4/8 at 10:00 AM for this call. Does this work for your teams?
If so, I will reach back out to SCAP leadership to confirm.
If you need a secondary option, we could look at 2:00 PM on Wednesday 4/8.

Thank you,
Megan



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From: Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinfern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Daniel Morris <DMorris@doi.sc.gov>; Kendall Buchanan <KBuchanan@doi.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested

Hi Megan,

I've looped in Kendall Buchanan, Deputy Director of Market & Consumer Services, and Daniel Morris, Deputy Director of Licensing on this response. They will both participate in the call on behalf of the DOI.

Our only unmovable conflict is currently Tuesday morning, April 7th from 10:30 – 12:00.

Thanks,
Diane
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From: Finnern, Megan [<mailto:MFinfern@governor.sc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Katie Phillips <Katie.Phillips@llr.sc.gov>; Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
Cc: Milisic, Sonja <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>; Rea, Micah <MRea@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested

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Thank you to you both – let me know when you are able.

Best,
Megan



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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinfern@governor.sc.gov>; Katie Phillips <Katie.Phillips@llr.sc.gov>; Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
Cc: Milisic, Sonja <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>; Rea, Micah <MRea@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested

Hello, Megan,

I am checking with our folks internally to see who may be best to partake in the discussion.

Thanks,
Maria

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Cc: [Daniel Morris](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested
Date: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:40:07 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)
[image006.png](#)
[image002.png](#)

It works for us as well.

Kendall Buchanan
Deputy Director of Market and Consumer Services
South Carolina Department of Insurance
Office: (803) 737-6143

From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 3, 2020 10:02:45 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>; Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
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Hi Megan,

Yes, Wednesday 4/8 at 10:00 AM will work with us.

Thanks!

Maria

Maria Ouzounidis
Legislative Affairs
S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control
Office: (803) 898-3598
Ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov

From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
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Hello Diane & Maria,

I am currently holding next Wednesday 4/8 at 10:00 AM for this call. Does this work for your teams?
If so, I will reach back out to SCAPI leadership to confirm.

If you need a secondary option, we could look at 2:00 PM on Wednesday 4/8.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
mfinnern@governor.sc.gov
o. 803-734-1505

From: Diane Cooper <dcooper@doi.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 2, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Daniel Morris <DMorris@doi.sc.gov>; Kendall Buchanan <KBuchanan@doi.sc.gov>
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Hi Megan,

I've looped in Kendall Buchanan, Deputy Director of Market & Consumer Services, and Daniel Morris, Deputy Director of Licensing on this response. They will both participate in the call on behalf of the DOI.

Our only unmovable conflict is currently Tuesday morning, April 7th from 10:30 – 12:00.

Thanks,
Diane
803-737-6148

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Thank you to you both – let me know when you are able.

Best,
Megan



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Katie,

Thank you for letting me know and speaking briefly via phone a few moments ago.

I am looping in **Diane Cooper from DOI regarding the pharmacy items** here and asking that they please review and let me know who best in your department would be available to participate on this call.

Thank you so much!
Megan



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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

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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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> Thank you,

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Subject: Re: [External] Re: Roper St. Francis is to offer Free Coronavirus Telehealth Vists for Patients in Charleston
Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:22:31 PM

Will do. On the phone with ASPR right now about the Princess hip situation. Will call you in a second.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 4:21 PM
To: Britt, Will <BrittWD@dhec.sc.gov>
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Will,

Call me on the number listed in my signature. I'm available at your convenience.

Jordan Marsh
Director of Federal Relations
Office of Governor Henry McMaster
State of South Carolina
[\(803\) 509-0581](tel:(803)509-0581)
jmarsh@governor.sc.gov

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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>
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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.

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To: [Marsh, Jordan](#); [Johnson, Hillary](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC COVID-19 Response Summary – March 21, 2020
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 1:36:32 PM

Hello,

I am, along with Rick Caldwell, the Government Relations officer for the COVID-19 response at DHEC. Due to privacy protections under state law, DHEC cannot provide any more information than what was in the press release. I have copied that below for your convenience and highlighted what I think is the portion most relevant to your question.

Let me know if you need anything else—happy to help if I can.

Best,

Ellen Andrews-Morgan
Legislative Affairs /COVID-19 Government Relations Officer
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control
Mobile: (803) 530-5679

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 20, 2020

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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Adding Ellen, with DEW, who can provide more information on location and medical specifics.

Best,

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Good Morning Jordan

I see that we are now up to 3 deaths in the state. Can you please provide some information on the 2 most current cases?

Thanks!

*Hillary Johnson
Office of Congressman James E. Clyburn (SC-06)
1225 Lady Street, Suite 200
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Adding Ellen, with DEW, who can provide more information on location and medical specifics.

Best,

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From: Johnson, Hillary <Hillary.Johnson@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 23, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: SC COVID-19 Response Summary – March 21, 2020

Good Morning Jordan

I see that we are now up to 3 deaths in the state. Can you please provide some information on the 2 most current cases?

Thanks!

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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 22, 2020 11:01 AM
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: SC COVID-19 Response Summary – March 21, 2020

SC COVID-19 Response Summary – March 21, 2020

- SC DHEC announced [46 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 173 cases across 30 counties. New cases by county:
 - 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
 - Kershaw County: 6 cases

- 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
- Governor McMaster [took additional actions](#), including:
 - Asking construction contractors and others in the skilled trade industry to donate whatever personal protective equipment they can spare to healthcare professionals and state agencies in the greatest need, including respirator masks commonly used in construction settings. Those willing to make donations can contact Mary Louise Resch of Habitat for Humanity for logistical coordination via email at mlresch@habitat-sc.org.
 - Issuing [Executive Order 2020-12](#), which directs the Department of Revenue to waive additional regulations in order to allow restaurants to include sealed containers of beer and wine for curbside pickup or “to-go” orders only. This waiver does not authorize or apply to open containers or delivery services.
 - Directing the Department of Revenue to conform the state’s income tax deadline to July 15, which is the new federal income tax deadline. Other state taxes will remain delayed until June 1, as previously ordered.
- DHEC is [now distributing](#) tens of thousands of hospital gowns, protective masks, face shields and gloves from a national medical stockpile. Supplies are being distributed based on each county’s population, he said. The supplies include 16,780 surgical gowns, 51,000 hospital gloves, 44,000 N95 masks, 176,500 surgical masks and 17,740 face shields, according to DHEC.

From: Marsh, Jordan

Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 10:59 AM

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SC DHEC [announced](#) 21 additional presumptive positive Coronavirus cases, bringing South

Carolina's total to 81 cases in 17 counties and one death.

Governor McMaster issued [Executive Order 2020-11](#):

- Directing that all non-essential employees and staff of the State of South Carolina shall not report to work, physically or in-person, effective Friday, March 20, 2020, and until further notice. Essential employees and staff are designated by the corresponding agency head or their designee as essential or mission-critical to the State's ongoing preparation for and response to emergency conditions related to COVID-19.
 - Public universities, colleges and technical colleges: each institution's president will, at their discretion, determine essential employees and allow non-essential employees to work from home.
- Prohibiting any county, municipality or other political subdivision from closing any location or facility that is occupied or utilized by any agency, department, official or employee of the State of South Carolina.
- Directing DHEC to temporarily suspend enforcement of certificate of need regulations necessary to expedite treatment of the virus.
- Suspending unemployment insurance payments for employers until June 1st, allowing business owners to have addition capital on hand.
- Waiving Department of Employment and Workforce regulations to allow unemployment claims to be expedited by at least one week.
- Suspending procurement regulations to allow state agencies to rapidly acquire resources to combat the COVID-19 virus.

The Governor also ASKED:

- All South Carolina hospitals to restrict visitation to patients with the exception of end-of-life situations;
- South Carolinians to STAY HOME if they are able.

The SC House passed, and Governor McMaster signed into law, legislation providing DHEC with an additional \$45 million from the budget surplus to fund COVID-19 response. The legislation also loosens restrictions on how much retired DHEC employees can earn should they return to work and allows the agency to move supplies and employees from one hospital or medical provider to another depending on demand. DHEC's plan to spend the money:

- \$14.8 million, on personal protective equipment for health care workers;
- \$14.5 million, to cover additional staffing to help with disease surveillance and investigation, lab testing and information phone lines;
- \$5.2 million, to cover technology, lab supplies, travel and cleaning costs;
- \$5 million, on unanticipated costs based on the spread of COVID-19;
- \$2.5 million, on an education campaign through television and radio ads and printed materials;
- \$1.7 million, to cover the costs to quarantine and support indigent patients; and
- \$1.3 million, to cover costs for lab samples and distribution of items from the Strategic

National Stockpile.

The U.S. Small Business Administration [approved](#) Governor McMaster's request to offer disaster assistance to South Carolina businesses. All South Carolina small businesses which have suffered substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19 virus may qualify for low-interest federal disaster loans. Businesses can apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Gary Simrill](#)
Cc: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.29.20
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:56:00 AM
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Good Morning Sir,

I have added Rick Caldwell on this email as he may be able to answer that question better than I can. Rick can you answer Rep. Simrill's question below?

Thanks,
Sym



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Office: 803-734-9271

From: Gary Simrill <garysimrill@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.29.20

Thank you Sym. Can you inquire as to why DHEC is not allocating ZIP Codes as they had agreed to before?

Gary

On Mar 29, 2020, at 10:25 AM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

I have attached the COVID-19 ResponseUpdate from the Governor's Office for 03/29/20. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have a good Sunday.

Sincerely,
Sym Singh

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<SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.2920.pdf>

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Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:37:34 AM
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Mayor McElveen

Thank you for the great conversation yesterday afternoon. Please feel free to use the documents we shared yesterday and if you need updates just let me know. You have my cell phone number so please call me if you need anything else.

Best Regards

Rick C.

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Hey John

I will follow up with an email to all but the mayor and I spoke for about 45 minutes yesterday afternoon. Hes good.

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Checking.

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<https://www.scdhec.gov/news-releases/dhec-conducts-cross-analysis-death-certificates-confirmed-covid-19-cases>

April 29 2020 635 pm

COLUMBIA, S.C. — As part of public health officials' ongoing efforts to confirm COVID-19 deaths are accurately reported, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today 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.

"As our state continues to respond to this unprecedented event, DHEC remains committed to ensuring that every South Carolinian who has died from COVID-19 is counted," said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC Physician. "This action aligns with efforts currently underway by other states and will assist us in more fully understanding the burden of this disease across the state and those populations who are most severely affected."

Through this data comparison, DHEC has identified 22 additional deaths associated with COVID-19 that had not been previously reported. This brings the statewide total, today, to 232.

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.

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Can you run this down with your press folks? The below is from Congressman Clyburn's office who claims the number of positive cases and death total that were listed on DHEC's [press release](#) yesterday are incorrect.

If easier, you can also have your team call Hillary at 803-674-9050.

Thanks,
Jordan

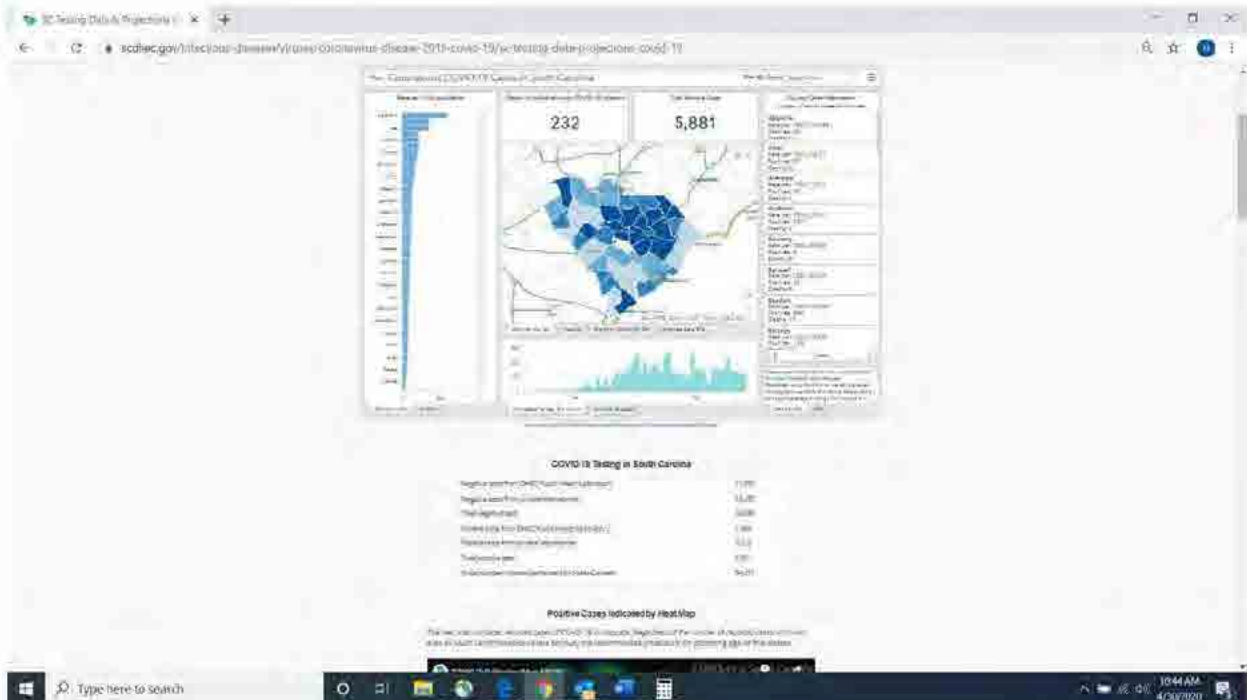
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Hey Jordan

So I looked at your press release and calculated it myself and it equals to 130 new cases. I am sending a copy/paste from yesterday I pulled and a screenshot for today. Based on yesterday and today the number should be 146, not 130. Please let me know if you need anything else. I just want to make sure we're all on the same page before I send anything out to staff. Thanks!

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

Negative tests from DHEC Public Health Laboratory	12,479
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Total number of tests performed in South Carolina	53,115



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Jordan

The death total seems to be incorrect as well.

Thanks!

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From: Marsh Jordan <jmarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 9:01 AM
To: Marsh Jordan <jmarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <twalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.30.20



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Please note the Public Information Line ("PIPS line") is fully functional from 8am to 6pm (same hours as DHEC Line). Please feel free to refer coronavirus related calls to 1-866-246-0133.

SC SUMMARY – APRIL 29

DHEC announced [130 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 5,881 cases across all 46 counties. Eleven additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 203.

The United States has 1.06 million cases, with more than 61,000 deaths. Over 147,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.23 million cases, with more than 228,000 confirmed deaths.

ACCELERATE SC's "Response" sub-group met yesterday. The group was tasked with identifying challenges related to workforce capacity, workforce re-entry, critical industries, capital requirements, regulatory issues and supply chain/logistics. Video of the meeting is available [here](#). Notable

- Under a S.C. Restaurant and Lodging Association [plan](#) presented Wednesday afternoon, restaurants would be permitted to open their outdoor dining areas May 4. Assuming the foray into on-premise service is successful, indoor dining areas would get the green light as early as May 11, but no later than May 18.
- Senators Graham and Scott both spoke on the \$600/week unemployment supplement created by the CARES Act, and about its potential to [disincentivize workers](#) to go back to work. Both indicated they would work for the provision's repeal.

The Resource Subcommittee will meet today at 2pm. The [live stream](#) is available on etv.

THE SC DEPT. OF EDUCATION has created the AccelerateEd Task Force, a group aimed at creating recommendations for schools on how to open at the start of fall. Meeting will be streamed at SDE's [website](#) at 10:00 am.

BOEING will [cut staff and production](#) in South Carolina.

USC's Caslen Make plans for a football season [that's not normal](#).

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 29

THE NIH [announced](#) that hospitalized patients with advanced COVID-19 and lung involvement who received Remdesivir—an investigational broad-spectrum antiviral treatment administered via daily infusion—recovered, on average, faster than similar patients who received placebo, according to a preliminary data analysis from a randomized, controlled trial involving 1,063 patients.

DR. ANTHONY FAUCI [hailed](#) Gilead's remdesivir as a COVID-19 treatment breakthrough.

OPERATION WARP SPEED is what the Trump administration is calling a Manhattan Project-style effort to drastically [cut the time needed](#) to develop a coronavirus vaccine, with a goal of making enough doses for most Americans by year's end.

THE HOUSE OVERSIGHT subcommittee on economic policy is [demanding data](#) from antibody test producers following reports of widespread inaccuracies.

THE NIH released information about their [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics \(RADx\)](#) program to speed the development and commercialization of COVID-19 testing technologies.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [pledged](#) to keep interest rates near zero until the U.S. economy has made it through the coronavirus pandemic.

Chairman Jerome Powell said Wednesday that now is "not the time" to let otherwise "serious concerns" about the rising national debt dampen efforts to mitigate some of the economic wreckage with mammoth federal spending. He had a message for squabbling lawmakers who worry about \$3 trillion pouring out of the Treasury: Keep the fiscal spigot open, he urged during a press conference.

THE CDC has released reopening guidance for [Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools, and Homes](#). This document provides a general framework for cleaning and disinfection practices. Cleaning and disinfecting public spaces including workplace, school, home, and business will require you to: develop a plan; implement the plan; and maintain and revise the plan.

THE CDC released their [principles and information on contact tracing](#) which highlights the basic principles of contact tracing to stop COVID-19 transmission, includes detailed guidance for health departments and potential contact tracers; information is forthcoming. CDC also updated the information on their [contact tracing](#) resource page to include new resources and key concepts on contact tracing.

THE CDC updated their information on [Keeping Children Healthy While School's Out](#). The guidance includes steps to keep children healthy, signs to look for if children are sick, and how to help them continue learning. The CDC

From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Cleveland, John](#)
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:37:54 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

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From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
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Oh, great! Thanks, appreciate that.

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Hey John

I will follow up with an email to all but the mayor and I spoke for about 45 minutes yesterday afternoon. Hes good.

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Following up. I know you're busy today.

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 12:04 PM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Checking.

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From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 05, 2020 11:56 AM
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Subject: FW: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

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Rick,

See below email from the mayor of Sumter. Do we have any of this data available?

Thanks for any help,

John Cleveland

From: Joseph McElveen <jmcelveen@bryanlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:54 AM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Mr. Cleveland,

Are you sure it's on the SCDHEC coronavirus website? I have seen the totals for deaths and infections by county and zip code. We need more than this.

We need to know how many tests have been done in the counties I mention—or at least in Sumter, and what the results were. I see statewide numbers but nothing for the counties. Does Sumter have as many cases and deaths as it does due to more testing showing more cases? Or do we really have a high concentration of cases? What about surrounding counties that have been the most highly infected in the state?

Having a timeline showing day-to-day new infections, testing and deaths would be helpful.

Of course, any county-specific information will be helpful. Surely records such as I request are being routinely maintained? Some of the information on the website could hardly be developed without it.

Thank you for any assistance you can give on this.

Mayor Joe McElveen'
Sumter

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Joseph McElveen <jmcelveen@bryanlaw.com>
Subject: RE: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Yes, sir. That information is available here: <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-cases-county-zip-code-covid-19>

From: Joseph McElveen <jmcelveen@bryanlaw.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Mr. Cleveland,

Can I get county statistics on infection, testing, and an infection and death timeline? I'd like to have

the information at least for Sumter and surrounding counties: Clarendon, Lee, Kershaw and Richland. Is this information available?

Mayor Joe McElveen
Sumter

From: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Please also note there will be an AccelerateSC meeting today at 2:00 pm, with sub-groups presenting recommendations to the Governor on how to safely revitalize our economy. The meeting will be streamed live at scetv.org.

John

From: Cleveland, John
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Cleveland, John <JCleveland@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 5.5.20

Good morning,

For your information, please find attached the Governor's COVID-19 Response Update for May 5, 2020 in PDF and Word format. We are providing these updates to summarize developments on the state, federal and international levels. Please feel free to share as needed.

Thank you,



John Connor Cleveland
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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Chris Wooten](#); [Walker, Trey](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Hall, Madison](#)
Bcc: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Re: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.29.20
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:58:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you. I will follow up and discuss this further with Rick. Rep. Wooten, we will be in touch soon.

Sincerely,



Sym Singh
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From: Chris Wooten <ChrisWooten@schouse.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Hall, Madison <MHall@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.29.20

Talked to Rick Caldwell also and he said

"We do not track after initial infection. That is a primary care physician role. "

I think it would be great to show those numbers as well. Trying to help stay with the Gov on his approach to not shit down and trying to stay positive.

But like I said, just a thought

Thank You, Chris

On Mar 29, 2020, at 10:40 AM, Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

SC's ratio of infected per 100k is much lower than say NYC - because of population density. That lower ratio also means lower ratio of fatalities.

Sym - can you see if this info is on DHEC site?

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Via Trey Walker iPad/iPhone.

On Mar 29, 2020, at 10:36 AM, Chris Wooten
<ChrisWooten@schouse.gov> wrote:

I keep hearing the number of how many have tested positive and apparently 1-2% of those folks have died according to the numbers that I have seen(correct me if I am wrong please)
What are the numbers on the infected folks that get well and where does that stand?
Just a thought to try and relax some of the crazy “shut everything down thoughts”
Hope y’all are well, appreciate you fellas

Thank You, Chris

On Mar 29, 2020, at 10:26 AM, Singh, Sym
<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Good Morning,

I have attached the COVID-19 ResponseUpdate from the Governor’s Office for 03/29/20. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I hope you have a good Sunday.

Sincerely,
Sym Singh

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<SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update
3.2920.pdf>

From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Cc: [Gary Simrill](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.29.20
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:26:01 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Rep Simrill
We are providing the zip code data to the counties.
Best Regards
Rick C.

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On Mar 29, 2020, at 10:56 AM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Good Morning Sir,

I have added Rick Caldwell on this email as he may be able to answer that question better than I can. Rick can you answer Rep. Simrill's question below?

Thanks,
Sym

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From: Gary Simrill <garysimrill@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 10:50 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.29.20

Thank you Sym. Can you inquire as to why DHEC is not allocating ZIP Codes as they had agreed to before?

Gary

On Mar 29, 2020, at 10:25 AM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Sincerely,
Sym Singh

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<SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 3.2920.pdf>

From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: SC Testing Capacity
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 4:01:01 PM

Sitting across from Jennifer. Didn't realize that she sent the email.

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On Apr 27, 2020, at 3:54 PM, Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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These are the questions I was referring to.

Jordan Marsh
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Simpson, Cody" <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 3:49:59 PM EDT
To: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Re: SC Testing Capacity

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Read, Jennifer" <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: April 27, 2020 at 3:46:09 PM EDT
To: "Toomey, Rick K." <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>, Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>, "Simpson, Cody" <CSimpson@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: SC Testing Capacity

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)

Jennifer Read

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Mia McLeod](#)
Cc: [Singh, Sym](#); [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Additional 44 Cases of COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:46:11 AM

I'm available at your convenience.

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On Mar 25, 2020, at 9:37 AM, Mia McLeod <Mia@scsenate.gov> wrote:

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Good morning,

I appreciate the link, but still don't see the info I'm looking for. Please let me know what time today would be a good opportunity for us to connect briefly via phone and I'll give you a call. Thanks!

Mia

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2020, at 7:58 AM, Caldwell, Rick
<CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Senator
Please see the below link. It is updated daily with the positives per county.
Best Regards
Rick C.

<https://scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/monitoring-testing-covid-19>

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<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Sincerely,
Sym

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 24, 2020, at 4:58 PM, Mia McLeod
<Mia@scsenate.gov> wrote:

Hi Sym,

Is there any reason we're getting these daily
numbers of (only) new confirmed cases, but
not a daily total number of positive
confirmed cases, by county?

It would be extremely helpful to see all of
the counties listed that have been impacted
so far and how many confirmed cases each
county has.

Please let me know. Thanks!

-Mia

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On Mar 24, 2020, at 4:33 PM,
Singh, Sym
<SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
wrote:

**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*.

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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

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Subject: Re: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Additional 44 Cases of COVID-19
Date: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 10:27:30 PM

Thanks! Will look to hear from Rick tomorrow.

Sent from my iPhone

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To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:11:44 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Not sure I understand surge?

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On May 6, 2020, at 9:09 AM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Is McLeod and MUSC in Florence in a surge as Rep. Kirby mentioned below?

Thanks,
Sym

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From: Roger Kirby <rogerkirby61@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020)

Check on McLeod and MUSC In Florence tomorrow. They are in surge as I understand.
And please let me know what you find.
Roger Kirby

On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 6:40 PM Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 93 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and 13 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 6,841 and those who have died 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 (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Allendale (3), Anderson (1), Barnwell (2), Beaufort (1), Charleston (2), Chesterfield (1), Clarendon (5), Darlington (5), Fairfield (3), Florence (6), Greenville (3), Greenwood (2), Horry (6), Kershaw (2), Lancaster (1), Laurens (1), Lee (1), Lexington (11), Marion (1), Marlboro (1), Oconee (2), Orangeburg (3), Pickens (2), Richland (12), Saluda (2), Spartanburg (3), Sumter (7), Williamsburg (2), York (2)

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From: [Singh, Sym](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:10:55 AM

Lol. Yes.

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On May 6, 2020, at 9:19 AM, Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

I can but on morning call then roll into religious call (is Governor going to join?)

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On May 6, 2020, at 9:17 AM, Singh, Sym
<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Me either lol. I will inquire, want to join on a call with Kirby? If so, tell me the time. If no, I completely understand.

Thanks,
Sym

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From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020)

Not sure I understand surge?

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<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Is McLeod and MUSC in Florence in a surge as Rep. Kirby mentioned below?

Thanks,
Sym

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Sent: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:44 PM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (May 5, 2020)

Check on McLeod and MUSC In Florence tomorrow. They are in surge as I understand. And please let me know what you find.
Roger Kirby

On Tue, May 5, 2020 at 6:40 PM Singh, Sym
<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 93 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and 13 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed

to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 6,841 and those who have died 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 (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Two Deaths Related to COVID-19, 32 Additional Cases
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 9:06:38 AM

Sym

I consider 80+ elderly. But the data for COVID-19 starts to change around 60-65.
Rick C.

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On Mar 26, 2020, at 6:52 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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From: Sandy Senn <sandy@sennlegal.com>
Date: March 26, 2020 at 6:18:13 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: South Carolina Announces Two Deaths Related to COVID-19, 32 Additional Cases

What is considered elderly? Just wondering. Thanks Sym.

On Mar 26, 2020, at 5:12 PM, Singh, Sym
<SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
March 26, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced two additional deaths related to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the state's total number of deaths to nine. 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 health conditions.

"Our condolences go out to the family and friends of these individuals and to all those in South Carolina who have suffered the loss of loved ones to COVID-19," **said Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC physician consultant.** "This unfortunate announcement is a reminder of the importance of taking actions to protect ourselves, our family and friends, and our community from this disease."

DHEC also is investigating 32 additional cases of COVID-19. This brings the total number statewide to 456 cases in 39 counties*.

The fluctuation in the number of new cases from day to day reflects the availability of the reagents, or chemicals, needed for laboratories to perform the testing. There is currently a shortage of these reagents nationwide, including in South Carolina, which can lead to delays in test results.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

- Abbeville County: 1 case
- Aiken County: 2 cases
- Anderson County: 2 cases
- Beaufort County: 3 cases
- Berkeley County: 3 cases
- Charleston County: 8 cases
- Fairfield County: 1 case
- Georgetown County: 1 case
- Greenville County: 1 case
- Horry County: 1 case
- Jasper County: 1 case

- Kershaw County: 1 case
- Lancaster County: 1 case
- Lexington County: 2 cases
- Orangeburg County: 2 cases
- Richland County: 1 case
- York County: 1 case

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"This is a serious time that calls for serious actions," **Dr. Traxler**. "Our chance of reaching the best outcome hinges on us all doing our part. We can't express strongly enough the importance of all of us practicing social distancing, staying home and away from other people when sick, and washing our hands often."

Individuals with signs of illness should stay at home and not attend public gatherings. All South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items, and regularly wash their hands, especially after being in a public place.

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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From: [Chip Huggins](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Cc: [Rick Caldwell](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf *Update*
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 6:47:24 AM

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 4, 2020, at 9:08 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Please see Rep. Huggins request below. I have also copied him on this email.

Thanks,
Sym

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From: Chip Huggins <chip@duraclean.net>
Date: April 4, 2020 at 3:38:05 PM EDT
To: "Singh, Sym" <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Hall, Madison" <MHall@governor.sc.gov>, Rick Caldwell <caldwert@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Re: State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf *Update*

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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From: [Simpson, Cody](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Re: wording for Gov order
Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020 10:00:33 PM

Thank you! He was happy to receive!

-Cody

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2020, at 8:37 PM, Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Mark and Cody, I added the numbers in the yellow highlighting below.

Thanks,
Nick

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From: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
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 Psychological 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,
Nick

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From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Read Ahead - April 20, 2020 Governors' Briefing with the Vice President on COVID-19 -- SC
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:27:41 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:02 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
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See below and attached. This was supplied by the WH to our office. Did DHEC compile this information for the WH? Do y'all agree with this list as an accurate depiction of resources on the ground and "available to governors" ...?

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:45 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Read Ahead - April 20, 2020 Governors' Briefing with the Vice President on COVID-19 -- SC

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 2:44 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Read Ahead - April 20, 2020 Governors' Briefing with the Vice President on COVID-19 -- SC

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Read Ahead - April 20, 2020 Governors' Briefing with the Vice President on COVID-19 -- SC

Fyi

From: Campana, Ariella M. EOP/WHO <Ariella.M.Campana@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:44 AM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com' <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; 'rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov' <rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; 'kstenson@emd.sc.gov' <kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Cc: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>; Obenshain, Tucker T. EOP/OVP <Anne.T.Obenshain@ovp.eop.gov>; Swint, Zachariah D. EOP/WHO <Zachariah.D.Swint2@who.eop.gov>
Subject: [External] Read Ahead - April 20, 2020 Governors' Briefing with the Vice President on COVID-19 -- SC

***This Information is Being Provided on Behalf of the White House
Coronavirus Task Force***



Governor and Senior Staff,

As a read ahead for today's briefing with the Vice President, below and attached is State-by-State testing platform information. This information will allow each governor and state officials to scale and utilize all testing capacity, improve transparency on all testing options, and manage the workflow to maximize all testing capacity through high-throughput platforms.

- State-by-State Testing Platform Information (see below)
- State-Specific High & Low Throughput Machine Location Map (see attached PDF)
- State-Specific High & Low Throughput Machine Location Details (see attached Excel File)
- Testing Approach Update Slide Deck (see attachment)

Separately, you are receiving this morning updated Project Airbridge State & County-Level Data from the Office of the Vice President (Tucker Obenshain; Anne.T.Obenshain@ovp.eop.gov).

State-by-State Testing Platform Information

Over the past four weeks the White House Coronavirus Task Force (WHCTF) has worked with diagnostic manufacturers and commercial laboratories to continuously expand COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) diagnostic tests for existing nucleic acid testing platforms. Eight different platforms now have COVID-19 tests available and many of your labs in your state now have these tests available. An additional platform will move forward within 7-10 days. Under the direction of the WHCTF, a coordinated interagency team of senior scientific and public health personnel has performed an in-depth review of laboratory diagnostic capacity based on the State's testing platforms that can perform COVID-19 tests across the United

States. **Much of the capacity is outside of the State's Public Health Laboratory.** This analysis has resulted in a State-by-State inventory of diagnostic testing platforms, each platform's maximum throughput capacity, and each instrument's geo-location, as provided by its manufacturer. We are providing you with the information we have developed for your State. **Please keep in mind this is proprietary information to the companies who have provided it and, while we are sharing it with the companies' permission, the companies have asked that states keep this information confidential.**

At the same time we have been in touch with many of your laboratory directors and the American Society of Microbiologists (ASM) to document and understand the barriers for full utilization. We are working together to address the issues that have been raised from technical support, to insufficient laboratory personnel, to insufficient funding, to swabs, transport media, tubes, extraction reagents and test kits. Each lab has unique requirements and we have a team talking with each laboratory to understand together how to increase our partnership and together address the often specific and unique issue as well as some overarching issues.

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.**

Governors are critical in the leadership of the testing ecosystems in their States, 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, bolstering contact tracing, and ensuring supply chain management of critical resources and healthcare capacity. We want to thank you for your leadership in this endeavor.

Finally, we are holding a State-Federal COVID-19 testing technical assistance briefing call on Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Time for State leaders and staff with members of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), U.S. Food & Drug Administration, and Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC). You can register for the call [here](#).

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From: [Michael Acquilano](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: [Evette, Pamela](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Red Cross Blood Drive at Our Lady of the Lake, Chapin
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:56:45 PM
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Maria, Megan and team –

Thank you so much for resolving this for us. We appreciate team SC and your work to help us maneuver the new normal. May God continue to bless each of you as we monitor this situation.

Goodnight and talk soon!

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

Michael F. Acquilano, Secretary
Secretariat of Communications and Public Affairs
South Carolina Catholic Conference



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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 7:55 PM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestdiocese.org>
Cc: Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
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Maria,

Thank you for your help. I checked with our legal team in the Governor's Office and it appears that blood donations would be essential services. They have advised that we use your and the cdc's guidance for social distancing. They actually address this issue on the Red Cross website and quote the Surgeon General:

www.redcrossblood.org/faq.html#donating

Appreciate the help!

Megan



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From: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
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To: Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestandioocese.org>
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Subject: Re: [External] Red Cross Blood Drive at Our Lady of the Lake, Chapin

Hey, Michael,

It's not DHEC that determines what is deemed essential. You could try and check with SC Dept of Commerce for additional information: <https://www.sccommerce.com/>

Thanks,
Maria

On Apr 7, 2020, at 5:11 PM, Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestandioocese.org> wrote:

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Dear Maria:

If I am to read into your message, the Governor's E.O. indicates that no one should leave their home except for work and essentials. Would this blood drive not be considered an essential service?

If it is essential service, would it be possible for us to host this on our premises if we follow the requisite DHEC guidelines? It is our understanding that there is

a shortage of blood.

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

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Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 4:22 PM

To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>; Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestdioocese.org>; Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Red Cross Blood Drive at Our Lady of the Lake, Chapin

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Hello,

The Governor's most recent order addresses a [home and work order](#) for South Carolina.

As DHEC is reminding the public to practice social distancing measures, the [DHEC website](#) has information for community members to [Protect Yourself & Those Around You \(COVID-19\)](#).

Thanks,
Maria

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Hello Maria,

Could you please provide Mr. Acquilano with guidance on the request below? I would also appreciate knowing the answer, so I've copied him here.

I appreciate the help,
Megan



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From: Michael Acquilano <macquilano@charlestdiocese.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 7, 2020 1:52 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Red Cross Blood Drive at Our Lady of the Lake, Chapin

Dear Megan:

Our Lady of the Lake in Chapin hosts a monthly blood drive on site. Red Cross wants to continue them for good reason. Are we okay having this on our premises for their benefit if we maintain the precautions noted in the attachment?

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#); [Jamie Kelly](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Reopening Guidelines for Salon Companies
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 2:05:40 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Hello,
We are working in conjunction with other partners in AccelerateSC on information pertaining to close contact businesses including salons. We are happy to pass along information when it becomes available.
Thanks and have a nice day.
Maria

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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Thursday, May 7, 2020 10:20 AM
To: Jamie Kelly <jamie.kelly@indigosalondayspa.com>
Cc: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Reopening Guidelines for Salon Companies

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Hello Jamie,

I know that this is one of the main areas of focus that accelerateSC is working on with SCDHEC. I am copying Maria Ouzounidis here to see if she can provide any further update.

Overall, as the Governor mentioned in a press conference last week, it is our goal to get these salons open as soon as possible once we have established the best guidelines to keep workers and customers safe.

Best,
Megan



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From: Jamie Kelly <jamie.kelly@indigosalondayspa.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 4:57 PM

To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Reopening Guidelines for Salon Companies

Megan,

I was hoping that you may have an update on an anticipated reopening date for salon companies. I know that some gyms were given approval by the Department of Commerce to reopen within the next five days. I am hopeful that salons will be given the same approval this week.

Thank you,
Jamie Kelly

On Sun, May 3, 2020 at 7:48 AM Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

Hello Ms. Kelly,

Thank you for providing this information to the Lt. Governor. I have shared it with Mr. Burns who is leading the accelerateSC committee.

All the best,
Megan



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From: Jamie Kelly <jamie.kelly@indigosalondayspa.com>

Sent: Saturday, May 2, 2020 1:25 PM

To: Evette, Pamela <PEvette@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] Reopening Guidelines for Salon Companies

Lt. Gov. Pamela Evette,

Thank you so much for allowing me to share with you these recommendations for reopening salon companies in South Carolina. They are the culmination of best practices shared with fellow salon owners in states throughout the southeast as well as the study of CDC and OSHA suggestions.

It goes without saying that the health and safety of our employees and our community are of the utmost importance to us.

I have spoken with one of our distributors, Salon Centric, and they have assured me that their priority is the continuation of procurement and supply of PPE equipment exclusively for our industry at their cost. They have coordinated their supply channels to offer delivery directly to salon locations as well as pick up at any of their stores in the state. I have additional documentation including inventory amounts and can provide, if needed, a letter from their president stating this.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or need any additional information. Continued prayers for you and Gov. McMaster as you lead in these uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Jamie Kelly
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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: RE: [External] Rep. Clyburn
Date: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:07:00 PM

The Governor just asked for this document as well.

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:22 AM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Rep. Clyburn

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202-236-6739

From: Jordan Marsh <jcmarsh206@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 23, 2020 10:21 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External]

Clyburn asked for this document. We are talking with Clemson about more info and collaboration on their extensions also..providing more info there. Seth in Clyburn's office has copy also as of yesterday. Thanks.

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Smith, Heather](#)
Cc: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: RE: [External] Rep. Timmons request
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:43:00 PM

Hi Heather,

Rick with DHEC plans to join the call.

Rick Caldwell, II
SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office: (803) 898-2786
Mobile: (803) 508-9073

I am working on securing the DEW representative.

Best,
Jordan

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Rep. Timmons request

Just heard back.

Here is the number they (DHEC and DEW) will need to us as well as Rep. Timmons:

1-877-229-8523 use PIN [REDACTED] when prompted.

They are asking for everyone to join at 10am to make sure the audio is working, but the call will begin at 10:10am. We also have the opportunity for a quick bio for those who are joining!

From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 at 10:23 PM
To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Rep. Timmons request

Can you share the call in information?

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:20 PM

To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] Rep. Timmons request

Sounds good, thank you Jordan!

From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 12:15 PM

To: "Smith, Heather" <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: [External] Rep. Timmons request

Hi Heather,

I hope you are doing well and staying safe. The Governor plans to release information relating to reopening the economy this afternoon. I'll forward you the press release and additional details about the plan once it is available.

Best,
Jordan

From: Smith, Heather <Heather.Smith@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:13 AM

To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] Rep. Timmons request

Hey Jordan – Heather in Rep. Timmons' office again.

Rep. Timmons mentioned he's spoken with the Chief of Staff on a few occasions and wants to be supportive of Governor McMaster when we begin reopening the state. Are there any talking points or a general outline of what your team is working on that you can send our way for our media and messaging? We just want to make sure we are on the same page as you all.

Thank you,
Heather Smith

From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Michael Acquilano](#); [Finnern, Megan](#)
Cc: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Resumption of Mass in Catholic Churches
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 10:49:35 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)

Good morning Michael

We expect reopening guidance from AccelerateSC and as well as Federal Guidance to be released in the future. Once we receive more information, we will be more than happy to pass that along.

Take care,

Maria

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Thank you, Maria! I appreciate your response. For planning purposes, it would be very helpful if we had a timetable for when you expect that information to be finalized. I am happily assisting some of AccelerateSC's work, but am not aware of the specifics on guidance provided to churches.

Any clarity you can provide would be most helpful.

Sincerely In Christ,

Michael

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Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
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Thanks Megan. I do think this is one of the focal points that the Governor has established with Accelerate SC. Its my understanding that they will make recommendations very soon related to this topic. That may be a more appropriate time to compare and review.

Take care,
Maria

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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

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Cc: [BRITTWDDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Return of South Carolina Residents from Grand Princess Cruise Ship
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:47:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you. Please confirm with me once the flight takes off.

Best,
Jordan

From: Perdue, Christopher (OS/ASPR/SPPR) <Christopher.Perdue@hhs.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:34 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>; Horahan, Kevin (OS/ASPR/EMMO) <Kevin.Horahan@hhs.gov>
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Jordan, I went and talked with our Air Ops team – that flight is not scheduled to depart for another 20 minutes. Right now, not aware of any unexpected delays.

Christopher L. Perdue, MD, MPH

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The passengers at Dobbins are texting me right now saying that the flights have been delayed and they are not getting answers as to how long. Can you please provide clarity?

Thanks,
Jordan

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Jordan, Darcie,

Yes, SC residents are going home today. They are being flown to Columbus and Spartanburg. I'm not sure what each person is doing when they get there, but the state has arranged/approved all ground transportation. What you describes sounds like a good plan to me.

Best regards,

Christopher

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Hi Darcie,

It is my understanding that the federal government is flying all the South Carolinians out of Georgia at Dobbins today around 2pm.

The couple from Anderson is being flown into Greenville-Spartanburg Airport, and the remainder of the passengers will be flown into Columbia (half will have family members pick them up / the others have their cars in Columbia).

DHEC staff will deliver the passengers from the plane to their cars. The state quarantine consent

order requires them to only stop for restrooms or gas during their travel home.

Can you please verify the above information?

Thanks,
Jordan

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From: Johnston, Darcie (HHS/IEA) <Darcie.Johnston@hhs.gov>
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Thank you! Copy. ASPR will begin to coordinate.

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Subject: Fwd: [External] Return of South Carolina Residents from Grand Princess Cruise Ship

Darcie,

Please see the below communication affirming South Carolina's willingness to accept South Carolina citizens who were passengers on the Grand Princess Cruise Ship. Of course, should you require further information or if you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out.

Best,

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Subject: [External] 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:

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- 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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Good Morning Marimac

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Long answer to not answer...
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What are you looking for regarding Abbott?

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Importance: High

Hey man,

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Jake Hilkin
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Rep. Ralph Norman (SC-05)

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P: 202.225.5501

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Appreciate everyone's help on this! I'll let Dr. Booker know that Jamie will be reaching out soon.

Thank you!

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To: [Caldwell, Rick](#); [Evette, Pamela](#)
Cc: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: RE: [External] SCAP
Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020 5:59:00 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Thank you Rick, much appreciated.

Lt. Governor - FYI



Megan Finnern
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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

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Subject: RE: [External] SCBIO time sensitive request regarding SC-based COVID-19 test kit companies urgently needing swabs
Date: Monday, May 11, 2020 7:58:44 AM

Good morning,

Just talked with CAPT Tom Bowman, Regional Administrator, ASPR. He indicated that if private sector organizations were part of the state testing effort then they could receive a portion of the testing supplies. Otherwise, they would have to order directly through the distributor.

Regards,

Kim

From: Duwve, Joan M. <duwvej@dhsc.sc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, May 9, 2020 3:53 PM
To: Davidson, Nick <david@dhsc.sc.gov>
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Yes, that is what I heard on the WH call as well. In addition, FEMA and CDC requested that states inform them of private testing labs or clinical entities requesting supplies for commercial use intended for state public health testing.

Thank you.

Joan

On May 9, 2020, at 3:33 PM, Davidson, Nick <david@dhsc.sc.gov> wrote:

Thanks, Rick. Yes, on the White House call it was made very clear that each state public health agency will be distributed supplies sufficient for testing up to 2% of the state's population. At this point, we have not yet received any of those supplies and we don't know of any particular ship date. Additionally, on that same call it was made very clear to the states that this was intended specifically for that public health effort and not for private labs for their own distribution. Of course the situation could change drastically between now and whenever we happen to get any supplies, but for now that is what we have been told.

Thanks,
Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson

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On May 9, 2020, at 3:01 PM, Toomey, Rick K.
<Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

The White House lab task force had a call with a group at DHEC last week. Asking Nick to summarize Believe we will be getting shipments for two months to assist DHEC in meeting the challenge to test 2 percent of population for the next two months. Do not believe we have received anything yet.

Rick.

Sent from my iPhone

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Good afternoon,

We have requested and received swabs through the FEMA RRF process at DHEC's request. However, we believe that FEMA and HHS are providing swabs automatically each month to each state but that process may be transitioning to the White House Task Force. Our FEMA sources indicate DHEC expects to receive 170,000 per month through this automatic system. We contacted FEMA this morning and was initially told that private sector companies could order directly. However, they later indicated that they were not sure and there was a possibility that the federal government was buying up all swab supplies and state allotments included a portion for the private sector. They indicated they will follow-up with a response.

Director Toomey, does this track at all with what your folks know?

Standing by to provide assistance as required.

Regards,

Kim

From: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 3:51 PM
To: Sam Konduros - SCBIO <skonduros@scbio.org>
Cc: Rick Toomey <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>; Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] FW: SCBIO time sensitive request regarding SC-based COVID-19 test kit companies urgently needing swabs

Sam, I am looping in DHEC Director Rick Toomey and SCEMD Director Kim Stenson for some guidance on your questions.

I will follow up with you on this shortly. Have a great weekend.

- Trey

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2020, at 1:54 PM, Sam Konduros - SCBIO <skonduros@scbio.org> wrote:

Dear Trey,

I hope you're doing well on this Friday, and will get a chance to over the weekend to recharge your batteries – as I know you've been going full-tilt as the state navigates its way through this unprecedented public health crisis. Sincere thanks for all that you and Governor McMaster are doing!

Per my thoughtful sister-in-law Cindy's personal request for us to connect, I truly appreciate your willingness to share your direct email address with me. Frankly, I've heard so many great things about you from Cindy, Rob Godfrey, and others, I've been hoping to establish a more direct relationship with you at the right time -- as SCBIO's mission *to build, advance, and grow the life sciences industry in South Carolina* is completely convergent and intertwined with the Governor's overarching economic development strategies for our great state -- and the vital life sciences & healthcare industries have never been more front-and-center in fulfilling a vital role than at present in the midst of the COVID-19 battle.

While there are a number of strategic issues it would be meaningful to discuss with you at some point in the months ahead regarding how we can make SC more competitive than ever in becoming one of the nation's most fertile places to build the life sciences industry (*which is already 500+ companies strong in the palmetto state, located in 43 counties, and is now the fastest growing segment of our innovation economy*) -- including our being a top US location for the repatriation of a lot of the medical devices and biotech products that we have grown too reliant on China for, as COVID-19 has demonstrated.

In relation to the above, the **specific issue** that **catalyzed this email** today is to provide you some specific background information regarding the ongoing shortages of vital materials/supplies needed by some of our critically important life sciences companies that are helping to battle COVID-19. At present, there is an **urgent need of "swabs"** for a **handful of world-class diagnostic companies in SC that are actively producing COVID-19 test kits (and are likewise processing those samples in their labs) -- to supplement DHEC's**

capacity) **on behalf of healthcare providers and industries that are trying to safely reopen.** The CEOs of Greenville-based **Precision Genetics** and Charleston-based **Vikor Scientific** both independently reached out to me with urgency in the past 24 hours regarding their rapidly dwindling supply of approved swabs, that could potentially preclude them from meeting the needs of healthcare system clients like Prisma, and companies like Milliken.

SCBIO continues to do everything we possibly can to address these types of issues:

- We established www.SCCOVID19.org in partnership with SCMEP, SC DOC, and the SC Hospital Association to have a powerful **on-line supply chain portal** for matching up carefully vetted and approved companies that can provide everything from PPE to COVID-19 test kits (and beyond) to our healthcare providers and manufacturers.
- SCBIO is **constantly scouring the country (and international sources) for critical need items** ranging from PPE to swabs and reagents. Gratefully, the situation regarding face shields and N95 masks appears to be improving, whereas gowns are the newest item on our hot list at present.
- We are **working with various SC companies that are striving to pivot to produce some of these crucial items locally** (and are having some success) – including one promising company that has developed prototype swabs that are being tested by the diagnostics companies and could potentially be available as soon as late June
- Please also check out our www.SCBIO.org website that has a very robust **Coronavirus portal**, as well as a **SC Life Sciences Job Board** under the career portal designed to help as

many citizens as possible find employment in our industry which continues to 'roar' in the midst of the crisis.

Regardless of best efforts as noted above, we have exhausted our current efforts without being able to (yet) solve the short-term lack of swabs that are critically needed by these companies to keep providing their kits as they wait for extremely delayed orders (for swabs) that have been pushed out all the way to August. *Note: We have found one company in Texas that might be able to provide some swabs in the coming week to Vikor, but that is still being determined.*

While I realize it is a long shot at best, my **specific question** is whether the **Governor's office** would be comfortable **touching base with DHEC** (and/or FEMA) to **determine if there might be enough swab capacity at present to meet the public agency's needs** which must appropriately be the top priority, and to ***possibly make some of their supply of swabs available for purchase by a small number of SC life sciences diagnostics companies (such as Precision Genetics) that urgently need them at present?***

I completely understand if this is not possible, but felt as a last resort, it was a question worth asking. *Note: I have provided the email from one of the two CEOs (below) for you to review if desired. I stand ready to try to readily address any additional questions you may have, but didn't want to burden you with any more information (with everything else you're already dealing with and triaging) unless you feel this is a possible solution worthy of exploring.*

Trey, Please forgive the length of this introductory email – and regardless of the above, it would be great to get together at

some point in the future to share notes, and to brief you if desired on a number of compelling issues related to SC's ability to become a top global destination for this industry – *which is an incredible diversification opportunity for our economy, as life sciences is virtually recession proof, and averages 3X the R&D spend of all other industries - including automotive and aerospace.*

Thanks again for taking the time to read this, and please don't hesitate to contact me for any reason... My cell number ([REDACTED]) and all contact info are listed below my signature.

Best personal regards,

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Sam Konduros
President/CEO

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From: Nate Wilbourne

<nate.wilbourne@precisiongenetics.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 12:00 PM

To: Sam Konduros - SCBIO

<skonduros@scbio.org>

Subject: NP Swabs

Sam,

Always good to catch up. Per our conversation, we continue to struggle sourcing NP swabs for collection. Right now, we are unable to get the necessary rhinal/nasopharyngeal swabs for collection through our sources in South Carolina. This is forcing me to have to reach out to China and other countries in order to

secure our supplies. My understanding is that there are a substantial amount of swabs that FEMA and the government are rationing out to providers. I am uncertain who to contact at the Governor's office that could assist.

Right now, Precision Genetics services the largest health system in the state of SC - Prisma Health, we are servicing the City of Columbia and over 3,000 first responders, frontline and essential workers, and we are testing several large manufacturers within our state. We are currently validating a saliva based collection methodology and plan on launching that application in May. Until then we need assistance in securing the collection materials to service our state and local communities.

I have attached the 2 kits that we are trying to source. We have outstanding orders with VWR and a few other vendors but the latest update was that we would not receive the orders until August which is simply mind boggling.

Any assistance would be much appreciated. I am available to discuss further if needed.

Thank you!

Nate Wilbourne
Founder and CEO

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Copan NP swab: Dry tube option shown
below. Also comes packaged individually in
sterile sleeves

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Puritan NP swab:

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#)
Cc: [Luke Rankin](#); [Marie Waller](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Screenshot 2020-05-04 at 11.23.52 PM
Date: Tuesday, May 5, 2020 8:42:40 PM

Good Evening Senator

I think that Sym has provided the most current guidance available. If you have specific questions or thoughts please let me know.

Best Regards

Rick C.

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On May 5, 2020, at 8:20 PM, Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Good Evening Senator,

I apologize for the delay. I have added Rick Caldwell from DHEC on this email. The governor did not close down churches. The CDC has guidelines pertaining to churches. I have provided the link below. Rick, is there anything additional that you would like to add?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/index.html>

Sincerely,
Sym Singh

Sym Singh
Director of Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
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Sent from iPhone, please excuse any typos and misspellings.

On May 4, 2020, at 11:25 PM, Luke Rankin
<luke@rankinandrakin.com> wrote:

Sym, please give us a heads up on this at your earliest convenience.

Thanks!

<Screenshot 2020-05-04 at 11.23.52 PM.png>

Sent from my iPhone

From: Harris, Cassandra S.
To: Symmes, Brian; Read, Jennifer
Subject: Re: [External] South Carolina COVID-19 Testing per capita + positive ratio deadline COB
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 3:01:35 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hey B,

Will have a member of our team follow-up.

Thanks,
Cassie

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From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:59 PM
To: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] South Carolina COVID-19 Testing per capita + positive ratio deadline COB

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Can you guys handle this?



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From: David Lim <dlim@politico.com>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 2:58 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] South Carolina COVID-19 Testing per capita + positive ratio deadline COB

Good afternoon,

David Lim with Politico here. I'm working on a story about COVID-19 testing ramping up, and I was looking at some data I pulled together.

I wanted to inquire about some of the states that have not been testing in wide numbers but are showing a high percentage of positive results.

For example South Carolina:

state	Total tests	POPULATION	RATIO	positive tests	POSITIVE RATIO								
MI	17379	9,986,857	0.00174	5486	0.315668335								
OK	1634	3,956,971	0.000413	429	0.2625459								
MS	3318	2,976,149	0.001115	758	0.228450874								
GA	12596	10,617,423	0.001186	2683	0.213004128								
SC	3789	5,148,714	0.000736	774	0.204275534								
CT	11900	3,565,287	0.003338	1993	0.167478992								
IL	27762	12,671,821	0.002191	4596	0.165550032								
TX	25760	28,995,881	0.000888	2552	0.099068323								

Do you have anyone that might be able to jump on the phone to discuss from an epidemiological standpoint what the meaning of this might be, and what steps hospital systems would need to take to get to a place where they have a better sense of what the reality is on the ground in your state?

Is the state working with commercial labs to prioritize testing given the prevalence and low number of citizens tested to date?

Best number to reach me at is my cell: [REDACTED] Trying to write for tomorrow, so if you're able to jump on the phone today I would appreciate it.

Thanks,
David

David Lim
Reporter | **POLITICO**
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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: RE: [External] South Carolina Testing Technical Assistance - State Specific Details
Date: Thursday, May 7, 2020 11:17:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

The WH wants us to tweet about receiving the testing swabs. Please call me when you have a minute.

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 10:36 AM
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] South Carolina Testing Technical Assistance - State Specific Details

Please call me when you have a minute to discuss.

From: Pottebaum, Nic D. EOP/WHO <Nicholas.D.Pottebaum@who.eop.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 8:29 AM
To: [REDACTED]@gmail.com' [REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>; 'rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov' <rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov>; 'kstenson@emd.sc.gov' <kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
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Subject: [External] South Carolina Testing Technical Assistance - State Specific Details



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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Thanks,
Nic

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] State of South Carolina Reports Two COVID-19 Related Deaths
Date: Monday, March 23, 2020 8:11:00 PM
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Can you share the latest update?

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 7:17 PM
To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Andrews-Morgan, Ellen <andrewe@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] State of South Carolina Reports Two COVID-19 Related Deaths

Good Evening

It is with great sorry that I provide you with the below release.

Rick C

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
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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: [Blair, Jamie D.](#)
To: [Singh, Sym](#); PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov; [Nathan Ballentine \(nathanballentine@sc.rr.com\)](mailto:NathanBallentine@sc.rr.com)
Subject: RE: [External] Sym -constituent with access to supply of N95 masks
Date: Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:07:28 PM
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SCEMD and MMO are coordinating all PPE procurements for the state. They have established the email address ppeoffers@emd.sc.gov to receive all offers for PPE. I have included them in the email.

Jamie Blair, CEM, NRP

Logistics Section Chief

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From: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 12:56 PM
To: Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>; Nathan Ballentine (nathanballentine@sc.rr.com) <nathanballentine@sc.rr.com>
Subject: FW: [External] Sym -constituent with access to supply of N95 masks

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Hey Jamie,

I am not sure where this is supposed to go. Can you assist Rep. Ballentine?

Thanks,

Sym



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From: Nathan Ballentine <NathanBallentine@schouse.gov>
Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2020 11:35 AM
To: Singh, Sym <SSingh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Sym -constituent with access to supply of N95 masks

Sym, I have a former constituent (and recipient of Ballentine Scholarship Award years ago) who lives in Northern Portugal currently (is an attorney) and he Facebook messaged me the information below. Could someone contact him and, if desired, coordinate for the receipt of the goods he mentions?

Chris Campbell is his name



Hey Representative Ballentine, I hope that this message finds you well and in good health during these difficult times.

In a turn of events that is has placed me in a position to help I wanted to make you aware of the following in case I can be of further help--

As you may recall, I spent several years studying and working in China. Earlier this week a couple of my colleagues and contacts from my time in China reached out to me about supplying medical supplies--primarily N95 masks to the United States.

I've spent the last few days talking with folks both in South Carolina and the suppliers to be responsible and diligent. Here are the take aways.

- They have the currently have the capacity to provide 1 Million masks per order of N95 and similar masks.
- All of these masks are FDA certified.
- Delivery takes about 3-4 days from payment.
- A local SC partner of mine is receiving 2,000 of those masks by Monday of next week to prove their authenticity.

If I can be helpful in sourcing an order of masks, please let me know. In the end, as a son of South Carolina and importantly Irmo, I want to make sure these masks get where they are needed ASAP.

Nathan Ballentine
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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 6:45:46 PM

Yep. We will be on call. Send to me

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Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 4:48 PM
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Hi Jordan,

SC AARP is continuing the success of their previous telephone town halls with SC officials and has asked us to participate in one on Friday morning from 10:10-11:10am. We would really like someone from the Governor's office to join because we find a lot of questions in these forums would benefit from someone at the state level. Who do you think would be the best to join us on Friday?

Thanks,
Heather Smith

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:29:00 PM

Excellent, thanks!

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 5:05 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

Let me check.

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To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: [External] Telephone Town Hall with Congressman Timmons

Hi Jordan,

SC AARP is continuing the success of their previous telephone town halls with SC officials and has asked us to participate in one on Friday morning from 10:10-11:10am. We would really like someone from the Governor's office to join because we find a lot of questions in these forums would benefit from someone at the state level. Who do you think would be the best to join us on Friday?

Thanks,
Heather Smith

From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Today's news release
Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 3:36:20 PM

Okay. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 25, 2020, at 3:35 PM, Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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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To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
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Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:11:36 PM

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Subject: Re: [External] Today's news release
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:15:27 PM

This is good to ship. Thanks, Laura.

From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Saturday, March 21, 2020 4:11 PM
To: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
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Thank you, Laura.



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From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 3:59 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Today's news release

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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To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
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Subject: RE: [External] Updated Draft
Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 6:55:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Calling for context now:

Governor Henry McMaster Statement on Possible Cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina

Governor to Hold Media Briefing Tomorrow Morning at 10:00 AM

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster today released the following statement on the news that there are two possible cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus in South Carolina:

“Healthcare authorities in South Carolina have been preparing for this eventuality and there is no reason for public alarm. DHEC is working with the CDC on confirmation for these cases. South Carolinians should continue to follow recommendations and information provided by official sources.”

Additionally, Governor McMaster will hold a media briefing with state public health officials tomorrow, Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 AM.

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Tomorrow, Saturday, March 7 at 10:00 AM

WHERE: South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.



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To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods used as a preventative and cure of COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 11:05:42 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Hello, Megan,

Thank you for sharing this information. We have passed along for our team to review.

Thanks,
Maria

Maria Ouzounidis
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods used as a preventative and cure of COVID-19

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Good morning Maria,

Please see the email we received below.

Thank you,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
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From: Milisic, Sonja <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 6:25 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods

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From: Carrie Tucker <cart.803@gmail.com>
Date: March 24, 2020 at 9:50:08 AM EDT
To: "Milisic, Sonja" <SMilisic@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Urgent: UPCARE UPPLUS KBD Spray; Australia Register of Therapeutic Goods used as a preventative and cure of COVID-19

Good morning Sonja,

I am sending the Lt. Governor the same email I sent Governor McMasters. Please let the Lt. Governor know I am available to set up a conference call.

Leigh,

I know you don't remember me but I have invited the Governor to attend events for the Carolinas Chinese Chamber of Commerce. I am the President of that organization in SC. I recently spoke to the Governor at the Gold Elephants event in Columbia. I'm only tell you this so you know I have the best interest in SC.

I know Governor McMaster is extremely concerned about the COVID-19 Virus. I am working with a Doctor out of Australia that has developed a preventive/ cure for the virus. It has not been introduced in the US. I believe it could be very helpful in Kershaw County and all of SC. I would like to discuss this further with the Governor and set up a conference call for him to discuss with Dr. Xiao. It has been approved by Australia and has already cured people in Wuhan and Australia.

I will have samples by business close tomorrow. Dr. Xiao has offered to send 1000 bottles of this

product to the US at no charge.

Here are the facts:

1. Having the COVID-19 problem, Dr. Xiao developed a supplementary medicine, UPplus, which had been approved by TGA (Australia FDA). Please see the attached document.

2. UPplus is a combination with two major compounds:

- One is from its original plant *Polygonum Cuspidatum*, which is the permitted ingredients in listed medicine of TGA. This compound was identified as one of the leading compound targeting Mpro. Our collaborator Profs. Zihao Rao and Haitao Yang at ShanghaiTech University reported the structure of SARS-COV-2, proteinase (Mpro, also called 3CLpro, PDB ID: 6LU7). Based on the structure, ~20 research teams from Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica (SIMM), Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and ShanghaiTech University together quickly identified 30 potential chemical compounds and natural products with anti-SARS-COV-2,

activity using virtual screening and enzymology, our compound was identified as one of the leading compound targeting Mpro. We have been working with this compound for more than 4 years, and certificated **Self Affirmed GRAS (Generally Regarded As Safe, US)**, now preparing for the FDA GRAS pre-submission meeting. We had a systemic safety analysis report for the compound.

- Another compound is originally extracted from Loquat leaf, which is permitted ingredients in listed medicine of TGA⁽¹⁾. This compound shows strong antiviral activity against rotavirus ⁽²⁾, research showed that 10 μ M ursolic acid decreases viral titre and the level of the main viral proteins and affects viral particle maturation 15 h post infection. This compound was also hamper the early stages of the viral replication cycle, as a significant reduction in the number and size of viroplasms, consistent with a decrease in VP6 and NSP2 viral proteins, was observed 4 h post infection. Other

researches also showed anti-HIV activity of human immunodeficiency virus and hepatitis C virus. We did contract work Charles River to test the 14 days toxicity study, 90-days toxicity, developmental toxicity studies of Ursolic acid, and metabolism study in progress (Charles River, UK). We have been working on this compound for more than 3 years, and preparing for Self-Affirmed GRAS (Generally Regarded As Safe, US) dossier.

- We also used this combination treated more than one hundred people who suffered the COVID-19 problem or had closely contacted with the patients in Australia and China during last month. All of these people were recovered and prevented very well.

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Thank you for your assistance!

Best regards,

Carrie Tucker

803-371-4646

@gmail.com

From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Ventilator Company Contact
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 1:03:00 PM

Thanks, much appreciated.

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 12:55 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] Ventilator Company Contact

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Subject: Re: [External] Ventilators
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 1:14:37 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Thanks Megan. I've pass this information along to our logistics folks.

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Subject: FW: [External] Ventilators

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Hello Maria,

Thanks for your help yesterday. Please see below regarding ventilators and masks – could someone reach out to Mr. Wilkerson? He reached out directly to the Lt. Governor. I will share the SCEMD PPE email address with Mr. Wilkerson as well.

Appreciate it,
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
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Mrs Finnern,

Sorry to bother you twice. I forgot to mention I also have 300,000 three ply mask on the ground in North Carolina also. I meant to inform you on the last email about the ventilators and I spaced it.

I look forward to hearing from you.

From: Kenneth Wilkerson <[REDACTED]@yahoo.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 10:36 PM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Ventilators

Mrs Finnern,

I hope today is finding you well. Mrs Evette gave me your email address and told me to reach out to you. I wanted to reach out to you to let you know I have sourced 500 VG70 ventilators. I am in North Myrtle Beach but the ventilators are in Texas. Would the state be interested in these units?

I look forward to hearing from someone in your office.

Thanks
Kenneth Wilkerson
Wilkerson Consulting LLC
9702184399

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From: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#); [Harris, Cassandra S.](#); [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: [External] WCIV request for information
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:51:42 AM

Brian,

She's reached out to us as well. We'll respond to her.

TY,

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Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>; Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>; Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
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FYI. I'm going to send Anne your way, though I'm sure she's already reached out.

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Date: May 4, 2020 at 10:27:15 AM EDT
To: "Symmes, Brian" <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] WCIV request for information

Hi Brian,

As far as the deaths at the SC nursing homes, can you please break down the number between care workers' and patient's at nursing homes? If not, why is that not being released by DHEC?

My deadline is today at 3pm.

Thanks so much-

Anne Emerson

WCIV- ABC News4 Reporter

843-478-3330

From: [Pippin, Zach](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Cc: [James Burns \(james.burns@nelsonmullins.com\)](mailto:james.burns@nelsonmullins.com)
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Rick

Richard K. Toomey, DHA, FACHE

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From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [James Burns](#); [Pippin, Zach](#)
Subject: RE: [External] webex link
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:47:12 PM

Zach – thanks.

Some of the agencies may need to connect via the link I will forward to them. Thanks

Rick

From: James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:37 PM
To: Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
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Zach,

The Protection component members' e-mail addresses are in the attached Excel Spreadsheet.

Thanks,
James

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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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Richard K. Toomey, DHA, FACHE

Director

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Office: (803) 898-0124

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From: [James Burns](#)
To: [Pippin, Zach](#)
Cc: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] webex link
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:45:35 PM

Zach,

When I get back to my office, I will send those to you.

-JB

Sent from my iPhone

On May 8, 2020, at 4:43 PM, Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

◀External Email▶ - From: ZPippin@governor.sc.gov

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From: [James Burns](#)
To: [Pippin, Zach](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] webex link
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 5:37:25 PM
Attachments: [accelerateSC Final Members with emails.1.xlsx](#)

Zach,

The Protection component members' e-mail addresses are in the attached Excel Spreadsheet.

Thanks,
James

From: Pippin, Zach <ZPippin@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: James Burns <James.Burns@nelsonmullins.com>
Subject: Re: [External] webex link

◀**External Email**▶ - From: ZPippin@governor.sc.gov

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From: [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
To: [Finnern, Megan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] Wife has a brain tumor and needs me
Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020 5:00:35 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Megan
I've reached out to the constituent.
Thanks
Maria

On Apr 30, 2020, at 9:54 AM, Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Good morning,

I wasn't certain if this fell under DHEC, Office on Aging or DHHS, so I'm sending to all of you. Could someone please reach out?

Thank you!
Megan

<image002.png>

From: Rodney Beam <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 30, 2020 7:06 AM
To: Rodney Beam <[REDACTED]@gmail.com>; Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Wife has a brain tumor and needs me

Dear Megan,

Please help me

Dear Lt Governor Evette. My wife [REDACTED] is in MUSC Charleston with a brain tumor and will have surgery soon I can't be with her we've only been together since Dec 2018. Both of lost a spouse in 2018. We have not been apart more than a few hours since we met. Please help. My phone [REDACTED].

My wife is [REDACTED]

Musc. Main floor [REDACTED] room [REDACTED] nurse phone [REDACTED]

Sincere please help

Rodney Beam

We have 6 grown children and 14 grandchildren

From: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#); [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
Subject: Re: [External] WPDE ABC 15
Date: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:05:54 PM
Attachments: [pastedImagebase640.png](#)
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[image001.png](#)

We had sent him below, from our DADE team. I can circle back up with DADE to see if/how we would track tourist cases. It's my understanding that's something they've never tracked before.

Every positive case identified in South Carolina is investigated by our contact tracing to ensure the appropriate disease control measures are in place. South Carolina communicates with the state of residence to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible. Interstate notifications and investigations that potentially span multiple states are common for other diseases, and this same process is followed for COVID-19. Cases are reported according to the state of residence to avoid double counting of cases at a national level. This is the standard reporting procedure for disease surveillance, and is used by other states for South Carolinians who visit out-of-state tourist areas as well.

If a location were to experience an outbreak, the increase of cases would be reflected in the area's permanent residents.

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From: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 4:01 PM
To: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>; Harris, Cassandra S. <harriscs@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] WPDE ABC 15

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Are you guys planning to respond to Anjali on this?



Brian Symmes
Communications Director
bsymmes@governor.sc.gov
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From: Anjali Patel <avpatel@sbgvtv.com>
Sent: Friday, May 8, 2020 11:25 AM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] WPDE ABC 15

Hey Brian! It's Anjali with WPDE in Myrtle Beach. Hope your Friday is going well. I've got a few questions for ya today!

Our station has been asking DHEC the last couple of days about this but they have yet to really give us any definitive answers.

Non-residents who are diagnosed with coronavirus here or die from it here are not included in our state's infection/death totals. They are included in their home state's totals, obviously to avoid double-counts that would skew national totals. However, many residents, particularly along areas like the Grand Strand, are wondering why DHEC does not report those numbers as a separate tally to the public? Especially since those nonresidents (i.e. tourists, snowbirds) could be infecting our residents while they're here and using our hospital resources. These concerns are especially arising now that the state is slowly beginning to reopen and that tourists have returned to our beaches. Since we have yet to receive a response from DHEC on why those numbers are not being reported to residents, we figured we'd reach out to the Governor's office. I'm sure you remember that both citizens and journalists had been asking for zip code data and the Governor is the one who finally ordered DHEC to release that information to the public regularly.

We are just wondering why that information is not being shared with the public, and if the Governor plans to inquire DHEC about it.

Thank you!

Anjali Patel

Reporter/Multimedia Journalist

WPDE ABC 15 News

Cell: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Twitter: @AnjaliPatelTV

From: [Webb, Beth](#)
To: [Lemoine, Leigh](#)
Cc: ["Rick Caldwell"](#)
Subject: RE: 5301742 to Lt. Gov
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 3:56:00 PM

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 be 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

[HTML](#)

From: "governor@sc.lmhostediq.com" <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
Date: 3/30/2020 2:37:32 PM
To: "governor@sc.lmhostediq.com" <governor@sc.lmhostediq.com>
Cc:
Subject: Equipment Installation Need

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<LAST>McCaleb</LAST>
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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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From: [Cleveland, John](#)
To: [Rainwater, Frank](#); rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov; [Christian Soura](#); [James Burns](#)
Cc: [Patterson, David](#); [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: RE: accelerate SC - Protection Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 7:42:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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 definitely 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



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Director of Legislative Affairs
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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: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: RE: Community Testing
Date: Friday, April 10, 2020 12:16:00 PM

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.

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Cc: [Walker, Trey](#)
Subject: RE: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing
Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 5:17:36 PM

Conference Call to Discuss Community Testing in South Carolina

Date: Thursday, April 30, 11:15 AM

Call-in: The dial-in is [REDACTED] (no PIN).

Purpose: Discussion on testing efforts in the state and proposals to expand to rural and underserved communities. Anticipating this to be a 30-45-minute call to get everyone in the same room and jump-start coordination of efforts.

Format: Rep. Clyburn's office will kick off the call and ask everyone to provide quick intros, Seth will provide an update on federal funding, Mark/Jordan update from the governor's office and intro DHEC to talk about their strategy for community engagement, MUSC to talk about their proposal, and then open it up for feedback / further next steps.

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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

Department of Health and Environmental Control

TBD

Medical University of South Carolina

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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 have any questions or concerns ahead of tomorrow's call.

Thanks,
Jordan

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:46 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

Okay. I'll send around the call in details momentarily.

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 2:34 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

Works for me.

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 1:50 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Cong. Clyburn's Staff Request a Call re mobile testing

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.

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TBD

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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@dhsc.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: [Finnern, Megan](#)
To: [Polatty, Jan](#); ANDREWEDHEC.SC.GOV
Cc: [Quattrone, Kristy](#); nate.wilbourne@precisiongenetics.com; [Polatty, Jan](#)
Subject: RE: Connection: COVID-19 Test Kit Capacity
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:21:48 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image006.png](#)

I received Maria Ouzoundis out of office message, so resending to Ellen Andrews-Morgan at DHEC and re-copying all.

Apologies for the duplicate email.

Thank you!
Megan



Megan Finnern
Advisor & Scheduler to the Lieutenant Governor
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From: Finnern, Megan
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 11:18 AM
To: OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV <OUZOUNM@DHEC.SC.GOV>; Polatty, Jan <polattyj@scdhhs.gov>
Cc: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>; nate.wilbourne@precisiongenetics.com
Subject: Connection: COVID-19 Test Kit Capacity

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: 864-640-7992.

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: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
To: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Bcc: [sfoster@admin.sc.gov](#); [jessica.c.donnely.mil@mail.mil](#); [Page, Hank](#); [Whittle, Amanda](#); [Bundy, Chuck](#); [Dutton, Lee](#); [jmhendrick@dew.sc.gov](#); [OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV](#); [anyajames@dji.sc.gov](#); [Phillips, Lauren H](#); [MCCULLOUGHHRDNR.SC.GOV](#); [DCOOPERDOI.SC.GOV](#); [Amy Wright](#); [Brooks, Catherine L](#); [Iacobelli, Sherri](#); [CONNELLY.RAGLEYDSS.SC.GOV](#); [Jan Polatty \(POLATTYJ@scdhhs.gov\)](#); [Wentworth, Patty](#); [Katie Phillips](#); [Goodwin, Loretta](#); ["ddawson@scprt.com"](#); [POWERS.ELIZABETHDOC.SC.GOV](#); [TROBERTSONSLED.SC.GOV](#); [terrylynn.dichiara@admin.sc.gov](#); [Grimsley, William](#); [Keel, Mark](#); [Leach, Michael](#); [Woods, IV Robert G.](#); [Adger, Jerry](#); [Parrish, Duane](#); [Shwedo, Kevin](#); [Farr, Emily](#); [Pough, Freddie](#); [Farmer, Ray](#); [Baker, Joshua](#); [dellzey@dew.sc.gov](#); [Stirling, Bryan](#); [Hitt, Bobby](#); [Goldsby, Sara](#); [Munn, Connie](#); [Adams, Marcia](#); [McCarty, Van](#); [Powell, Hartley](#); [Whittle, Amanda](#); [Hall, Christy](#); [Toomey, Rick K](#); [Lamkin, Brian](#); [kstenson@emd.sc.gov](#)
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Constituent Point of Contact
Date: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:50:00 PM
Attachments: [03.18.2020 COVID-19 Constituent Contacts.xlsx](#)

Please find an updated version of this list attached.

Kristy

From: Quattrone, Kristy
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: COVID-19 Constituent Point of Contact

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,

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: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: RE: Emergency Supplemental Coronavirus Summary
Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:12:00 PM

A few highlights of what is in the supplemental include:

- More than \$3 billion for research and development of vaccines, therapeutics, and diagnostics;
- \$2.2 billion in public health funding for prevention, preparedness, and response, \$950 million of which is to support state & local health agencies (half of which will go to states, cities, and tribes within 30 days;
- Nearly \$1 billion for procurement of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies, to support healthcare preparedness and Community Health Centers, and to improve medical surge capacity;
- \$435 million to support health systems overseas to prevent, prepare, and respond to the coronavirus;
- \$300 million to respond to humanitarian needs;
- \$61 million to facilitate the development and review of medical countermeasures, devices, therapies, and vaccines, and to help mitigate potential supply chain interruptions; and \$20 million for administrative expenses related to increased loan volume to help businesses affected by the outbreak.
- The bill waives certain telehealth requirements during the coronavirus public health emergency to ensure Medicare beneficiaries can receive the care they need at home.

Additionally, the bill includes a requirement to reimburse \$136 million to health accounts, including mental health and substance abuse treatment and prevention and heating and cooling assistance for low-income families, that was transferred to support the response.

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:11 PM
To: CALDWERTDHEC.SC.GOV <CALDWERT@DHEC.SC.GOV>
Subject: FW: Emergency Supplemental Coronavirus Summary

Fyi

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>; Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Emergency Supplemental Coronavirus Summary

Senate and House Appropriators reached a deal on Wednesday afternoon for \$7.76 billion in emergency supplemental funding to help contain the coronavirus outbreak. The House will take up the bill first on Wednesday. The Senate is expected to send it to the president's desk later this week.

- Aggressive Surge in Resources. The package provides an aggressive surge in funding to

combat the coronavirus, more than triple the Administration's original request.

- Comprehensive Response. The package contains funding to combat the spread of the virus at the local, state, national, and international levels. 85 percent of the total funding will be spent domestically.

The Senate Appropriations Committee summary is attached. Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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Subject: RE: Executive Order No. 2020-09
Date: Sunday, March 15, 2020 6:58:00 PM
Attachments: [2020-03-15 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-09 - Closing Public Schools & Cancelling Elections Due to Coronavirus.pdf](#)

For those who did receive the PDF of Executive Order No. 2020-09 via my previous email, I have attempted to re-attach the same. A copy is also available on the Governor's [website](#).

Best,

Thomas

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Subject: Executive Order No. 2020-09

Please see attached for an e-filed copy of Executive Order No. 2020-09.

Best,

Thomas

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Subject: RE: Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan
Date: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 9:28:00 AM
Attachments: [2020-04-20 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-28 - Modification of Restrictions for Public Beaches Waters Incremental Modification of Non-Essential Business Closu \(002\).pdf](#)

Please find Executive Order No. 2020-28 attached.

Kristy

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Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan

From: SC Gov News <govnews@gov.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:19 PM
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Subject: Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan



April 20, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
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Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan

Governor Also Opens Public Beach Access, Limited Retail Businesses

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Recognizing the impact of COVID-19's impact to South Carolina's economy, Governor Henry McMaster today announced the creation of accelerateSC, a coordinated economic revitalization plan involving small and large business leaders, healthcare professionals, local government officials, and education professionals.

The plan consists of five components of analysis and effort: Response, Protection, Governance, Resources, and Information. James Burns, a partner at the law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, will serve as accelerateSC's executive director. Burns and the rest of the membership are serving in a voluntary capacity. For further information about accelerateSC and its members, [visit the governor's website here](#).

Gov. McMaster and Lt. Governor Pamela Evette will attend and lead the first meeting of accelerateSC on Thursday of this week. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

Re-Opening of Public Beach Access, Limited Retail Stores

Governor McMaster also issued Executive Order 2020-28, which removes restrictions on public access points to the state's beaches, public piers, docks, and wharfs, while delegating to local officials the authority to restrict access, as they see fit.

This order also re-opens retail stores that were closed pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-18](#). The businesses to be reopened are as follows:

- Furniture and home-furnishings stores
- Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores
- Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores
- Department stores, with the exception of hardware and home-improvement stores
- Sporting goods stores
- Book, craft, and music stores
- Flea markets
- Florists and flower stores

All other businesses previously closed by executive order will remain closed until further notice.

Under the order, retail stores may reopen today, Monday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m., but must adhere to strict social distancing requirements, operating at 20% occupancy or five (5) customers per 1,000 square feet, whichever is less. In addition, businesses must not knowingly allow customers to congregate within six feet of one another, excluding families, and follow relevant CDC and DHEC guidelines.

Public beach access points, piers, docks, and wharfs may reopen tomorrow, April 21, at noon. Public boat ramps and boat landings were previously reopened pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-25](#).

All other executive orders, including the Governor's "Home or Work" order, remain in effect. South Carolinians should maintain social distancing practices and avoid large groups of people.

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Subject: RE: Senator Graham and Reagent
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:19:32 AM

Got it and connected everyone. Thanks

From: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:17 AM
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From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: Senator Graham and Reagent

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To: [Plowden, Mark; rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov)
Subject: RE: Senator Graham and Reagent
Date: Monday, March 30, 2020 11:15:10 AM

Mark just texted me.

Rick—

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Hornsby, Amy](#)
Cc: [Baker, Josh](#); RICK.TOOMEYDHEC.SC.GOV
Subject: Re: Southeastern Transport--medical masks
Date: Monday, March 9, 2020 12:14:23 PM

Gentlemen, please see below and advise. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 9, 2020, at 11:58 AM, Hornsby, Amy <Amy.Hornsby@admin.sc.gov> wrote:

Mark,

Is this something you would handle?

Amy Hornsby
Director, Office of Executive Policy and Programs

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: RE: Update on Testing
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 2:58:00 PM

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,

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Cc: [Milisic, Sonja](#); [Rea, Micah](#)
Subject: Request for call w/ Lt. Governor; DHEC & LLR participation requested
Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020 10:19:05 AM
Attachments: [Pharmacy.pdf](#)
[Letter to Governor regarding Lock-Down for Covid19 .pdf.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
Importance: High

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 <panaash@outlook.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:29 PM
To: Rea, Micah <MRea@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: poornema.ramasamy@prismahealth.org; Shashi R <panaash@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 there 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

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From: [Lemoine, Leigh](#)
To: blairjd@dhec.sc.gov
Cc: PPEoffers@emd.sc.gov
Subject: Request for PPE - Seaside Pediatrics of Bluffton
Date: Friday, March 27, 2020 12:41:00 PM
Attachments: [Seaside Pediatrics of Bluffton 3.24.2020.pdf](#)

Please find attached a letter from Seaside Pediatrics of Bluffton.

Thank you,
Leigh

Leigh LeMoine
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From: [Walker, Trey](#)
To: [Richard \(Rick\) Toomey \(rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov\)](mailto:rick.toomey@dhec.sc.gov)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: SC Dental Association
Date: Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:54:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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.

Thanks – this is a special request from the SC Chamber of Commerce.



Trey Walker

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Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:34:00 AM
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Please see attached.

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Gov. Henry McMaster to Lead accelerateSC Meeting Today

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster will lead the second meeting of accelerateSC, today, Tuesday, May 5 at 2:00 PM.

Governor McMaster created accelerateSC as a coordinated economic revitalization plan involving small and large business owners, leaders in manufacturing, healthcare professionals, education professionals, and local government officials.

accelerateSC is made up of five different components: Protection, Response, Resources, Governance, and Information. Each component has met at least one time since the first meeting of the full group last Tuesday.

For an overview of accelerateSC and its members, [visit the governor's website here](#). An agenda for today's meeting [can be found here](#).

WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, Lt. Gov. Pamela S. Evette, members of accelerateSC

WHAT: Second meeting of accelerateSC

WHEN: Today, Tuesday, May 5 at 2:00 PM

WHERE: USC Alumni Center, first floor ballroom, 900 Senate Street, Columbia, S.C.

Note: *Members of the media will be permitted access to the ballroom and will be provided ample space to practice proper social distancing. SCETV will have a mult box on site, which will allow tv stations to share audio and video. [SCETV will also stream the meeting live on its website.](#)*

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SCDOR OFFERS MORE TIME TO FILE RETURNS AND PAY TAXES DUE

3/17/2020

The South Carolina Department of Revenue (SCDOR) is offering more time to file returns and pay taxes due April 1, 2020 – June 1, 2020 to assist taxpayers during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Tax returns and payments due April 1 – June 1 will now be due June 1, 2020. Penalty and interest will not be charged if payment is made by June 1. This includes South Carolina Individual Income Taxes, Corporate Income Taxes, Sales and Use Tax, Admissions Tax, and other taxes filed and paid with the SCDOR. The SCDOR is automatically applying this tax relief for all applicable returns and payments; you don't need to take any additional action.

The SCDOR encourages taxpayers, some of whom may be working from home, to:

- Use our available online services. Visit MyDORWAY, our free online tax system, at MyDORWAY.dor.sc.gov to securely manage your South Carolina taxes from a smartphone or computer.
- Help protect yourself and prevent the spread of COVID-19 by calling or emailing us instead of visiting in person. Find the phone number or email address you need at dor.sc.gov/contact.

Visit IRS.gov for federal tax relief information.

Visit the SCDOR's website at dor.sc.gov/emergencies and review [SCDOR Information Letter 20-3](#) for more information. Connect with the SCDOR on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for up-to-date news and announcements.

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More Information:

South Carolina Department of Revenue Tax Relief

The South Carolina Department of Revenue is providing special filing and payment relief to those impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) in South Carolina.

The tax relief postpones various tax filing and payment deadlines starting on April 1, 2020. As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until June 1, 2020 to file and pay taxes for returns that are due between April 1, 2020 and June 1, 2020.

South Carolina Tax Relief

The South Carolina Department of Revenue is extending its tax relief to:

- Individuals and businesses located in South Carolina who have been impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19),
- Taxpayers who have businesses in South Carolina with offices in South Carolina,
- Taxpayers whose tax records are located in South Carolina, or
- Taxpayers whose returns are prepared by tax professionals impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19).

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Tax Relief for Eligible Taxpayers and Businesses

Taxpayers who have been impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19) may be eligible for the following relief with respect to any taxes administered by the Department or tax returns filed with the Department (e.g., income tax returns, sales and use tax returns, admissions tax returns, motor fuel user fee returns, etc.):

- Extensions of time to file tax returns and pay taxes (including estimated payments). The due dates for returns and payments due on or after April 1, 2020 have been postponed until June 1, 2020.
- Waiver of penalties and interest due as a result of any extensions.

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Returns Filed by Affected Taxpayers

Returns filed electronically by impacted taxpayers through MyDORWAY do not require any action to qualify for this relief. Taxpayers filing by mail should write "CORONAVIRUS" or "COVID-19" at the top of any paper return relying on this relief or complete the "disaster area" check box if one is provided on the return.

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General Questions

Taxpayers with general tax relief questions should contact the Department at 1-844-898-8542 (toll free), Option 2.

Questions Concerning Current Audit and Collection Matters

Taxpayers with questions concerning a current Department audit or collection matter should contact the Department's revenue officer or auditor who is handling their specific audit or collection matter.

Questions Concerning County Property Taxes

Taxpayers with questions concerning county property taxes should contact the county government in which the property is located.

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Website Information

For up-to-date information concerning tax relief for persons and businesses impacted by Coronavirus (COVID-19), visit the Department's website at: www.dor.sc.gov.

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Mark and Rick,

Van Cato, with Senator Graham's office, called me this morning to ask for the DHEC contact that brought up the shortage of reagent during Friday's briefing. Apparently, Senator Graham found a supply.

Van's cell is [REDACTED].

Let me know if you need further information, and please advise if you connect with Senator Graham.

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Subject: South Carolina Announces Additional 82 Cases of COVID-19
Date: Wednesday, March 25, 2020 7:00:00 PM

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

March 25, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is investigating 82 additional cases of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the total number statewide to 424 cases in 39 counties*.

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

Individuals with signs of illness should stay at home and not attend public gatherings. South Carolinians are encouraged to monitor for symptoms, practice social distancing, avoid touching frequently touched items, and regularly wash their hands, especially after being in a public place.

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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Subject: State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf *Update*
Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 8:42:00 PM
Attachments: [State by State Action - COVID 19 4-4-20.pdf](#)

Please see attached -

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Subject: State of South Carolina Reports First COVID-19 Related Death
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:11:00 PM

State of South Carolina Reports First COVID-19 Related Death

Governor Henry McMaster: *We are saddened by the news of the first death in South Carolina due to COVID-19. Our hearts and prayers are with the family and the community. South Carolinians must continue to support each other through prayer, through common sense, by taking precautions and by demonstrating courtesy and compassion.*

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has reported the state's first death related to COVID-19 novel coronavirus.

"We regret to report that South Carolina has suffered its first death in an elderly person recently reported to have been diagnosed with COVID-19 who was a resident of Lexington Medical Center Extended Care Skilled Nursing Facility," said **Dr. Brannon Traxler, DHEC Physician Consultant**. "Our state health officials continue to work with national and local partners to respond to this ongoing public health matter."

The patient was from Lexington County and resident of Lexington Medical Center Extended Care Skilled Nursing Facility. DHEC is working with the facility to identify all contacts and is providing guidance about infection control measures to prevent spread.

"We know that many South Carolinians are concerned about what impact this virus may have on themselves, their loved ones, and our state," said **Dr. Traxler**. "This is a rapidly evolving public health event, and DHEC takes every new infectious disease seriously. This is an example of the importance of taking precautions to protect 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 hand frequently, 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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Subject: State Testing Plan Needed for Fed Dollars
Date: Monday, May 4, 2020 11:06:00 AM

Is your office tracking?

The recently passed emergency supplemental phase 2.5, included \$25 billion for COVID-19 testing, including \$11 billion for states, territories, localities and tribal organizations. The law states that no later than 30 days after enactment, the governor or designee receiving funds must submit to the Secretary of HHS its plan for COVID-19 testing, including goals for the remainder of the current calendar year, to include:

1. the number of tests needed, month by month, including diagnostic, serological and other tests, as appropriate;
2. month-by-month estimates of laboratory and testing capacity, including related to workforce, equipment and supplies, and available tests; and
3. a description of how the state, locality, territory, tribe or tribal organization will use its resources for testing, including as it relates to easing any COVID-19 community mitigation policies.

Further guidance is expected this week.

Additional details about the state allocation: \$11 billion for states, territories, tribes, tribal orgs, urban Indian health orgs, or health service providers to tribes

- \$2 billion to states localities and territories according to formula for [Public Health Emergency Preparedness cooperative agreements for 2019](#)
- \$4.25 billion shall be allocated to states, localities, and territories according to a formula methodology that is based on relative number of cases of COVID-19
- \$750 million from HIS to tribes, tribal orgs, urban Indian health orgs, or health service providers to tribes
- An additional \$4 billion that HHS has the discretion to distribute to state and local governments
- Funding can be used to develop, purchase, administer, process, and analyze COVID-19 tests, including support for workforce, epidemiology, use by employers or in other settings, scale up of testing by public health, academic, commercial, and hospital laboratories, and community-based testing sites, health care facilities, and other entities engaged in COVID-19 testing, conduct surveillance, trace contacts, and other related activities related to COVID-19 testing
- States must submit plan within 30 days of the act (presumably by May 23)
 - Number of tests needed by month (dx, serologic, etc.)
 - Month by month estimate of laboratory and testing capacity including workforce, equipment, supplies, available tests
 - Description of how resources will be used for testing and community mitigation
- HHS must allocate these funds within 30 days of act (presumably by May 23) and must submit the funding formula to the Committees on Appropriations one day prior to awarding funds

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Subject: TN Personal Care Increases
Date: Wednesday, May 6, 2020 4:58:00 PM
Attachments: [CHOICES and ECF CHOICES COVID- related payments 5.4.20.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Good Afternoon Sir,

How should they proceed for the PPE?

Thanks,
Sym



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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

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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.

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Sent: Monday, May 4, 2020 7:07:08 PM

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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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Subject: Update from DHEC on COVID-19 (March 31, 2020)
Date: Tuesday, March 31, 2020 7:13:15 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

DHEC Legislative Updates: 2019 November Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 15— March 31, 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:

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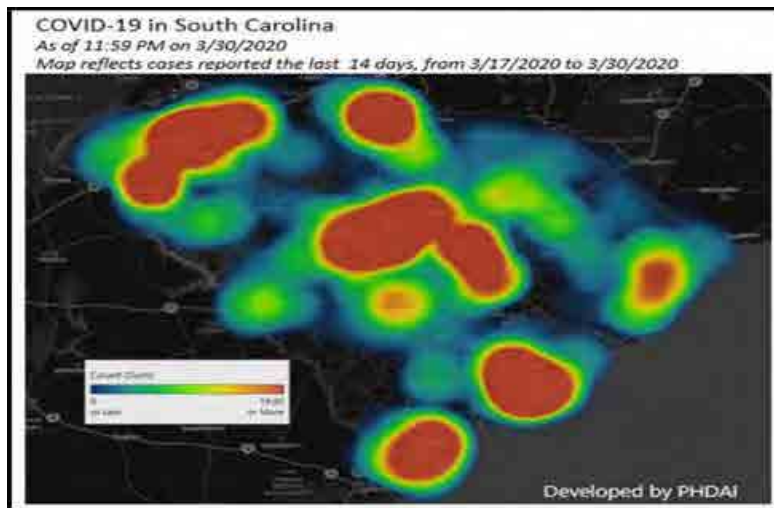
Constituent inquiries/DHEC Care Line

- 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 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](#).
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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).
- **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.



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.

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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Subject: Update on Testing
Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 1:27:00 PM

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,

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Subject: UPDATE: U.S. Small Business Administration
Date: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 2:24:00 PM
Attachments: [South Carolina SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Certification Letter 3.17.20 \(002\).pdf](#)

Good afternoon,

The U.S. Small Business Administration is offering designated states and territories low-interest federal disaster loans, through the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of the COVID-19. This program is designed to help the business community address financing and cashflow issues, which may exceed the underwriting requirements for local financial institutions.

Governor McMaster submitted the [initial request](#) for assistance to the Small Business Administration (SBA) to make loans available for South Carolina small businesses on March 13th.

We are now in the process of certifying that a required number of businesses in the state have suffered economic injury and have sent a certification letter to the SBA (see attached). After approval of our state-certification by the SBA, the [South Carolina Department of Commerce](#) and [South Carolina Emergency Management Division](#) websites will have explicit instructions on how to fill out the actual SBA loan application. Please note this is a loan- not a grant- and will still carry underwriting requirements.

If you hear or learn of a small business in your district that has suffered economic injury as a result of COVID-19 and may be interested in obtaining a SBA loan, please direct them to Chuck Bundy at the South Carolina Department of Commerce. He can be reached at cbundy@sccommerce.com or at 803-737-0440.

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We appreciate your continued support for small business in South Carolina.

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Subject: Updates - HR info
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:11:00 PM
Attachments: [March 14 2020 - 2019 Novel Coronavirus1.pdf](#)

Please see attached document and message from Karen Wingo, Director, Division of State Human Resources.

HR Directors,

The sick leave laws and regulations in South Carolina exist to promote public health and to prevent the spread of contagious illnesses in the workplace. Therefore, as indicated in the memorandum shared by Department of Administration Director Marcia Adams over the weekend, if individuals fall into CDC defined higher risk or special populations or is otherwise affected by social distancing directives related to COVID-19, an employee can use sick to cover their absence from work if he/she is not telecommuting eligible and his/her agency leadership determines that their presence at work is not required. Similarly, sick leave may be advanced to employees that fall into the CDC defined higher risk or special populations or is otherwise affected by social distancing directives related to COVID-19. If you have any questions regarding telecommuting and/or sick leave, please contact your HR Consultant (803-896-5300) or me (803-422-8645).

All the best,

Karen

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To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: [External] Accelerate SC
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:23:08 AM
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Mark – as we start work on the Protection assignment – can we share the draft document with other agencies?

Rick

Richard K. Toomey, DHA, FACHE

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From: [Read, Jennifer](#)
To: [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Symmes, Brian](#); [Simpson, Cody](#)
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/14
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 8:41:04 AM
Attachments: [Daily county tally.xlsx](#)

115 new cases (1 is a resident of another state); 3,553 to date. 93 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](#)

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

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To: [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Symmes, Brian](#); [Simpson, Cody](#)
Subject: [External] Case count - 4/16
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 9:36:01 AM
Attachments: [Daily county tally.xlsx](#)

276 new cases; 3,931 to date. 107 total deaths.

Note: 62 of these new cases were reported from a small private lab in Virginia that batched a week's worth of results before reporting to us. We are contacting the lab today to ensure that they report all results daily to us moving forward.

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Subject: [External] Case count - 4/20
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 10:13:00 AM
Attachments: [4_20_2020 Hospital Bed V1.pdf](#)
[Daily county tally.xlsx](#)

64 new cases; 4,439 cases to date.

From: [Read, Jennifer](#)
To: [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Simpson, Cody](#); [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: [External] Case count and bed capacity - 4-17
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:45:11 AM
Attachments: [4_17_2020 Hospital Bed V1.pdf](#)
[Daily county tally.xlsx](#)

163 new cases; 4,086 to date. 109 deaths as of noon yesterday. We will have an updated death count at the 12:30 briefing.

Also attached, hospital bed capacity by county and trend lines.

From: [Read, Jennifer](#)
To: [Walker, Trey](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); [Simpson, Cody](#); [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: [External] Case counts & bed availability: 4/19
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 9:24:13 AM
Attachments: [4_19_2020 Hospital Bed V1.pdf](#)
[Daily county tally.xlsx](#)

136 new cases; 4,377 total. Deaths will be reported out at 12:30 briefing.

165 new cases; 4,246 to date. 119 total deaths.

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]

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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

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Cc: [Duane Cooper](#); [Singh, Sym](#); [Rick.caldwell@dhcc.sc.gov](#)
Subject: [External] COVID-19 Conference call
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 5:12:06 PM

Dear Members:

There will be an important conference call between the members of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and other State Officials on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

The Governor's Office has graciously agreed to facilitate the call which will include DHEC and other officials including Dr. Linda Bell.

The purpose of the call is to address questions and concerns with regards to the State's response to COVID-19 better known as the Coronavirus and provide members with the latest information and updates.

The time of call will be confirmed on tomorrow pending the outcome of events dealing with the weather and other factors, however to insure that you have access information for the teleconference, we need to verify for our records and provide the Governor's Office your contact information and email of choice as some of the email messages are either being returned or unopened.

Once a time for the call is established, we will forward you an email or have Mr. Cooper contact you by phone.

Thank you for your cooperation and May God bless you and keep you safe.

Jerry N. Govan, Jr.

Chairman SCLBC

From: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [Renwick, Laura A.](#); [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Subject: [External] Daily Release
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 4:00:25 PM
Attachments: [04.13.2020 South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update \(3\).docx](#)

Hi Brian,

Please see attached for today's daily update. This will be provided following the press conf.

Thanks,

Cassie

Cassandra S. Harris

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Subject: [External] DHEC contact
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:14:37 PM

John,

Per our conversation, below is the contact at DHEC. Her name is Myra Reece. She is the Director of Environment Affairs and she is copied on this email. I mentioned to her that your task force is working on what the “dining room” and restaurant will look like as we move toward reopening. I wanted you to be able to present a plan to the Governor that was born from both SCRLA and DHEC.

Also, the next step is likely what hotels look like, particularly in regard to pools, fitness centers, etc.

Myra Reece; DHEC Director of Environmental Affairs ; reecemc@dhec.sc.gov
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Thank you both!

Duane Parrish

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [Andrews-Morgan, Ellen](#)
Subject: [External] DHEC Update on COVID-19 (April 17, 2020)
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 6:46:08 PM
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DHEC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Legislative Update # 31—April 17, 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 **163 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 4,086 cases in all 46 counties**.

There were **7 additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **116**. Of those 7 deaths, three were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Florence (1), Richland (1), and Lexington (1) counties. Three were elderly individuals with no reported underlying conditions from Berkeley (1), Lee (1), and Horry (1) counties. One was a middle-aged individual with no reported underlying health conditions from Sumter County (1).

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	10	Greenwood	1	32
Aiken	3	66	Hampton	3	18
Allendale	0	6	Horry	11	167
Anderson	6	127	Jasper	1	15
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	2	190
Barnwell	0	5	Lancaster	2	73
Beaufort	8	214	Laurens	1	19
Berkeley	5	123	Lee	5	40
Calhoun*	1	6	Lexington	8	254
Charleston	6	385	Marion	6	14
Cherokee	1	13	Marlboro	6	25
Chester	0	23	McCormick	0	5
Chesterfield	2	31	Newberry	1	23
Clarendon	8	106	Oconee	0	14
Colleton	0	21	Orangeburg	1	41
Darlington	3	52	Pickens	0	36
Dillon	1	11	Richland	15	612
Dorchester	6	83	Saluda	0	9

Edgefield	0	10	Spartanburg	6	204
Fairfield	0	25	Sumter	9	176
Florence	19	121	Union	0	23
Georgetown	1	34	Williamsburg	1	19
Greenville	10	447	York	4	151
TOTAL—163 new cases; 4,086 total cases					
** Many cases have been reconciled to adjacent counties based on investigations					

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 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. This week, DHEC added new data to this page in addition to already published categories of demographic information—age, gender, race, and ethnicity. This week's additions to the demographic data page are:

- **NEW: Estimated COVID-19 Recoveries:** As of April 17, 67 percent of South Carolina patients confirmed to have had COVID-19 are estimated to have recovered from the disease. Not including the 116 confirmed deaths as of April 17 that have been reported, the remaining patients are presumed to currently be experiencing some phase of the illness. This estimate has been added to our website and will be updated every Tuesday and Friday. This information, as updated today, is reproduced below.

South Carolina Residents Recovered from COVID-19 (estimated)	
South Carolina patients confirmed to have had COVID-19 and estimated to have recovered from the disease	67%
Patients presumed to currently be experiencing some phase of the illness	30.2%
<i>*All data is provisional. Data reflects information collected being collected since April 3, 2020.</i>	

- **NEW: Healthcare Facilities Data:** information related to positive cases of COVID-19 in South Carolina nursing homes, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and community residential care facilities (CRCFs) is now on the demographic data page; these numbers reflect information collected since April 3. This information, as updated today, is reproduced below.

COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Facilities, and CRCFs	
Facilities that have identified at least one COVID-19 case:	49
Aggregate # of cases reported within these facilities:	188
<i>*All data is provisional. Data reflects information collected being collected since April 3, 2020.</i>	

- **NEW: Healthcare Worker Data:** DHEC is now publishing information related to the number of South Carolina healthcare workers self-reported as COVID-19 positive since April 3. This information, updated today, is reproduced below.

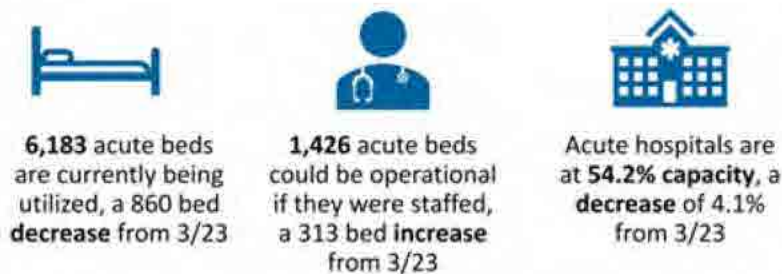
Self-reported Healthcare Worker Cases	
Aggregate # of COVID-19 positive healthcare workers (self-reported):	208
<i>*All data is provisional. Data reflects information collected being collected since April 3, 2020.</i>	

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

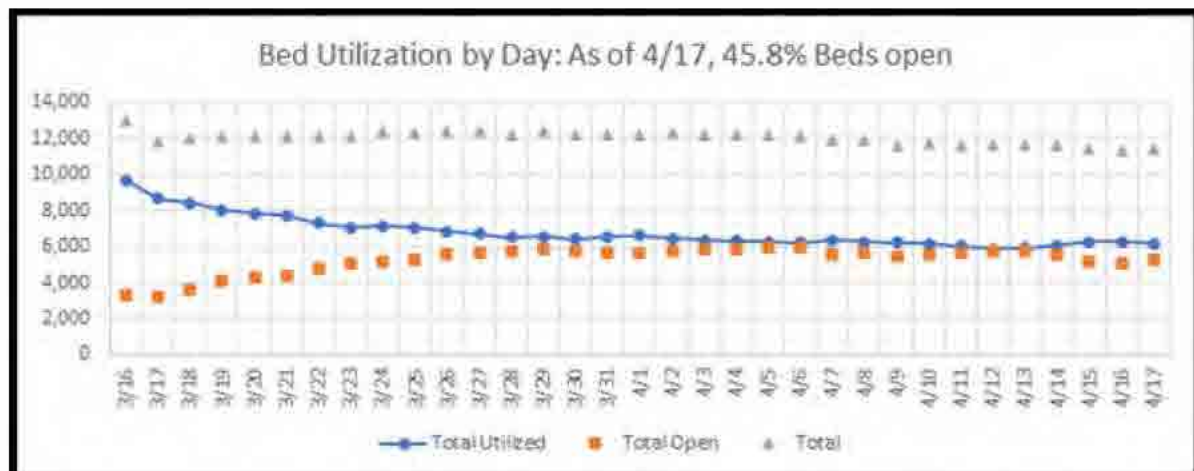
COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	37,640
Total positive tests	4,086
Total negative tests	33,554
Negative - DHEC PHL	10,127
Negative - private labs	23,427

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **11,527**. Of those tests **1,400** were positive and **10,127** were negative. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.
- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **37,640** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.
- **FDA FAQ:** The FDA has created a [diagnostic testing FAQ](#) that includes the latest information about serological tests and other COVID-19 diagnostic tools.

Hospital Bed Capacity



- As of this morning, **5,225** hospital beds are available and **6,183** are utilized, which is a **54.2%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.



DHEC Operations

- **DHEC Public Health Clinics:** Public health clinics do not offer testing for COVID-19. However, other services are still being provided. To make an appointment or learn more about services provided at your local public health department for WIC, immunizations, or family planning services, simply select your county from the drop-down list. Call [855-472-3432](tel:855-472-3432) to schedule an appointment or use [Web Chat](#) to chat with a scheduling associate.
- **Vital Records:** To protect the health and safety of our customers and employees, Vital Records is temporarily not accepting walk-in customers.
 - For general vital records questions, please call [\(803\) 898-3630](tel:803-898-3630). Information is also available on the [DHEC website](#).
 - You can order birth certificates or other vital records through VitalChek at www.vitalchek.com or [1-877-284-1008](tel: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](tel:803-898-0176).
 - Requests for court orders, adoptions, marriage and divorce reports should be sent to DHEC Vital Records, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC.

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 \(Water, Air, Waste Management, Restaurants, etc.\)](#)

[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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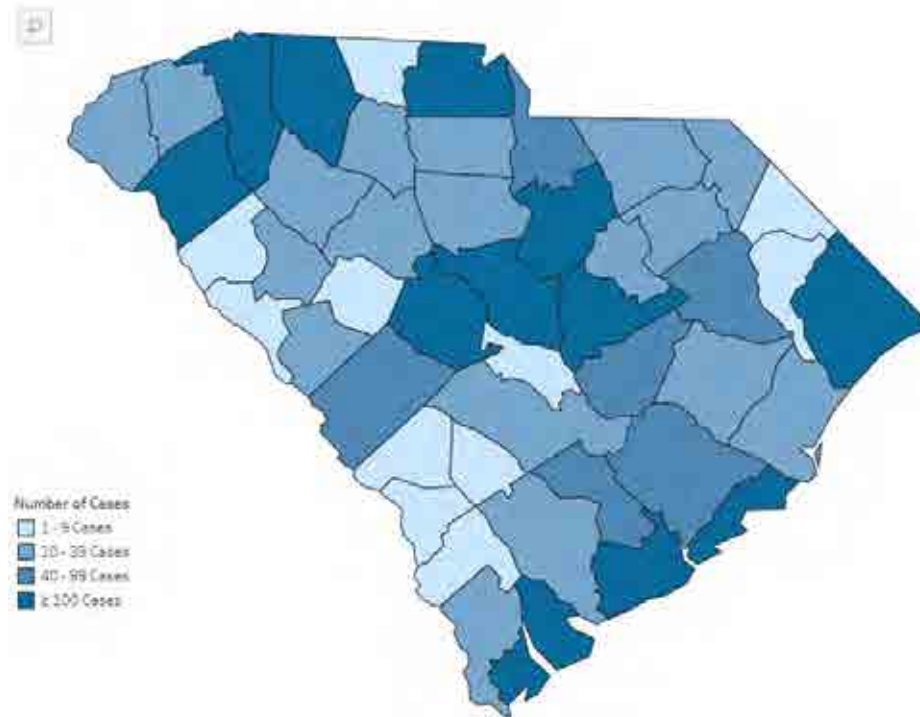
COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, [DHEC announced](#) it is investigating **127 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 3,439 cases in all 46 counties**.
- There were **five additional deaths** related to COVID-19, bringing the total to **87**. All five additional deaths occurred in elderly individuals with underlying health conditions and were residents of Aiken (1), Beaufort (1), Greenville (2), and Kershaw (1) counties.

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	9	Greenwood	1	18
Aiken	1	51	Hampton	2	9
Allendale	0	5	Horry	13	147
Anderson	3	109	Jasper	1	12
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	2	181
Barnwell	0	5	Lancaster	1	66
Beaufort	0	194	Laurens	0	14
Berkeley	7	90	Lee	2	31
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington*	0	206
Charleston	12	351	Marion*	0	6
Cherokee	0	8	Marlboro	1	15
Chester	1	20	McCormick	0	3
Chesterfield	1	23	Newberry	0	13
Clarendon	1	86	Oconee	0	14
Colleton	1	17	Orangeburg	0	37
Darlington	4	43	Pickens	3	31
Dillon	0	5	Richland	30	524
Dorchester	2	73	Saluda	1	7
Edgefield	0	10	Spartanburg	14	188
Fairfield	2	23	Sumter	4	152
Florence	7	79	Union	1	23
Georgetown	0	31	Williamsburg	0	15
Greenville	7	346	York	2	136
TOTAL— 127 new cases; 3,439 total cases					
*Adjustments have been made to Lexington (-6) and Marion (-1) counts due to collection of additional information					

- **NEW: Interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC released **two new interactive maps** with 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. 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.

COVID-19 Cases in South Carolina, by County

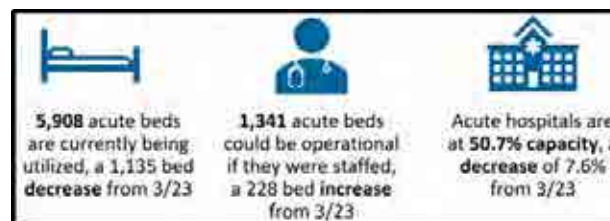


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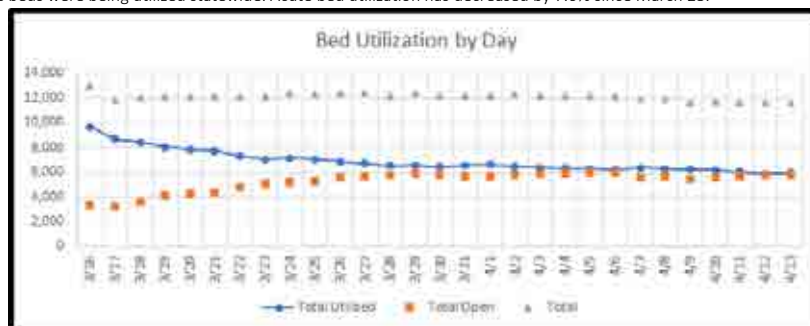
COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	32,764
Total positive tests	3,439
Total negative tests	29,325
Negative - DHEC PHL	9,312
Negative - private labs	20,013

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 10,554. Of those tests, 1,242 were positive and 9,312 were negative. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resulted today.

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- As of April 13, 50.7% beds were being utilized statewide. Acute bed utilization has decreased by 7.6% since March 23.



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DHEC Releases Updated Summary and Projections

- DHEC today provided an [updated summary](#) regarding cases confirmed to date as well as projections through May 2. On March 6 the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in South Carolina. The projections currently indicate that South Carolina may see almost 2,000 new cases per week by early May. The total number of cases is estimated to grow to 8,677 confirmed cases on May 2.
- 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 April 26 – May 2.

Observed and Projected SC COVID-19 Cases by Week: March 1 to May 2

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	170	199	4	Observed
Mar 22 – Mar 28	580	779	15	Observed
Mar 29 – Apr 4	1,258	2,037	40	Observed
Apr 5 – Apr 11	1,370	3,407	67	Observed / projected (*)
Apr 12 – Apr 18	1,562	4,969	97	Projected
Apr 19 – Apr 25	1,768	6,737	132	Projected
Apr 26 – May 2	1,940	8,677	170	Projected

(*) For the week of Apr 5 – Apr 11 data were observed through April 10 and then projected for April 11

- The table below provides some perspectives of the projected case rate of 213 per 100,000 in SC by comparing it to case rates already observed as of April 11 by those states that have suffered the greatest burden of COVID-19.

Comparing South Carolina's Projected COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 to Rates Already Observed as of April 11 by Selected Severely Impacted States

State	As of date	Cases	Population	Rate per 100,000
New York	April 11	157,073	19,500,000	806
New Jersey	April 11	51,027	8,900,000	573
Louisiana	April 11	18,283	4,600,000	397
Massachusetts	April 11	18,941	6,900,000	275
Connecticut	April 11	9,784	3,600,000	272
District of Columbia	April 11	1,523	706,000	216
Michigan	April 11	21,504	10,000,000	215
South Carolina	May 2	8,677	5,100,000	170

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**DHEC Legislative Update: 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
 Legislative Update # 28—April 14, 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

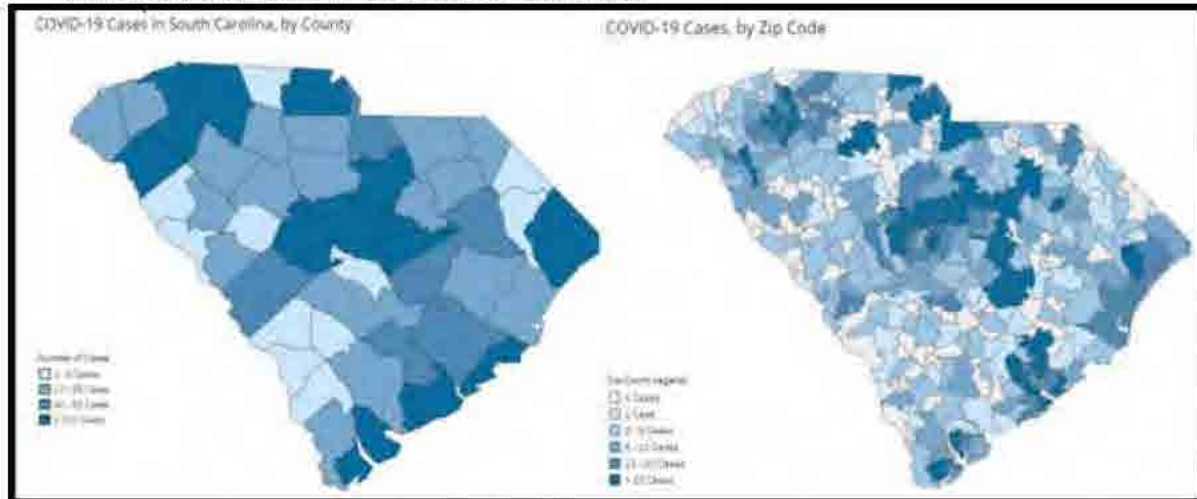
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- There were **ten additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **97**. Of those 10 deaths, eight were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Aiken (1), Berkeley (2), Clarendon (2), Lancaster (1), Lexington (2) counties; one was an elderly individual, with the presence of underlying conditions still under investigation, from Richland County (1); and one was a middle-aged individual with underlying health conditions from Horry County (1).

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	9	Greenwood	0	18
Aiken	9	60	Hampton	2	11
Allendale	0	5	Horry	4	151
Anderson	2	111	Jasper	2	14
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	6	187
Barnwell	0	5	Lancaster	1	67
Beaufort	4	198	Laurens	0	14
Berkeley	8	98	Lee	2	33
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	2	208
Charleston	2	353	Marion	2	8
Cherokee	0	8	Marlboro	0	15
Chester	0	20	McCormick	1	4
Chesterfield	4	27	Newberry	2	15
Clarendon	3	89	Oconee	0	14
Colleton	1	18	Orangeburg	1	38
Darlington	1	44	Pickens	3	34
Dillon	0	5	Richland	11	535
Dorchester	0	73	Saluda	0	7
Edgefield*	0	9	Spartanburg	2	190
Fairfield	1	24	Sumter	4	156
Florence	3	82	Union	0	23
Georgetown	2	33	Williamsburg	1	16
Greenville	27	373	York	2	138

TOTAL— 115 new cases; 3,553 total cases

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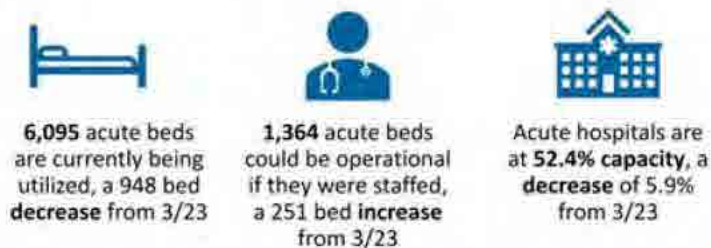
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COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
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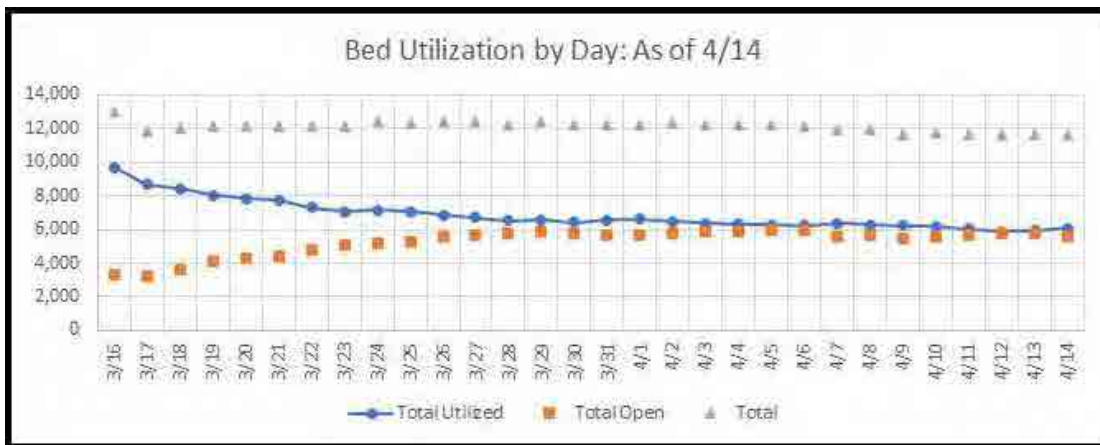
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- **FDA FAQ:** The FDA updated its [diagnostic testing FAQ today](#) to include the latest information about serological tests and other COVID-19 diagnostic tools.

Hospital Bed Capacity



- As of this morning, 5,545 hospital beds are available and 6,095 are utilized, which is a 52.4% statewide hospital

bed utilization rate.



Closure of Public Swimming Pools

- DHEC is continuing to work with citizens, the regulated community and our state partners to provide information to protect the public during this state of emergency due to disruptions caused by coronavirus/COVID-19. DHEC has received numerous calls about whether Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and other similar venues can open their pools for the season since they are perceive themselves as private (not open to the general public). However, most of these pools are public pools.
 - On March 31, 2020 Governor McMaster issued [executive order 2020-17](#) directing nonessential “businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities” (which includes “spas and public or commercial swimming pools”) to close and “remain closed to non-employees and shall not be open for access or use by the public—to include members, if access or use is ordinarily restricted to or based on membership.” These were required to close by Wednesday, April 6, 2020 at 5:00 pm and remain closed until the state of emergency ends or is lifted by the Governor.
 - “Public swimming pool” is defined by the State Recreational Waters Act at [Section 44-55-2310\(5\)](#) and by the [SC Swimming Pool regulations R.61-51](#). A public pool is a pool “not built in connection with a single family residence and the use of which is not confined to the family of the residence and its private guests, or which is not owned, constructed, operated, or maintained by a church, synagogue, or religious organization.”
 - The DHEC Pool Program provided this information to its email list for permitted pools and also provided additional [water management resources on its website](#).
- DHEC is hopeful that the closures of all pools will help prevent the spread of COVID-19. As warm weather approaches, we recognize that this may be an inconvenience to many, but we are optimistic that these sacrifices and alterations to our normal activities will slow the spread of COVID-19.

DHEC Operations Update

- **Increased CI Capability:** DHEC is working to increase contact investigation capability in its regional offices, hiring new staff and training existing staff to increase capacity on the region level to do contact investigations. Approximately 150 members of DHEC’s regional teams are currently trained in this area, and DHEC plans to add an additional 60 people to enhance capacity in this area.
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DHEC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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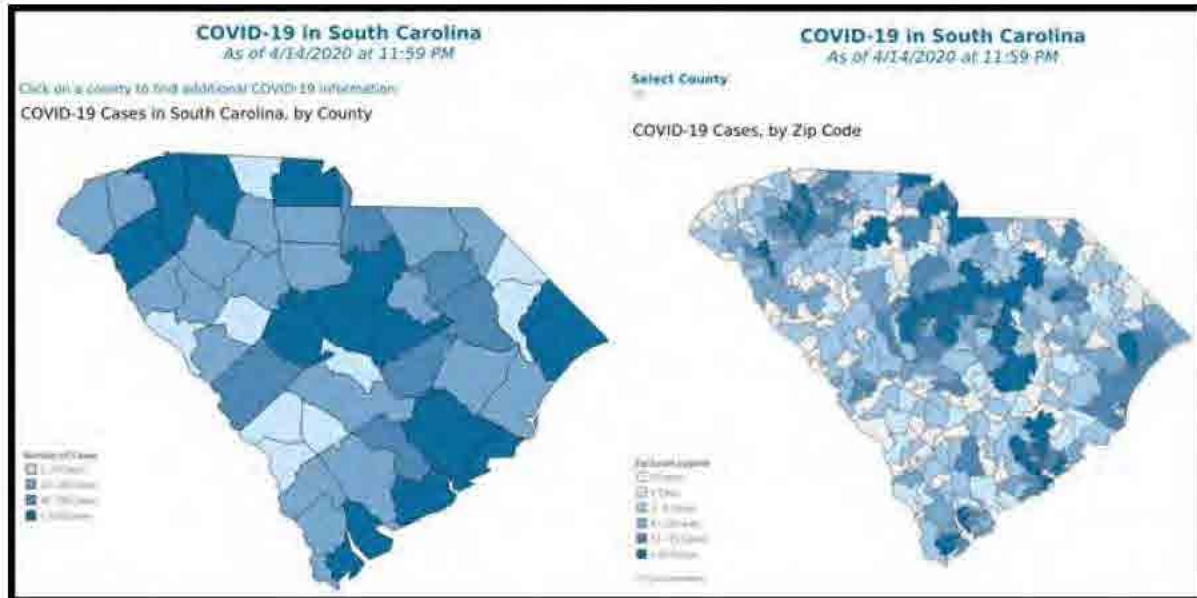
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Berkeley	3	101	Lee	1	34
Calhoun*	0	5	Lexington	10	218
Charleston	7	360	Marion	0	8
Cherokee	0	8	Marlboro	0	15
Chester	2	22	McCormick	0	4
Chesterfield	1	28	Newberry	1	16
Clarendon	1	90	Oconee	0	14
Colleton	3	21	Orangeburg	0	38
Darlington	0	44	Pickens	0	34
Dillon	2	7	Richland	13	548
Dorchester	5	78	Saluda	1	8
Edgefield	1	10	Spartanburg	1	191
Fairfield	0	24	Sumter	5	161

Florence	5	87	Union	0	23
Georgetown	0	33	Williamsburg	2	18
Greenville	27	400	York	0	138
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- **Testing and Projections:** Testing data, projections, and general data is updated [daily](#).
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COVID-19 Cases in Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Facilities, and CRCFs	
Facilities that have identified at least one COVID-19 case:	39
Aggregate # of cases reported within these facilities:	84
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- **NEW: Healthcare Worker Data:** DHEC is now publishing information related to the number of South Carolina healthcare workers self-reported as COVID-19 positive since April 3. This is published on the DHEC [demographic data page](#) and is reproduced below.

Self-reported Healthcare Worker Cases

Aggregate # of COVID-19 positive healthcare workers (self-reported):

140

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Hospital Bed Capacity



6,271 acute beds are currently being utilized, a 772 bed decrease from 3/23

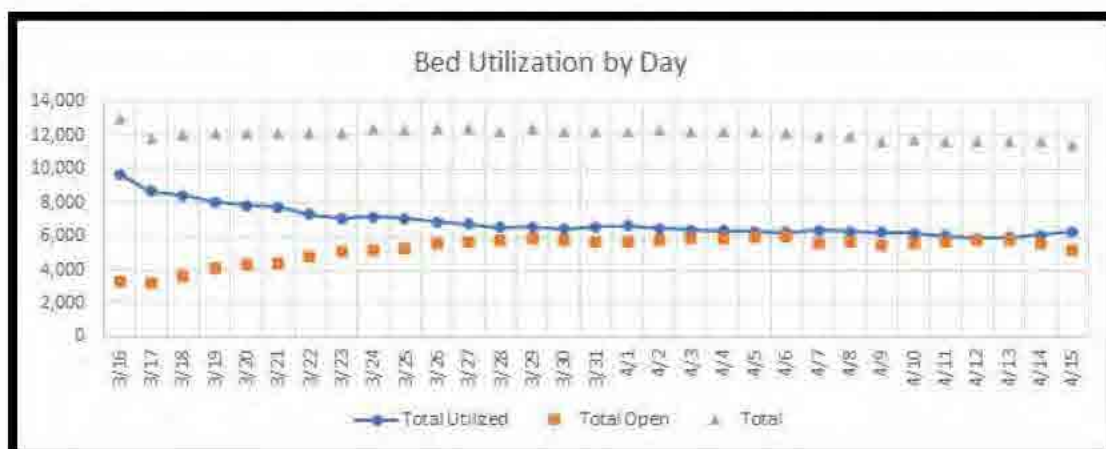


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Acute hospitals are at 54.7% capacity, a decrease of 3.6% from 3/23

- As of this morning, 5,188 hospital beds are available and 6,271 are utilized, which is a 54.7% statewide hospital bed utilization rate. There has been a 3.6% decrease in acute bed utilization since March 23.



Community Outreach Update

- We recognize the critical need to address inequities which impact the health of our communities, and we are working to intensify outreach and prevention efforts to help control spread, increase [access to public health data](#), and to ensure populations at greater risk are made aware of available testing sites and resources. As part of this effort, our agency has:

- worked with local churches to help communicate prevention messaging to better reach communities of color,
 - began delivering 100 percent of our Women Infant and Children (WIC) nutritional services over the phone,
 - worked with partners to expand options in a variety of food categories to address WIC product shortages,
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 - provided sneeze guards to restaurants and DMVs.
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DHEC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
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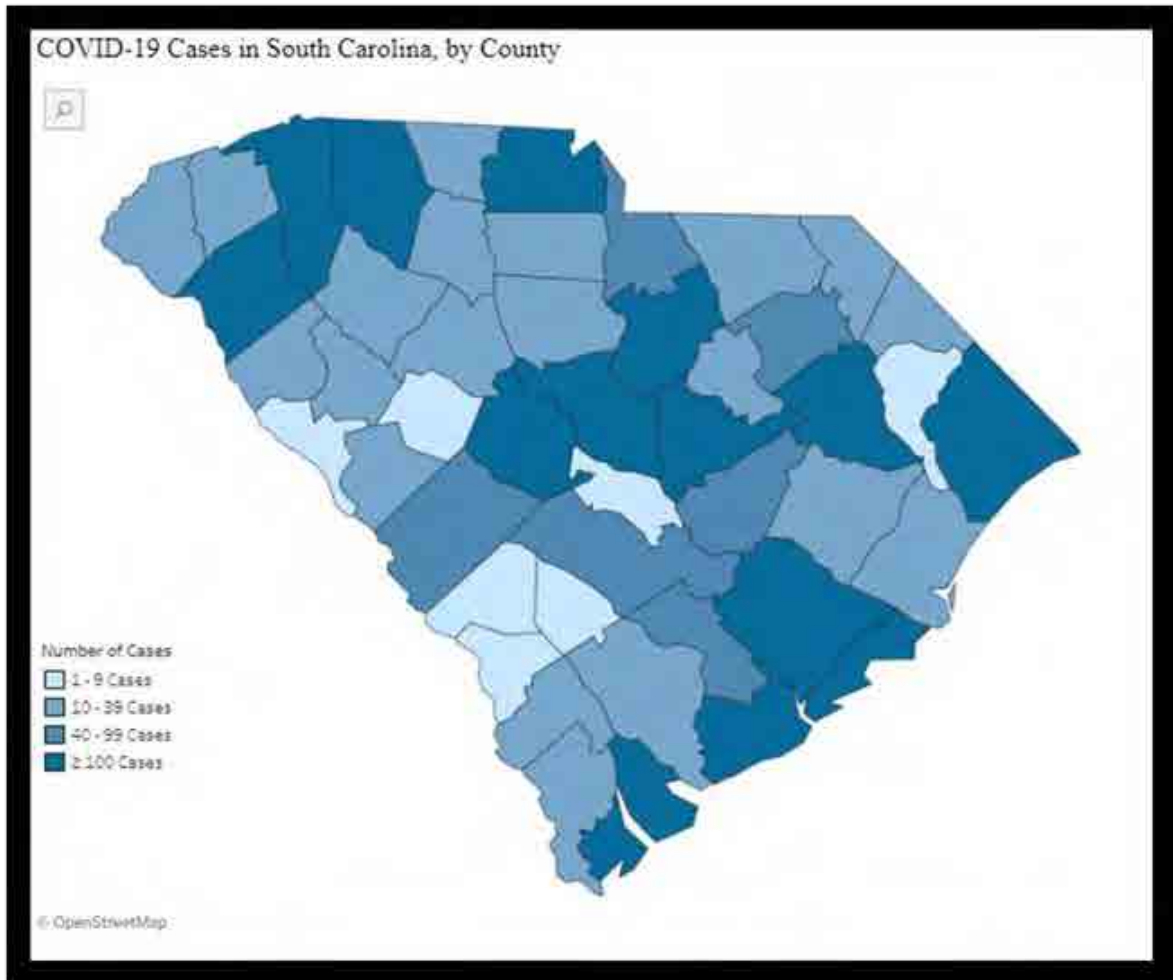
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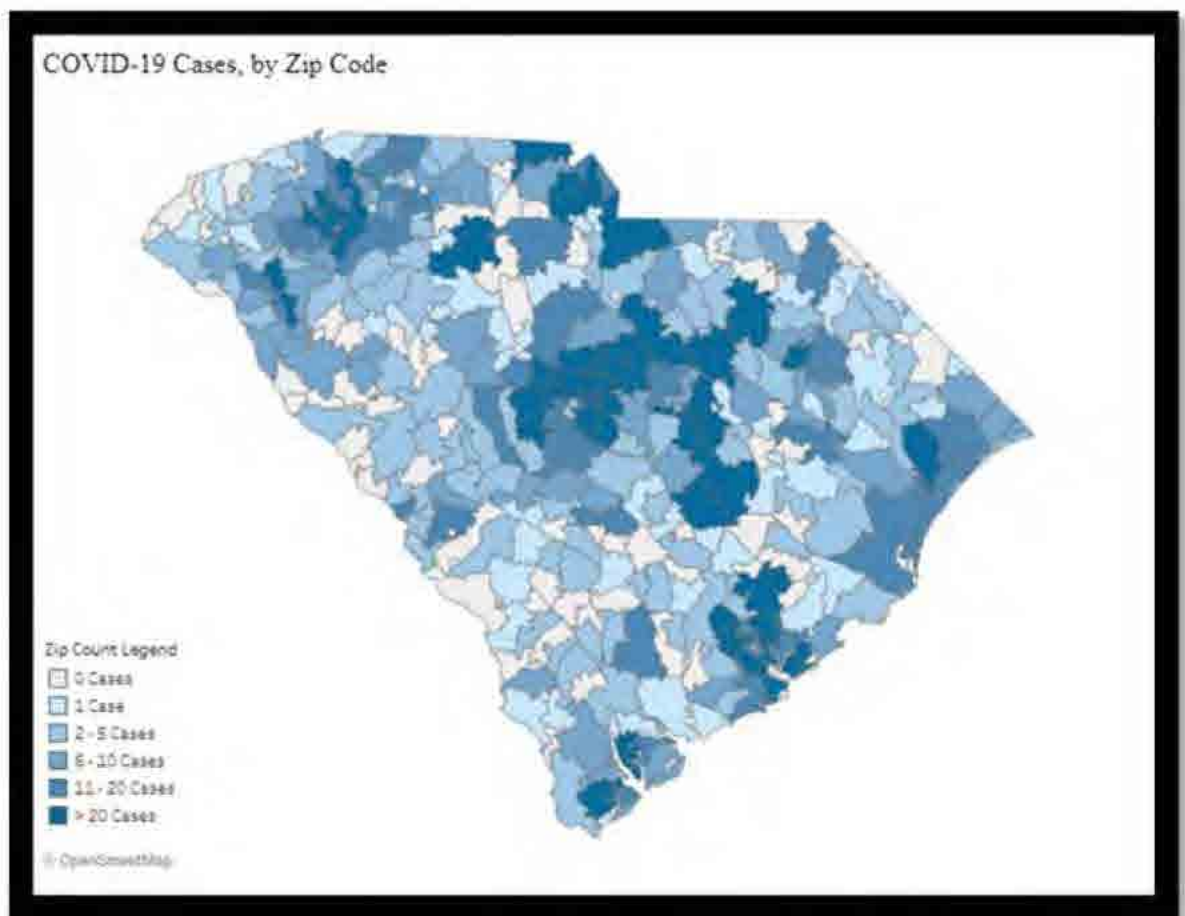
County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	10	Greenwood	12	31
Aiken	3	63	Hampton	3	15
Allendale	0	5	Horry	5	155
Anderson	7	119	Jasper	0	14
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	4	189
Barnwell	0	5	Lancaster	2	71
Beaufort	3	206	Laurens	4	18
Berkeley	16	116	Lee	1	35
Calhoun*	0	5	Lexington	52	267
Charleston	23	383	Marion	0	8
Cherokee	3	12	Marlboro	4	19
Chester	0	22	McCormick	1	5
Chesterfield	1	29	Newberry	6	22
Clarendon	6	98	Oconee	0	14
Colleton	0	21	Orangeburg	2	40
Darlington	5	49	Pickens	2	37
Dillon	3	10	Richland	29	579
Dorchester	1	78	Saluda	0	9
Edgefield	0	10	Spartanburg	8	199
Fairfield	1	25	Sumter	7	168

Florence	16	103	Union	0	23
Georgetown	1	34	Williamsburg	0	18
Greenville	33	436	York	12	149
TOTAL—276 new cases; 3,931 total cases					

DHEC Data Tools

- **Testing and Projections:** Testing data, projections, and general data is updated [daily](#).
- **Interactive Zip Code Map & County Map:** DHEC released [two new interactive maps](#) with the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases 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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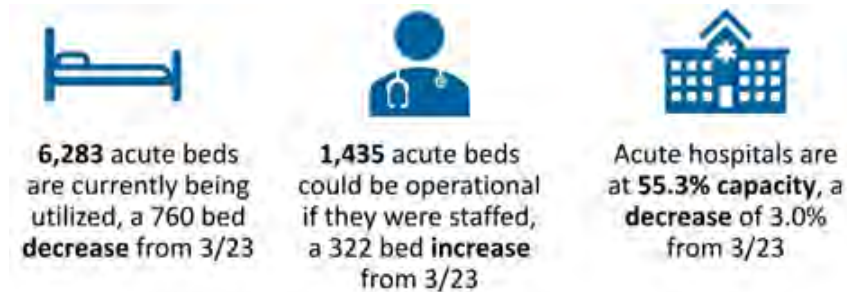
COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	36,284
Total positive tests	3,931
Total negative tests	32,353
Negative - DHEC PHL	9,901
Negative - private labs	22,452

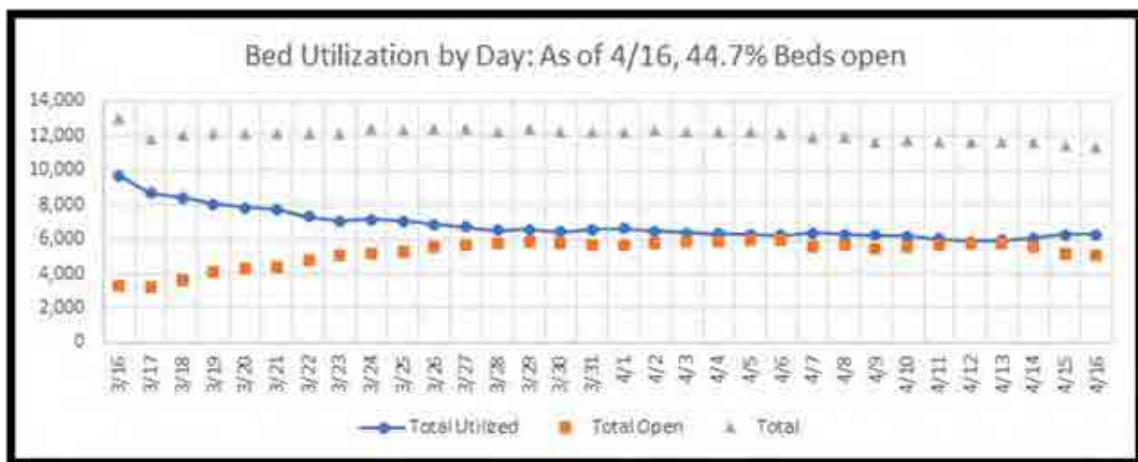
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- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **36,284** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.
- **FDA FAQ:** The FDA has created a [diagnostic testing FAQ](#) that includes the latest information about serological tests and other COVID-19 diagnostic tools.

Hospital Bed Capacity



- As of this morning, **5,074** hospital beds are available and **6,283** are utilized, which is a **55.3%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate. There has been a **3.0%** decrease in acute bed utilization since March 23.



Community Outreach

- We recognize the critical need to address inequities which impact the health of our communities, and we are working to intensify outreach and prevention efforts to help control spread, increase [access to public health data](#), and to ensure populations at greater risk are made aware of available testing sites and resources. As part of this effort, our agency has:
 - worked with local churches to help communicate prevention messaging to better reach communities of color,
 - began delivering 100 percent of our Women Infant and Children (WIC) nutritional services over the phone,
 - worked with partners to expand options in a variety of food categories to address WIC product shortages,
 - partnered with Environmental Justice advocates to raise awareness, and
 - provided sneeze guards to restaurants and DMVs.

- In addition, we are working to further leverage our social media platforms and partnerships to help communicate how conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma and obesity exacerbate COVID-19 symptoms.
- DHEC is also expanding our testing capacity by deploying Abbott rapid testing machines in pockets of the state in which access to testing may be limited. To ensure that these machines are being deployed in communities with the greatest need, DHEC took into consideration counties and regions with an African American population greater than 30 percent, in addition to counties with rates of diabetes, hypertension and other chronic disease higher than the state average.

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COVID-19 Case Updates

- Today, [DHEC announced](#) it is investigating **165 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 4,246 cases in all 46 counties**.
- There were **3 additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **119**. Of those 3 deaths, two were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Horry County (2). One was a middle-aged individual with no known underlying health conditions who was from Aiken County (1).

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	5	15	Greenwood	2	34
Aiken	1	67	Hampton	2	20
Allendale	0	6	Horry	8	176
Anderson	7	133	Jasper	1	16
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	5	195
Barnwell	0	5	Lancaster	0	73
Beaufort	6	220	Laurens	0	19
Berkeley	2	124	Lee	0	40
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	17	271
Charleston	0	385	Marion	0	13
Cherokee	0	13	Marlboro	0	25
Chester	0	23	McCormick	1	6
Chesterfield	4	35	Newberry	0	23
Clarendon	3	109	Oconee	2	16
Colleton	2	23	Orangeburg	0	41
Darlington	7	59	Pickens	2	38
Dillon	6	17	Richland	15	626
Dorchester	2	84	Saluda	1	10

Edgefield	1	11	Spartanburg	7	211
Fairfield	0	25	Sumter	5	181
Florence	7	128	Union	0	23
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TOTAL—165 new cases; 4,246 total cases					

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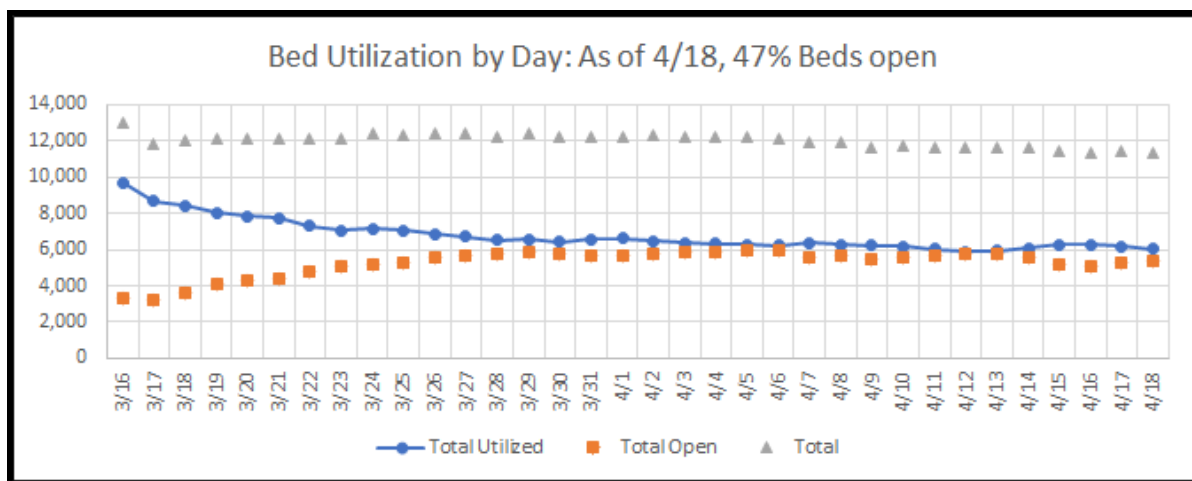
COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	38,833
Total positive tests	4,246
Total negative tests	34,587
Negative - DHEC PHL	10,383
Negative - private labs	24,204

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is 11,833. Of those tests 1,450 were positive and 10,383 were negative. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resultd today.
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Hospital Bed Capacity

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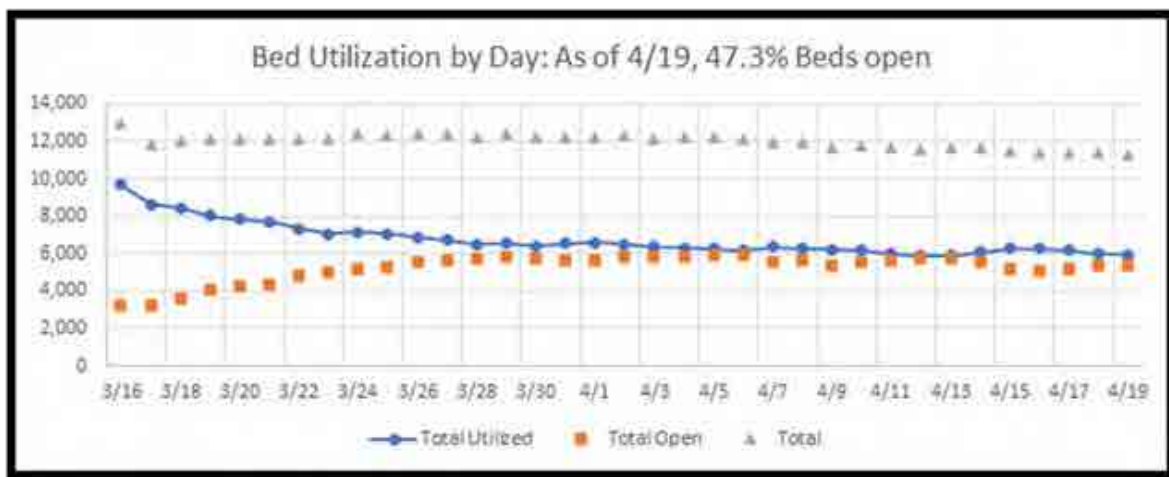
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Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	40,480
Total positive tests	4,377
Total negative tests	36,103
Negative - DHEC PHL	10,591
Negative - private labs	25,512

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **12,080**. Of those tests **1,489** were positive and **10,591** were negative. We are testing all samples received today, and they will be resultated today.
- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **40,480** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **5,356** hospital beds are available and **5,971** are utilized — a **52.7%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate.



Recovery Rate:

- **Available Symptom Onset Data:** As of April 16, based on available symptom onset data, 3,204 South Carolinians tested positive for COVID-19. Unfortunately, of these, our state has lost 107 individuals. Of the remaining 3,097 individuals, DHEC estimates that 2,063 (67%) have recovered from the illness and 1,034 (33%) remain ill. This estimate will be updated every Tuesday and Friday. (Note: All data is provisional, and 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
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From: [Andrews-Morgan, Ellen](#)
Cc: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: [External] DHEC Update on COVID-19 (April 20, 2020)
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 6:15:20 PM
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DHEC LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Legislative Update # 35—April 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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 - Ellen Andrews-Morgan at (803) 530-5679 or ellen.andrews@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.
- 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 **64 additional cases** of the COVID-19 novel coronavirus. This brings the **statewide total to 4,439** in **all 46 counties**.
- There were **four additional deaths** related to COVID-19; bringing the total to **124**. Of those four deaths, one was an elderly individual with underlying health conditions from Lancaster County (1); one was an elderly individual, with no known underlying conditions, from Kershaw County (1); one was a middle-aged individual with underlying health conditions from Edgefield County (1); and one was a middle-aged individual, with no known underlying health conditions, from Clarendon County (1).
- New cases by county:

County	New Cases	Total Cases	County	New Cases	Total Cases
Abbeville	0	17	Greenwood	0	37
Aiken	1	70	Hampton	0	21
Allendale	0	6	Horry	1	185
Anderson	2	134	Jasper	0	15
Bamberg	0	7	Kershaw	3	201

Barnwell	1	6	Lancaster	0	79
Beaufort	1	225	Laurens	0	20
Berkeley	0	138	Lee	0	42
Calhoun	0	6	Lexington	4	274
Charleston	2	391	Marion	0	15
Cherokee	1	14	Marlboro	1	29
Chester	0	25	McCormick	0	6
Chesterfield	0	36	Newberry	0	20
Clarendon	8	120	Oconee	0	17
Colleton	0	23	Orangeburg	1	44
Darlington	5	69	Pickens	0	38
Dillon	2	22	Richland	4	657
Dorchester	0	83	Saluda	0	12
Edgefield	0	12	Spartanburg	7	219
Fairfield	0	25	Sumter	3	185
Florence	4	153	Union	0	24
Georgetown	0	34	Williamsburg	4	26
Greenville	5	498	York	4	159
TOTAL—64 new cases; 4,439 total cases					

Updated Projections

- DHEC today [provided an updated summary](#) regarding cases confirmed to date as well as projections through May 9.
- On March 6 the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in South Carolina. The projections currently indicate that South Carolina may see almost 750 new cases per week by early May. The total number of cases is estimated to grow to 6,953 confirmed cases on May 9.
- Table 1 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 3 – May 9. 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.

Table 1: Observed and Projected SC COVID-19 Cases by Week: March 1 to May 9

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	172	201	4	Observed
Mar 22 – Mar 28	575	776	15	Observed
Mar 29 – Apr 4	1,263	2,039	40	Observed
Apr 5 – Apr 11	1,279	3,318	65	Observed
Apr 12 – Apr 18	1,059	4,377	86	Observed
Apr 19 – Apr 25	958	5,335	105	Projected
Apr 26 – May 2	871	6,206	122	Projected
May 3 – May 9	747	6,953	136	Projected

- Table 2 below provides some perspectives of the projected case rate of 213 per 100,000 in SC by comparing it to case rates already observed as of April 11 by those states that have suffered the greatest burden of COVID-19.

Table 2: Comparing SC's Projected COVID-19 Case Rate per 100,000 to Rates Already Observed as of April 18 by Selected Severely Impacted States

State	As of Date	Cases	Population	Rate per 100,000
New York	April 18	236,763	19,453,561	1217.1
New Jersey	April 18	81,420	8,882,190	916.7
Massachusetts	April 18	36,372	6,949,503	523.4
Louisiana	April 18	23,580	4,648,794	507.2
Connecticut	April 18	17,550	3,565,287	492.2
Rhode Island	April 18	4,491	1,059,361	423.9
District of Columbia	April 18	2,666	705,749	377.8
Michigan	April 18	30,717	9,986,857	307.6
South Carolina	May 9	6,953	5,100,000	136.3

• **Additional Notes and Explanations:**

- DHEC reports laboratory-confirmed cases so that the number of positive tests reported for a particular day are considered to be the number of new cases for that day. However, laboratories are not always able to process and test the specimens they receive on the same day of reception. This can relate to the time of day when some specimens reach them, and also to shortages of reagents needed to perform the tests.
- It is also important to note that uncertainties exist not only regarding projections made for the coming month. Since not all people who are positive will be tested, that the number of officially reported cases is not the same as the actual number of cases.
- For modeling, many assumptions are made and, therefore, these are just estimates of projected cases by week.

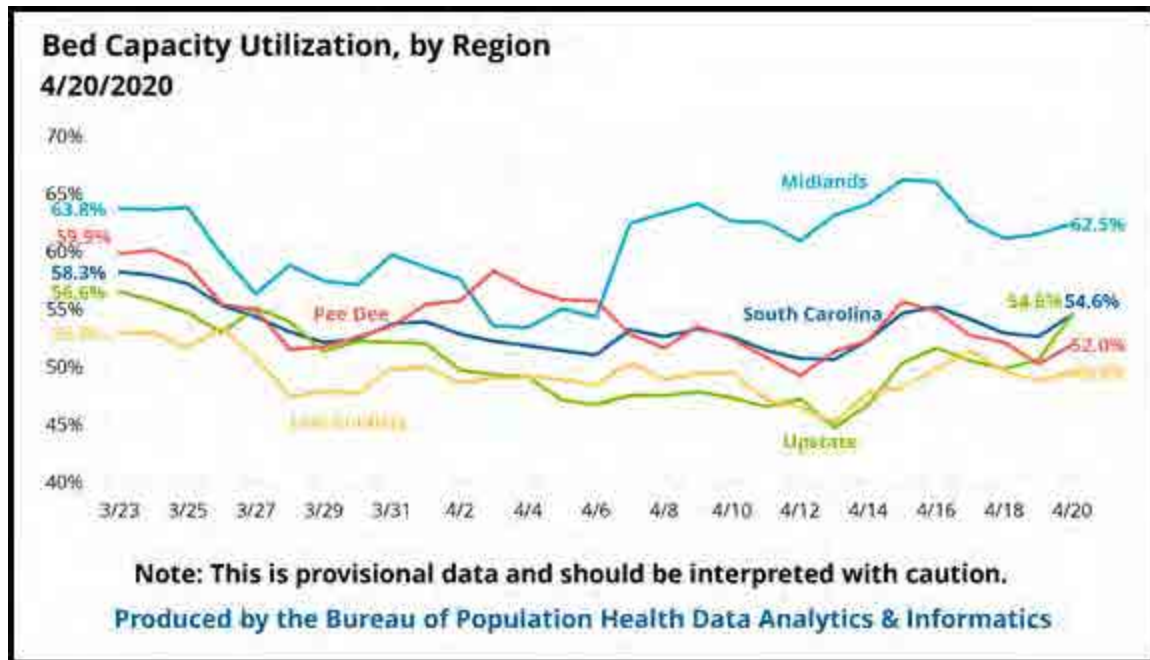
COVID-19 Testing/Public Health Laboratory (PHL) Update

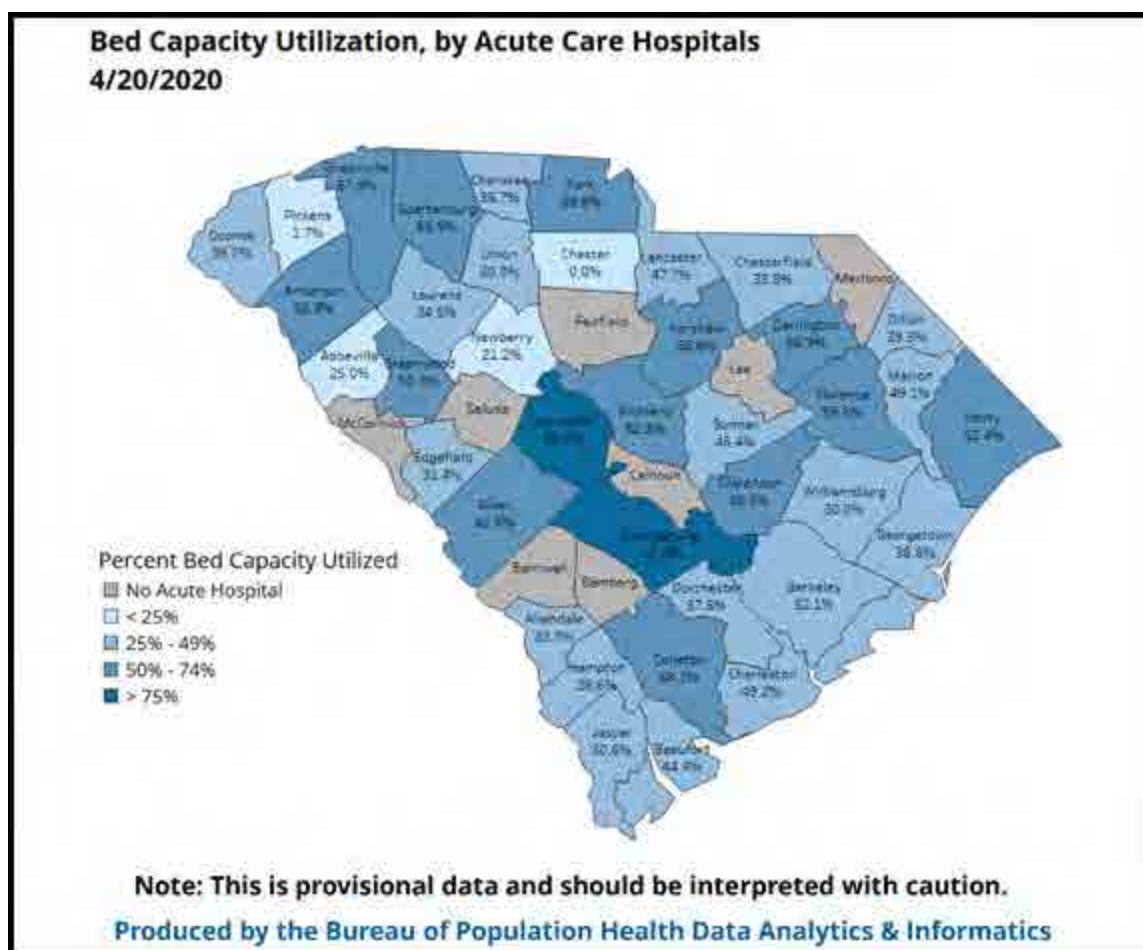
COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina	
Total # of tests performed in South Carolina	41,277
Total positive tests	4,439
Total negative tests	36,838
Negative - DHEC PHL	10,742
Negative - private labs	26,096

- **Public Health Lab (PHL):** As of COB yesterday, the total number of patients that have been tested at PHL is **12,248**. Of those tests **1,506** were positive and **10,742** were negative.
- **SC Testing Totals:** A total of **41,277** tests have been conducted in the state by private labs and the PHL combined.
- **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.”](#)

Hospital Bed Capacity

- As of this morning, **5,150** hospital beds are available and **6,201** are utilized—a **54.6%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate. This is a day-to-day increase of **1.9%** and a **3.7%** decrease in acute bed utilization since March 23.
- Today, DHEC provided 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.
- **Demographic Data:** The DHEC [demographic data](#) page 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.

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](#)
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[SC Department of Mental Health COVID-19 Resources](#)
[CDC Guidance - Homelessness](#)
[SC Department of Insurance Resources](#)
[DHEC FAQ for Coroners](#)
[DAODAS COVID-19 Resources](#)
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Healthcare:

[DHEC Guidance/FAQ for Healthcare Professionals](#)
[DHEC Certificate of Need \(CON\) Regulation FAQ](#)
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From: [SCDHEC Media](#)
To: [Information, Governor's Office](#)
Subject: [External] DHEC Welcomes Joan Duwve as New Director of Public Health
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:00:32 AM



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
April 17, 2020

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) welcomed today Joan Duwve, M.D., MPH, as the agency's new Director of Public Health.

"Joan brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in public health to the agency," **said DHEC Director Rick Toomey**. "As we continue to respond to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, her expertise in public health preparedness and disease control will be a great addition to South Carolina's health leadership."

"I am honored to join DHEC's team of dedicated and talented professionals as we work together to promote and protect the health of all South Carolinians," **said Dr. Duwve**. "I look forward to working with partners throughout the state to build on the public health successes in South Carolina and I am confident that together we will continue to successfully address current and future public health challenges."

Dr. Duwve holds more than 20 years of experience in public health. Prior to joining DHEC, she served as the Associate Dean of Practice for the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health in Indianapolis, Ind., and developed and directed the ECHO Center to train primary care providers in rural communities to treat patients with complex conditions like HIV and hepatitis C. Dr. Duwve also served as the Chief Medical Officer with the Indiana State Department of Health and the Medical Director for the Department's Division of Public Health and Preparedness. Before transitioning to full-time public health work, she practiced family medicine in Indiana for 11 years.

Dr. Duwve earned her a Medical Doctor degree from Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan. She completed her residency in family medicine at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind.

For a photo of Dr. Duwve, please click [here](#). To view her official bio, click [here](#).

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To: [Read, Jennifer](#); [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: [External] Fw: Bloomberg News request on possibility of Southern Governors coalition
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 12:25:36 PM

Jennifer and Brian,

Please see below.

Thanks,

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From: Margaret Newkirk (BLOOMBERG/ ATLANTA O) <mnewkirk@bloomberg.net>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:22 AM
To: COVID-19 <COVID19News@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: Bloomberg News request on possibility of Southern Governors coalition

Hello, this is Margaret Newkirk at Bloomberg News. I am preparing a story keying off a planned 4 pm. press conference here in Georgia where gov. Brian Kemp is expected to possibly announce a coalition of Southern governors who are cooperating on how to emerge from the COVID shelter-at-home protocols as well as how Georgia is planning to do it

I am wondering if South Carolina would be part of such a coalition and if the state health department or the governor's office have developed any plans for moving forward. (Assuming SC did a shelter-at-home order. I see the state does not have as many cases as many states in the region.)

I'm at 404-249-7054 or at this email and thanks! MN, Bloomberg News

From: [Davidson, Nick](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Cc: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: [External] Fw: Convalescent Plasma Therapy
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:46:55 PM
Attachments: [Media Talking Points-Convalescent Plasma.pdf](#)
[Governors talking points.docx](#)

Mark,

Rick asked that I pass this to you. You can see in the attached talking points, it is essentially a plan that allows recovered COVID patients to donate blood which can then be used as potential treatment for patients. We have no concerns.

Thanks,
Nick

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Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:29 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Convalescent Plasma Therapy

Hi Director Toomey.

Attached are talking points Dr. Robert Rainer (Prisma Upstate) and I discussed this morning regarding this interesting therapy. Certainly may help selected patients especially since there is not much else currently available. There is also a fact sheet that maybe the press could use to drum up interest in donating/participating.

Let me know if you need anything else.
Regards.

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To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: [External] Fw: FOR YOUR REVIEW: P&C questions
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 1:12:01 PM
Attachments: [Post & Courier questions and responses.docx](#)
[South Carolina state report FINAL 2017.PDF](#)

Brian,

Please see attached draft and supporting document.

Thanks,

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From: Renwick, Laura A.
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:25 AM
To: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: FOR YOUR REVIEW: P&C questions

Good morning, Jennifer,

Please dismiss what I sent along yesterday afternoon. I verified a few things with Dr. Bell. Attached are complete proposed responses and a supporting document. Seanna is hoping to have our information before noon today.

Thanks,

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To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: [External] Fw: Recommendations draft document
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:49:12 PM
Attachments: [Reopening Guidance - April 19 2020.docx](#)

RT will call you in a few to go over our team's thoughts on this...

From: Read, Jennifer
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:40 PM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Recommendations draft document

Please see attached.

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Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 12:29:44 PM

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From: Brenda Goodman <bgoodman@webmd.net>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:09 AM
To: COVID-19 <COVID19News@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: Reporter seeking help

Hi Laura and Chris,

I'm a reporter for WebMD, and I'm working on a story about how the country will start to reopen.

I was hoping you could share some information with regards to Gov. McMaster's reported plans to reopen beaches and retail shops today.

The national guidelines released by the White House last week suggest the appropriate time for states to reopen based on what they are seeing in terms of illness and how ready their hospitals are to respond.

It's hard for me to tell from looking at the posted numbers. Does S.C. meet these? Or is the governor acting on different information? If so, can you share what that is?

My deadline is 4pm EST today.

Thank you.

Brenda Goodman
News Writer, WebMD
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From: [Renwick, Laura A.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [Duwve, Joan M.](#); [Davidson, Nick](#); [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Subject: [External] Fw: Updated IHME language
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 5:34:49 PM

Brian,

Wanted to be sure to loop you in on this. We've been asked to comment on updated IHME modeling by a few outlets and we're planning to use the language below.

On April 17, the IHME presented updated modeling that, for South Carolina, indicates an earlier estimated peak date for bed utilization (now April 15) and peak deaths (now April 9).

Modeling, projections, and data trends vary and change quickly, and relaxing preventative measures too soon could lead to a rebound in disease activity, meaning positive cases could increase again. This is why we're continuing to look for opportunities to increase testing across the state and to monitor statewide data to verify when we are on the downward slope of the peak. It's important to remember, that even when a peak is reached, people will continue to be infected, positive cases will continue to be reported and, unfortunately, deaths will continue to occur. We thank all South Carolinians for their individual efforts to stay home, socially distance and take the other recommended precautions for protecting themselves and their communities from further spread of this disease.

Thanks,

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To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>; Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>; Duwve, Joan M. <duwvej@dm@dhec.sc.gov>; Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: Updated IHME language

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Subject: Call with Clyburn Staff

Just spoke with Clyburn's Chief of Staff, Yebbie Watkins, and his new legislative director, Ashleigh Wilson.

Rep Clyburn is interested in a national plan for funding mobile test sites. This is something he did here 10 - 12 years ago for glaucoma screening. Yebbie spoke with the Governor and MUSC's Dr. Cole last week. Clyburn is looking at drive through vs mobile testing and is interested in costs associated with funding a van and multiplying that cost to potentially expand to a national plan. Is looking for details about funding testing, cost of vans, # of tests that could be performed per day, per unit.

I discussed the difference in providing mobile services for well-visit screening like glaucoma and mammograms that they mentioned and covered the following points that we discussed on our call this morning:

- Mobile service must be accessible to individuals when they have symptoms
- Must be staffed by HCWs with adequate PPE and testing supplies
- Drive through testing allows people to maintain social distancing in their cars; would have to figure out how to maintain this with mobile units.
- Referral to mobile screening services must be linked to accessible telemedicine or establish reimbursement to providers for phone screening.

After this discussion they said there may need to be additional considerations for mobile services. Ashleigh has been in contact with Jordan in the Governor's office and said she may have another conversation with him about whether the Governor holds a call to discuss this today or not.

Linda J. Bell, M.D.

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Subject: Planning Call for Clyburn Staff Call

When: Monday, April 13, 2020 9:30 AM-9:45 AM.

Where:

UPDATE: We will have this discussion immediately after the 9am call.

This call is to set a plan for the Clyburn staff call taking place later today (Monday, 4/13).

Call in: 800-753-1965

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Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:17:30 PM

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Sent: Mon, Apr 20, 2020 9:46 am
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Conference call

Dear Members:

Per my previous email the Conference Call between the SCLBC, DHEC and Governor's Office has been confirmed for tomorrow, **April 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM**. The 10:30 AM time was agreed upon to avoid conflict with the 11:00 am Zoom meeting of the House Democratic Caucus and to accommodate the Governor's schedule. Governor Henry McMaster will be on the call at approximately 10:30 AM., along with DHEC Officials and Dr. Linda Bell. As we hope to have as many of you to join the call as possible, I am asking that you be considerate in terms of your length of questions and commentary to allow as many of you as possible to gather information and have your questions answered as there will be an opportunity for follow up by our the appropriate Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of SCLBC members of the House and Senate.

The call in information (Access Phone Number) is as follows 1-800-753-1965. The 7-Digit Access Code is [REDACTED]

Please respond to this email and/or confirm your participation via email or text me at (803)378-5484.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely

Jerry N. Govan, Jr.
Chairman

On Sun, Apr 19, 2020 at 5:11 PM Jerry Govan <jerrygovanh95@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members:

There will be an important conference call between the members of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and other State Officials on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

The Governor's Office has graciously agreed to facilitate the call which will include DHEC and other officials including Dr. Linda Bell.

The purpose of the call is to address questions and concerns with regards to the State's response to COVID-19 better known as the Coronavirus and provide members with the latest information and updates.

The time of call will be confirmed on tomorrow pending the outcome of events dealing with the weather and other factors, however to insure that you have access information for the teleconference, we need to verify for our records and provide the Governor's Office your contact

information and email of choice as some of the email messages are either being returned or unopened.

Once a time for the call is established, we will forward you an email or have Mr. Cooper contact you by phone.

Thank you for your cooperation and May God bless you and keep you safe.

Jerry N. Govan, Jr.

Chairman SCLBC

From: [Chip Huggins](#)
To: [Rick Caldwell](#); [Webb, Beth](#)
Cc: dlist@luxorscientific.org
Subject: [External] Fwd: Flyer for covid -19 antibody testing
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:48:38 AM
Attachments: [COVID-19 IGM IGG Testing Proof 13.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Beth & Rick - please David List of Luxor Scientific's email below - hopefully you can direct it to some folks that they may be able to help thank you very much for all you do and have a good rest of your Monday - Sincerely Chip Huggins

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: David List <dlist@luxorscientific.org>
Date: April 20, 2020 at 11:39:25 AM EDT
To: Chip Huggins <ChipHuggins@schouse.gov>
Subject: Flyer for covid -19 antibody testing

Hello Chip,

Here is the flyer we are putting out for testing for antibodies. This will show people who have immunity, people with active virus, when an individual can go back to work without risk to others etc.
Please forward to any businesses which may be interested or to any entities who may be interested in testing.

Thank you,

David List
803-480-6734

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From: [Media](#)
To: [Read, Jennifer](#); [Symmes, Brian](#)
Subject: [External] Fwd: NYT request for interview
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 9:12:41 PM

Please see below.

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Subject: NYT request for interview

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I would like to speak with the appropriate person about what data that South Carolina intends to use to help make decisions about reopening after COVID.

What are the different data sets. What data do you still need to work to assemble? What role does the federal gov play?

Questions like that. I am asking SC in part because I was impressed with the data I saw on your website

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-testing-data-projections-covid-19>

Thanks

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Subject: [External] Fwd: Updated IHME language
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Subject: Fw: Updated IHME language

Brian,

Wanted to be sure to loop you in on this. We've been asked to comment on updated IHME modeling by a few outlets and we're planning to use the language below.

On April 17, the IHME presented updated modeling that, for South Carolina, indicates an earlier estimated peak date for bed utilization (now April 15) and peak deaths (now April 9).

Modeling, projections, and data trends vary and change quickly, and relaxing preventative measures too soon could lead to a rebound in disease activity, meaning positive cases could increase again. This is why we're continuing to look for opportunities to increase testing across the state and to monitor statewide data to verify when we are on the downward slope of the peak. It's important to remember, that even when a peak is reached, people will continue to be infected, positive cases will continue to be reported and, unfortunately, deaths will continue to occur. We thank all South Carolinians for their individual efforts to stay home, socially distance and take the other recommended precautions for protecting themselves and their communities from further spread of this disease.

Thanks,

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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.

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On Apr 15, 2020, at 12:52 PM, Thornton Kirby <tkirby@scha.org> wrote:

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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: [Simpson, Cody](#)
Cc: [Toomey, Rick K.](#); [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: [External] Hospital bed usage by county/region
Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 1:16:59 PM
Attachments: [4_15_2020 Hospital Bed V1.pdf](#)

Hi Cody,

Please see attached. We can provide every day moving forward for the Governor's briefing. Please let me know if we need to make any edits or add something helpful.

Thank you

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From: [Read, Jennifer](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: [External] IHME model briefing points
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:51:13 AM

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (**IHME**) **projection model focuses on:**

- **Possible impacts to our hospitals' resources** (number of beds and ventilators likely needed and when)
- **When we are likely to see the surge of the sickest patients and those most likely to die** from the disease
- This projection primarily helps us predict the impact of COVID-19 to our health care system.

On April 17, the IHME models added two new variables to their modeling:

- **Mass gathering restrictions and initial business closures** -- along with applying new statistical processes.
- **For South Carolina, this contributed to a revised, earlier estimated peak date for bed utilization (now April 15) and peak deaths (now April 9).** Previously, they had predicted this peak around end of April or early May.
- **This is an indication that the Governor's Executive Orders are working** to reduce the number of very sick patients and deaths.

IHME recommends that South Carolina should continue social distancing measures and that slowly relaxing them may be possible around June 1 based on current data.

- **They warn that reducing preventative measures too soon could lead to a rebound in disease activity**, meaning the number of positive cases and deaths could increase again.
- It's also important to remember, that even when a peak is reached, people will continue to be infected, positive cases will continue to be reported and, unfortunately, deaths will continue to occur.

The data is moving in a positive direction right now, but it's too early to say we've passed the peak of the outbreak or are seeing a consistent trend.

- Later today, we will be giving Governor's Office our thoughts on things to consider when looking at lifting existing Executive Orders over the coming weeks.

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From: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
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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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Cc: [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: [External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 20, 2020)
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 3:33:51 PM
Attachments: [4.20.2020 COVID19 News Release.docx](#)

Good afternoon, Brian.

We plan to issue the attached news release during today's press conference.

Thanks,

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Subject: [External] PR/Outreach for Week of April 13
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:51:53 PM
Attachments: [Draft Overview .docx](#)

Brian,

As a follow-up, attached is our COMS team's PR plan for this week centered around minority populations, particularly in rural areas. Warren Bolton is lead PIO for this. He and Dr. Bell will be doing the interview rounds this week with Judy Gatson, Cynthia Hardy etc. Warren also is finishing an op-ed under Bell's name they will pitch to newspapers.

Later in the week, the we will also focus on new data we'll be sharing: estimated recovery rates, healthcare workers infected, and long-term care facilities. I'll be the SME for those interviews and Laura is lead PIO. Joe, Seanna and Meg are aware this is coming out soon and are excited about the new info.

Any questions, Laura or Cassie are rotating leads this week.

Thanks

From: [Dr.D Daskalakis](#)
To: [Myra Reese](#)
Cc: [Ellenberg, Kristy E.](#); [Morgan, Philip](#); [Julie Norman](#); [Walker, Trey](#); [David Clayton](#)
Subject: [External] RADHE TIRE RECYCLING PROJECT (damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead)
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:40:13 AM
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Ms. Myra Reese
Director of Environmental Affairs
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April 17, 2020

Dear Ms. Reese:

I hope all as is well with team DHEC, as we work to solve the riddle of the SARS-CoV2 virus and COVID-19 disease. On a personal note I appreciate DHEC's role in the scale up of needed testing, such as MUSC's drive up testing at Citadel Mall, and the role in lessening the severity of the crisis in our state.

India also has been less hard hit by other countries, in part due to a national lockdown that maybe relaxed soon. This is particularly the case in states such as Gujarat, home of the Radhe Group and our tire recycling project. Accordingly, we expect to resume moving ahead in the very near future. This raises the possibility that our permit applications, including the air quality/construction application may be ready before Gov. McMaster relaxes restrictions here.

Could you please advise us as to (1) the ability of the Department to review and respond to permit applications given that key personnel may be on work at home status, (2) whether it makes sense for us to move for expedited consideration.

Obviously, health considerations remain paramount, and enhancing human health and the environment is a core goal of the project.

We appreciate your time and consideration in this most trying time and look forward to 'the new normal' and shaping this important initiative in that environment. Stay safe and well and look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Dimitri (JD) Daskalakis

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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From: Lemoine, Leigh <LLemoine@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:01 AM
To: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Correspondence regarding Plasma Centers

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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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To: [AnneParks@schouse.gov](#); [CarlAnderson@schouse.gov](#); [Cezar McKnight](#); [ChandraDillard@schouse.gov](#); [ChrisHart@schouse.gov](#); [DavidMack@schouse.gov](#); [IvoryThigpen@schouse.gov](#); [DavidWeeks@schouse.gov](#); [Jerry Govan](#); [John Richard C. King](#); [Joseph H. Joe Jefferson](#); [JustinBamberg@schouse.gov](#); [Leola RobinsonSimpson](#); [Leon Howard](#); [Lonnie Hosey](#); [MarvinPendarvis@schouse.gov](#); [MichaelRivers@schouse.gov](#); [Pat Henegan](#); [RobertBrown@schouse.gov](#); [Rosalyn Henderson-Myers](#); [Robert Williams](#); [TerryAlexander@schouse.gov](#); [ToddRutherford@schouse.gov](#); [WendellGilliard@schouse.gov](#); [BillClyburn@schouse.gov](#); [Darrell Jackson](#); [GeraldMalloy@scsenate.gov](#); [Floyd Nicholson](#); [John W. Matthews, Jr.](#); [Karl B. Allen](#); [KevinJohnson@scsenate.gov](#); [Margie Bright Matthews](#); [Mia@scsenate.gov](#); [mikefanning@scsenate.gov](#); [MarlonKimpson@scsenate.gov](#); [RonnieSabb@scsenate.gov](#); [Cezar McKnight](#); [Chandra Dillard](#); [Christopher Hart](#); [Representative David Mack](#); [Ivory Thigpen](#); [Anne Parks](#); [David Weeks](#); [Rep. Jerry Govan](#); [bamberg@bambergofsc.com](#); [Leola Robinson-Simpson](#); [Lonnie Hosey](#); [Marvin Pendarvis](#); [Michael Rivers](#); [Patricia Henegan](#); [RLW@scstatehouse.net](#); [Robert Williams](#); [Rosalyn Henderson](#); [Terry Alexander](#); [Todd Rutherford](#); [Wendell Gilliard](#); [Wendy Brawley](#); [Bill Clyburn](#); [darrelljackson27@gmail.com](#); [G. Malloy](#); [jscottbyos@aol.com](#); [karl.allen](#); [kentlogan@aol.com](#); [Kevin Johnson](#); [Margie Matthews](#); [Kimpson, Marlon](#); [Mia@mcleodbutler.com](#); [Kierra Carter](#); [Ronnie Sabb](#); [leolarobinson09@gmail.com](#); [John King](#); [Krystle Simmons](#); [JA Moore](#); [Annie E. McDaniel](#); [Kambrell Garvin](#); [Joe Jefferson](#); [Shedron Williams](#); [Carl Anderson](#)
Cc: [Duane Cooper](#); [Singh, Sym](#); [Rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov](#); [Nick Sottile](#)
Subject: [External] Re: COVID-19 Conference call
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 9:47:02 AM

Dear Members:

Per my previous email the Conference Call between the SCLBC, DHEC and Governor's Office has been confirmed for tomorrow, **April 21, 2020 at 10:30 AM**. The 10:30 AM time was agreed upon to avoid conflict with the 11:00 am Zoom meeting of the House Democratic Caucus and to accommodate the Governor's schedule. Governor Henry McMaster will be on the call at approximately 10:30 AM., along with DHEC Officials and Dr. Linda Bell. As we hope to have as many of you to join the call as possible, I am asking that you be considerate in terms of your length of questions and commentary to allow as many of you as possible to gather information and have your questions answered as there will be an opportunity for follow up by our the appropriate Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of SCLBC members of the House and Senate.

The call in information (Access Phone Number) is as follows 1-800-753-1965. The 7-Digit Access Code is [REDACTED].

Please respond to this email and/or confirm your participation via email or text me at (803)378-5484.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and should you have any questions, please let me know.

Sincerely

Jerry N. Govan, Jr.
Chairman

On Sun, Apr 19, 2020 at 5:11 PM Jerry Govan <jerrygovanh95@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Members:

There will be an important conference call between the members of the South Carolina Legislative Black Caucus, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and other State Officials on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

The Governor's Office has graciously agreed to facilitate the call which will include DHEC and other officials including Dr. Linda Bell.

The purpose of the call is to address questions and concerns with regards to the State's response

to COVID-19 better known as the Coronavirus and provide members with the latest information and updates.

The time of call will be confirmed on tomorrow pending the outcome of events dealing with the weather and other factors, however to insure that you have access information for the teleconference, we need to verify for our records and provide the Governor's Office your contact information and email of choice as some of the email messages are either being returned or unopened.

Once a time for the call is established, we will forward you an email or have Mr. Cooper contact you by phone.

Thank you for your cooperation and May God bless you and keep you safe.

Jerry N. Govan, Jr.

Chairman SCLBC

From: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#)
To: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Subject: [External] Re: Daily Update
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:49:36 PM
Attachments: [04.19.2020 South Carolina Announces Latest COVID_FINAL.docx](#)

Hi Brian,

Please refer to this updated version instead.

Thanks,
Cassie

Cassandra S. Harris

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From: Harris, Cassandra S.
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Daily Update

Hi Brian,

Please see attached for today's daily update. Our team currently plans to send this out at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon.

Thanks,
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From: [Reece, Myra](#)
To: [John Durst](#)
Cc: [Parrish, Duane](#); [Duffy, Amy](#); [Plowden, Mark](#); susan@scrla.org
Subject: [External] Re: DHEC contact
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 4:44:07 PM

Hi John! Happy to assist. Will have something to you next Wednesday.....will touch base if I have questions.....thanks!

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From: John Durst <john@scrla.org>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Reece, Myra <reecemc@dhec.sc.gov>
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All the best!

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Myra Reece; DHEC Director of Environmental Affairs ; reecemc@dhec.sc.gov
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Thank you both!

Duane Parrish

Director

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Subject: [External] RE: DHEC contact
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From: Walter Rolandi, Ph.D.
To: "info, info"; Lemoine, Leigh
Subject: [External] RE: INFO # 824392-Re: Coronavirus, does closing in and stopping industries really help to contain it? The Italian study
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 4 09:44 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Thank you for your response.

- 1) I have already attempted to contact the governor regarding the study and its predictions
- 2) I have already thoroughly explored the DHEC website that you suggested and noted that it does not contain the information I would need in order to create a predictive model for corona in South Carolina. If it did, I would have obviously not gone to the considerable and thus far fruitless effort to obtain those simple numbers directly from DHEC. DHEC **certainly** has the information that I am requesting. It is used to create the many graphs and figures currently displayed on your website. However, the raw data, that is, specific dates and the 17-20 specific daily tallies that I need to make the model are not available on the site.

Is there no one at DHEC with whom I could discuss this request? You obviously have access to qualified statisticians and people who have created and maintain your website graphs. May I please speak with one of them?

Walter Rolandi, Ph.D.
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From: info, info [mailto:info@dhec.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Walter Rolandi, Ph.D.; 'Lemoine, Leigh'
Subject: INFO # 824392-Re: Coronavirus, does closing in and stopping industries really help to contain it? The Italian study

Thank you for contacting the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC).

The Governor did mandate the closure of all non-essential businesses. The Governor's office mandates the "Home and Work" order not SCDHEC. I would recommend reaching out to his office. <https://governor.sc.gov/>

For additional updated information concerning COVID-19, please utilize the below link to our website. <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

We hope you find this information helpful. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,
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From: Walter Rolandi, Ph.D. <wrolandi@wrolandi.com>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 11:45 AM
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Subject: Coronavirus, does closing in and stopping industries really help to contain it? The Italian study

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To who it may concern,

I translated the article (below) from an Italian newspaper yesterday and was amazed by the findings of these statisticians.

I believe the Governor might take an interest in the conclusions that the researchers drew about the effects of lock-down.

I have tried repeatedly to call DHEC to obtain the "first 17 days" data for SC and Richland county in order to build the predictive model for these areas. Unfortunately, calling DHEC is like talking to a wall. You explain what you want to someone before they transfer you to "someone who can help". An IVR then answers explaining that "We're too busy to talk at this time. Please call back later." Click.

Can you please get this article to whomever it might be of value to at DHEC? They might be particularly interested in the modelling tool the researchers set up online at www.predictcovid19.com.

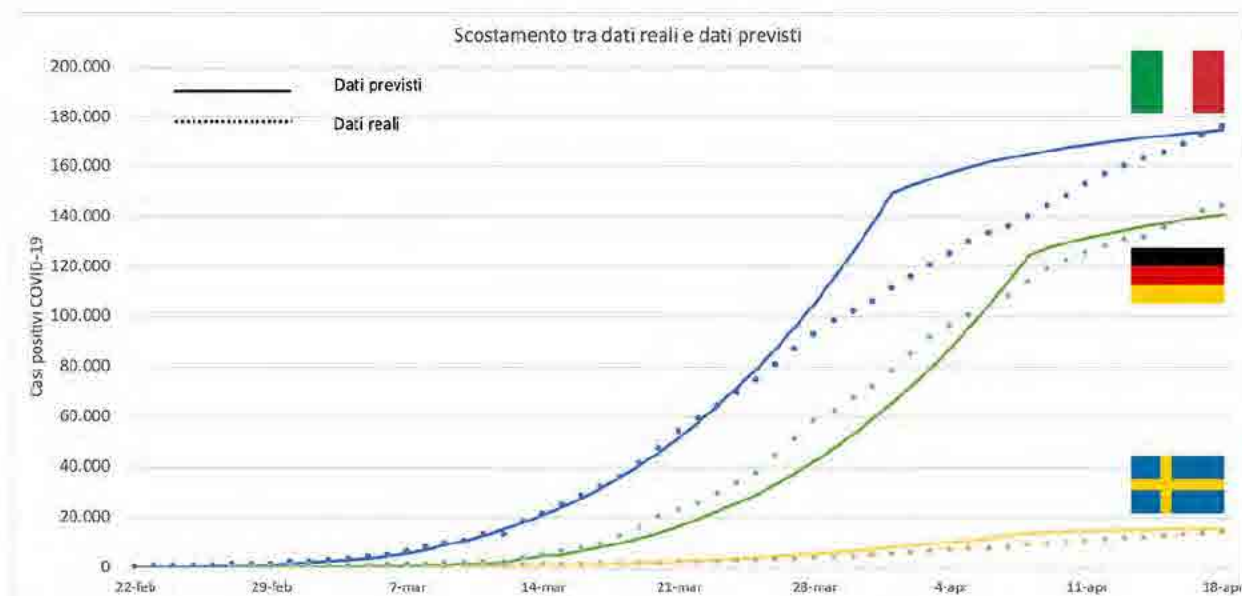
Alternatively, if I could have five minutes of time with whomever maintains the corona data and graphs on DHEC's website, I can build these models myself.

Thank you.

Walter Rolandi, Ph.D.
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Coronavirus, does closing in and stopping industries really help to contain it? The Italian study
by Elena Cornelli Apr 19 2020

It is only the first 17 days after the application of the containment measures to determine the extent of the spread of the infection in the Covid-19 pandemic, which seems to depend exclusively on the outbreaks that broke out by chance in the first days (such as the one that happened at the hospital in Codogno or the Atalanta – Valencia match) and not by the differences in the rigor of the lockdown. Consequently, any restrictive measure applied after the first 17 days (such as the closure of industries or prohibitions on the freedom of movement of citizens) has little or no effect on the progress of the infections and on the final number of victims. This is the result of a series of studies launched by an international team of Italian-led scientists, resulting in an extremely precise predictive model of the victims, which coincides in all countries, even in those where the industries have never been closed and the citizens are free to move, such as Germany or Sweden.



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: [Symmes, Brian](#)
Cc: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: [External] Re: PR/Outreach for Week of April 13
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 1:18:33 PM

FYSA, here's our op-ed:

<https://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/opinion/2020/04/15/opinion-why-dhec-needs-publics-help-stop-coronavirus-sc/5137660002/>

And Dr. Bell's current interview schedule for this week:

Tuesday

Paula Mullen, Cumulus - 93.3FM and 98.5FM (Pee Dee; Lowcountry) at 1:00pm

Wednesday

Judi Gatson of WIS - COVID-19 at 9:00am

Donovan Harris, ABC 15 News in the Pee Dee - COVID-19 at 10:00am

Don Frierson, Urban Scene, Glory Communications, at Noon

Thursday

Cynthia Hardy at WACH Fox TV - COVID-19 at 11:30

Sunday

Cynthia Hardy at WACH Fox TV (1 of 2 interviews) at 11:00am

Cynthia Hardy at WACH Fox TV (2 of 2 interviews) at 6:00pm

Thank you.

From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Brian Symmes <bsymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Mark Plowden <mplowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: PR/Outreach for Week of April 13

Brian,

As a follow-up, attached is our COMS team's PR plan for this week centered around minority populations, particularly in rural areas. Warren Bolton is lead PIO for this. He and Dr. Bell will be doing the interview rounds this week with Judy Gatson, Cynthia Hardy etc. Warren also is finishing an op-ed under Bell's name they will pitch to newspapers.

Later in the week, the we will also focus on new data we'll be sharing: estimated recovery rates, healthcare workers infected, and long-term care facilities. I'll be the SME for those interviews and Laura is lead PIO. Joe, Seanna and Meg are aware this is coming out soon and are excited about the new info.

Any questions, Laura or Cassie are rotating leads this week.

Thanks

From: [Ellenberg, Kristy E.](#)
To: [Dr.D Daskalakis](#); [Reece, Myra](#)
Cc: [Morgan, Philip](#); jnorman@marionsc.org; [Walker, Trey](#); [David Clayton](#); [Humphries, Diane](#)
Subject: [External] Re: RADHE TIRE RECYCLING PROJECT (damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead)
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JD,

Thanks for sharing this update on the progress of Radhe.

DHEC remains fully engaged in the response to COVID-19 events throughout the state, and like you, I am proud of the work of so many throughout our Agency. While our DHEC Environmental Affairs team continues to support our Agency's public health roles, we also continue to carryout our essential program functions and regulatory responsibilities. Even as we have had portions of our staff work remotely and practice social distancing, our environmental permitting, monitoring, compliance assistance and enforcement programs are part of our continuing operations and are important to the state.

The process of applying for an air permit, either expedited or non-expedited in status, remains the same, and our staff is here to help. Expedited review can be a consideration for your timeline. Happy to connect further.

Including Diane Humphries on this response as a resource as well on the air permit submission questions.

Respectfully,

Kristy

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Subject: [External] Re: Rapid Testing Press Release
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:56:08 AM
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Brian please call me. Thx

On Apr 14, 2020, at 11:45 AM, Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Can do. Will start on this now.

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Can you guys put together a draft release on the rapid tests distributed to hospitals that we can send jointly from both offices?

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Governor and Senior Staff,

As a read ahead for today's briefing with the Vice President, below and attached is State-by-State testing platform information. This information will allow each governor and state officials to scale and utilize all testing capacity, improve transparency on all testing options, and manage the workflow to maximize all testing capacity through high-throughput platforms.

- State-by-State Testing Platform Information (see below)
- State-Specific High & Low Throughput Machine Location Map (see attached PDF)
- State-Specific High & Low Throughput Machine Location Details (see attached Excel File)
- Testing Approach Update Slide Deck (see attachment)

Separately, you are receiving this morning updated Project Airbridge State & County-Level Data from the Office of the Vice President (Tucker Obenshain; Anne.T.Obenshain@ovp.eop.gov).

State-by-State Testing Platform Information

Over the past four weeks the White House Coronavirus Task Force (WHCTF) has worked with diagnostic manufacturers and commercial laboratories to continuously expand COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) diagnostic tests for existing nucleic acid testing platforms. Eight different platforms now have COVID-19 tests available and many of your labs in your state now have these tests available. An additional platform will move forward within 7-10 days. Under the direction of the WHCTF, a coordinated interagency team of senior scientific and public health personnel has performed an in-depth review of laboratory diagnostic capacity based on the State's testing platforms that can perform COVID-19 tests across the United States. **Much of the capacity is outside of the State's Public Health Laboratory.** This analysis has resulted in a State-by-State inventory of diagnostic testing platforms, each platform's maximum throughput capacity, and each instrument's geo-location, as provided by its manufacturer. We are providing you with the information we have developed for your State. **Please keep in mind this is proprietary information to the companies who have provided it and, while we are sharing it with the companies'**

permission, the companies have asked that states keep this information confidential.

At the same time we have been in touch with many of your laboratory directors and the American Society of Microbiologists (ASM) to document and understand the barriers for full utilization. We are working together to address the issues that have been raised from technical support, to insufficient laboratory personnel, to insufficient funding, to swabs, transport media, tubes, extraction reagents and test kits. Each lab has unique requirements and we have a team talking with each laboratory to understand together how to increase our partnership and together address the often specific and unique issue as well as some overarching issues.

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.**

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Brian,

We're planning to issue the attached news release by 4:45 p.m. and hold a teleconference at 5 p.m.

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 3,931 and those who have died to 109.

Both deaths occurred in elderly individuals with no known underlying health conditions who were from Lee County.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (3), Anderson (7), Beaufort (3), Berkeley (16), Charleston (23), Cherokee (3), Chesterfield (1), Clarendon (6), Darlington (5), Dillon (3), Dorchester (1), Fairfield (1), Florence (16), Georgetown (1), Greenville (33), Greenwood (12), Hampton (3), Horry (5), Kershaw (4), Laurens (4), Lee (1), Lancaster (2), Lexington (52), Marlboro (4), McCormick (1), Newberry (6), Orangeburg (2), Pickens (2), Richland (29), Spartanburg (8), Sumter (7), York (12).

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Testing in South Carolina

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Of those four deaths, one was an elderly individual with underlying health conditions from Lancaster County (1); one was an elderly individual, with no known underlying conditions, from Kershaw County (1); one was a middle-aged individual with underlying health conditions from Edgefield County (1); and one was a middle-aged individual, with no known underlying health conditions, from Clarendon County (1).

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Attached. We'll send/post during presser.

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Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 2:56:36 PM
Attachments: [April 18 COVID-19 News Release.docx](#)

Good afternoon, Brian.

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

Cristi Y. Moore

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To: [OUZOUNMDHEC.SC.GOV](#)
Subject: Correspondence regarding Plasma Centers
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:01:00 AM
Attachments: [StreamDownloader.pdf](#)

Hi Maria, we were reviewing our correspondence and I wanted to share this letter with DHEC for your reference.

Thank you,
Leigh

From: [Hall, Madison](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: COVID-19 Cases Per Day in SC
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 3:34:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Rick,

I know you're busy so I want to preface this by saying my inquiry is not super important so please feel free to put aside until you have some free time.

I am looking at the graph "Deaths per day" on IHME's [website](#) COVID-19 projections for South Carolina and wanted to see if DHEC has a similar graph for the number of cases per day in the state. I did not see it on DHEC's website so my apologies if I simply overlooked it.

Again, whenever you have time on this. Absolutely no rush. Thanks Rick.

All the best,



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To: [Plowden, Mark](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Cc: [Webb, Beth](#)
Subject: COVID19 testing facility - Request to speak about partnership: FW: [External] Voice Message Attached from 8646407992 - Wilbourn Nathan
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 12:31:13 PM
Attachments: [8646407992_20200417_091826.wav](#)
Importance: High

Mark and Maria,

Mr. Wilbourne was working with Commerce to get funding to process test kits for PRISMA health and it looks like they want to partner further on this. His company is Precision Genetics out of Greenville.

Mark, can you give them a call or Maria, could someone from DHEC call him?

Wants to discuss an initiative to partner with the state and large organizations with testing/processing for COVID-19.

Thank you,
Megan

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:18 AM
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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,

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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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Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan

Governor Also Opens Public Beach Access, Limited Retail Businesses

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Recognizing the impact of COVID-19's impact to South Carolina's economy, Governor Henry McMaster today announced the creation of accelerateSC, a coordinated economic revitalization plan involving small and large business leaders, healthcare professionals, local government officials, and education professionals.

The plan consists of five components of analysis and effort: Response, Protection, Governance, Resources, and Information. James Burns, a partner at the law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, will serve as accelerateSC's executive

director. Burns and the rest of the membership are serving in a voluntary capacity. For further information about accelerateSC and its members, [visit the governor's website here](#).

Gov. McMaster and Lt. Governor Pamela Evette will attend and lead the first meeting of accelerateSC on Thursday of this week. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

Re-Opening of Public Beach Access, Limited Retail Stores

Governor McMaster also issued Executive Order 2020-28, which removes restrictions on public access points to the state's beaches, public piers, docks, and wharfs, while delegating to local officials the authority to restrict access, as they see fit.

This order also re-opens retail stores that were closed pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-18](#). The businesses to be reopened are as follows:

- Furniture and home-furnishings stores
- Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores
- Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores
- Department stores, with the exception of hardware and home-improvement stores
- Sporting goods stores
- Book, craft, and music stores
- Flea markets
- Florists and flower stores

All other businesses previously closed by executive order will remain closed until further notice.

Under the order, retail stores may reopen today, Monday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m., but must adhere to strict social distancing requirements, operating at 20% occupancy or five (5) customers per 1,000 square feet, whichever is less. In addition, businesses must not knowingly allow customers to congregate within six feet of one another, excluding families, and follow relevant CDC and DHEC guidelines.

Public beach access points, piers, docks, and wharfs may reopen tomorrow, April 21, at noon. Public boat ramps and boat landings were previously reopened pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-25](#).

All other executive orders, including the Governor's "Home or Work" order, remain in effect. South Carolinians should maintain social distancing practices and avoid large groups of people.

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From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] 4/13 Follow-Up - Governors Briefing on COVID-19
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:53:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[Vice President Letter to Our Nation's Governors - 04-10-2020.pdf](#)
[Read Ahead - COVID 19 Testing 101.pdf](#)

From: Marsh, Jordan
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 6:21 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] 4/13 Follow-Up - Governors Briefing on COVID-19

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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Subject: [External] 4/13 Follow-Up - Governors Briefing on COVID-19



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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Thanks,

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White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs

[Slow the Spread](#)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Contacting Your FEMA Regional Administrator

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated the National Response Coordination Center (NRCC) 24/7. 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.).

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Implementing Safety Practices for Critical Infrastructure Workers

CDC 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

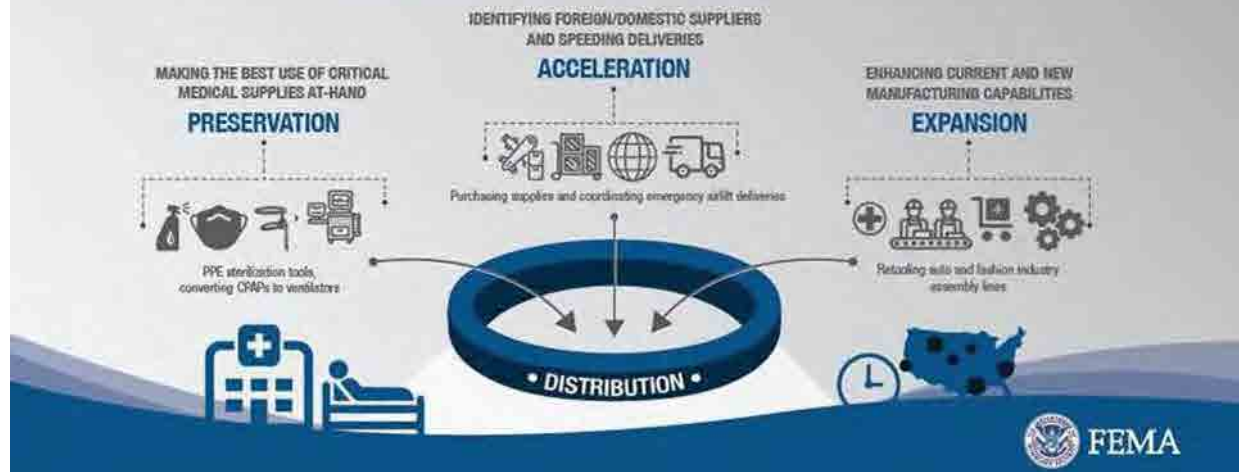
- **Swab Flexibilities:** Initially, collecting specimen required using a specific type of swab (nasopharyngeal), however the U.S. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) is now permitting the use of other available swabs including oropharyngeal, mid-turbinate, or anterior nares. We will provide additional 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](#).

Industry Enabled Stabilization of the Supply Chain

Distributing supplies and equipment to the right place at the right time



WHOLE-OF-AMERICA RESPONSE

Project Air Bridge

Stabilizing the Health of People and Supply Chain with Speed



From: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] ABBOT ID NOW tests
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:45:00 PM

I need to follow with the specifics. Any information you can provide is appreciated.

Best,
Jordan

From: McLaren, Moutray <Moutray.McLaren@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:30 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] ABBOT ID NOW tests

Thank you for quick feedback. I'll stand by.

From: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 2:25 PM
To: "McLaren, Moutray" <Moutray.McLaren@mail.house.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] ABBOT ID NOW tests

South Carolina received 15 abbott testing machines. DHEC distributed the machines to facilities across the state, focusing on rural communities that do not have access to testing and with residents that have underlying medication conditions. I've asked DHEC to share the specifics. I'll follow up shortly.

From: McLaren, Moutray <Moutray.McLaren@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:02 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] ABBOT ID NOW tests

Jordan – who is running point on these ABBOT tests or how might a family practice get access to them? This is a new one for me.

From: "Partin, John" <John.Partin@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 at 1:10 PM
To: "Ranieri, Hilary" <Hilary.Ranieri@mail.house.gov>, "McLaren, Moutray" <Moutray.McLaren@mail.house.gov>
Subject: FW: COVID 19 Rapid Test and Paycheck Protection for FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF SPARTANBURG

Any thoughts on the below, specifically the highlighted section?

Is this a request to SC DHEC?

John Partin

Legislative Assistant | Congressman William Timmons (SC-4)
313 Cannon House Office Building | Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-6030 | timmons.house.gov

From: William Bland <william.bland@fpofspartanburg.com>

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Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

To: "Partin, John" <John.Partin@mail.house.gov>

Subject: RE: COVID 19 Rapid Test and Paycheck Protection for FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF SPARTANBURG

Hello John,

Yes, we have taken steps to expand our testing abilities by asking LABCORPS for more testing which is in short supply.

In a few weeks we will be able to run the Antibody test here but what we wanted to see if you can help us with is to find out if we can gain access to an ABBOTT ID NOW testing unit. We would then be able to test for current COVID infection along with our ability to test for antibodies of previous COVID infection for the 15,000 patients we represent. Also, this would keep our staff employed and busy during a time when many health workers are getting furloughed. We did not get access to the Paycheck Protection funds as they ran out and my understanding is that 65% of applicants are in the same boat that we are in. We are on our own.

We are the largest private Family Practice in the Upstate of SC. We can help people but we need help to get what we need. Our ask of you is to see if you have any leverage to assist us in getting the ABBOTT ID NOW testing unit.

Our application for PPP funds was fine, they just ran out of funds before we got anything. It's okay, we haven't laid anyone off and we continue to provide services every single day. We are seeing sick patients outside in a tent and others at the curbside and others inside. We have had nine positive test in our patient population but with more testing, we can be at the forefront of getting people tested, treated and hopefully out of the hospital.

If you want me to call you, I am glad to do so today sir.

Blessings to you and Mr Timmons.

Respectfully,

William Bland
Administrator

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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:39 PM
To: william.bland@fpofspartanburg.com
Subject: Re: COVID 19 Rapid Test and Paycheck Protection for FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF SPARTANBURG

Hi Mr. Bland,

Rep. Timmons asked me to follow up with you. Have you taken any steps in expanding your testing abilities? How do you think we can help? We are happy to do what we can.

On the PPP front, banks are supposed to start disbursing funds within ten days of the SBA approving the loan. Do you know when your application was approved by the SBA? I'm tied up on the phone until around 2 PM but am free to talk through these issues with you and/or your team after that!

Best,
John

John Partin

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To: william@timmonsllc.com
Subject: COVID 19 Rapid Test and Paycheck Protection for FAMILY PHYSICIANS OF SPARTANBURG
Reply-To: <william.bland@fpofspartanburg.com>

Dear Congressman Timmons,

You spoke with Dr. Lee Taylor earlier today after Beth Widenhouse had come in for a visit and spoke to us regarding how helpful you are. Number one, we appreciate you and the time you spent on the phone with Dr. Taylor today. You represent us well. Dr. Taylor expressed our interest in being able to test at our facility. We are the largest privately owned Family Practice in the Upstate of SC with 70 employees, 12 providers and have served Spartanburg since 1981. Right now, we have very limited testing ability, we would greatly value your assistance if you can help us to find a way to employ the Abbott ID Now testing at our facility. We manage care for more than 15,000 patients and would put this machine to good use.

One other thing we would like to mention is that we applied for the Paycheck Protection Act with our local bank Wells Fargo on the first day you could apply. Later we learned that they could not accept our application because they had some hiccups. We went with another group whom Wells Fargo referred us to. Our application is complete and was accepted but we have not been funded. The bank name was Aquesta Bank. Many of our peers and vendors have already received funding but we have not received funding. If there is some help you can provide there, we would so greatly appreciate the assistance.

God bless you, we will be praying for you in your decisions and your safety.

Respectfully,

William Bland

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Cc: [Walker, Trey](#); [Ouzounidis, Maria](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Accelerate SC - Three Phase Approach
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 12:47:08 PM
Attachments: [image003.png](#)

Hello Beth,

Please let me know if there is anyone or someone else that I should be sending these types of inquiries to for Accelerate SC?

Since this has to do with guidelines to reduce spread, I'm also copying my contact at SCDHEC.

Is there someone who will be able to reach back out to Mr. Ferraro regarding his inquiry?

Thank you!

Megan



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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:33 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Accelerate SC - Three Phase Approach

Governor McMaster,

I hope this finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of youth sports in South Carolina. I am curious to know if you have a team of folks in place for your Accelerate SC program to tackle the three-phase approach?

The continued forced quarantines and the suspension of outdoor activities has become extremely frustrating.

There is no question this virus is real, and we stress to our customer base that if you are nervous or sick, please stay home!

We administered this recommendation along with other guidelines the week leading into March 14th weekend, when COVID-19 was on the rise with positive cases and deaths. That weekend, we had 47 teams and over 3000 people in 2 days in Easley and Spartanburg. I am happy to announce that having our guidelines and recommendations in place, that there was not one case of COVID-19

reported to me to date.

My organization (ALB) produces roughly \$14 million a year in economic impact for the upstate. I know other organizations such as GameDay Sports (Midlands Region), USA Softball (Upstate Region) and Low Country Baseball (The Coast) produce the same amount, if not more. These are just a few youth sports organizations throughout the state of South Carolina.

I ask that we get the parks, outdoor facilities and municipalities open as soon as time permits and with temporary guidelines and recommendations as suggested below.

Tournament Guidelines:

- No Contact / No Handshake policy
- Close the batting cages.
- Close the playgrounds at the baseball facilities.
- Limit concession stands.
- Feel free to bring a mask, bandana etc.
- Spectator Social Distancing

I look forward to your reply.

Best,
Dominick



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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:

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Rick Caldwell – Director of Legislative Affairs, SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

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Dr. Hani El Shawa – Medical Director

Philip Kent – External Affairs Director

Don O'Neill – Healthcare Consultant

From: [Quattrone, Kristy](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Cc: [Taylor, Marshall](#)
Subject: FW: [External] FW: Covid-19 mobile test facility
Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 9:03:00 AM
Attachments: [A. Sattler Consulting - Mobile test center proposal V1.pdf](#)
[A. Sattler Consulting - Capabilities.pdf](#)

Please see below –
Kristy

From: Andrew Sattler <andrew@asattlerconsulting.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 10:19 PM
To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>; 'Childs Thrasher' <cthramer@thrasherfirm.com>
Subject: RE: [External] FW: Covid-19 mobile test facility

Hi Kristy,

I am available to discuss the presentation and show the trailer to better understand its capabilities.
My office is located near the USC stadium off of Bluff Rd.

Stay safe everyone!

Thank you,

Andrew Sattler
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From: Quattrone, Kristy [<mailto:kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>]
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Cc: Andrew Sattler <andrew@asattlerconsulting.com>
Subject: RE: [External] FW: Covid-19 mobile test facility

Thank you! I'll get this in the right hands –
Stay safe!
Kristy

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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 5:08 PM

To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>

Cc: Andrew Sattler <andrew@asattlerconsulting.com>

Subject: [External] FW: Covid-19 mobile test facility

Hey Kristy.

Per our discussion earlier today, attached is Andy's proposal and company information. I've cc'ed Andy as well.

Thanks,

Childs



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Subject: RE: Covid-19 mobile test facility

Good news!

I heard from Steve Harrington at DHEC and he asked me to register as a vendor with the state. I did that last night. It's a unique option but very mobile. Especially for moving through rural locations.

Steve Harrington

ACC LOG Coordinator
DHEC COVID-19 Logistics
S.C. Dept. of Health & Environmental Control

We are also registered with www.eir.team.

Thank you!

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Fwd: Follow up
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:04:00 PM

Does DHEC have thoughts on this? Messaging?

From: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Follow up

The FDA is also requesting plasma donations.

Call for Plasma Donations among Recovered COVID Patients: FDA released information calling for [plasma donations among recovered COVID patients](#). If you have fully recovered from COVID-19, you may be able to help patients currently fighting the infection by donating your plasma. Because you fought the infection, your plasma now contains COVID-19 antibodies. These antibodies provided one way for your immune system to fight the virus when you were sick, so your plasma may be able to be used to help others fight off the disease. The information includes information about convalescent plasma, eligibility standards and how to donate.

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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 5:29 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Walker, Trey <TWalker@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] Fwd: Follow up

Excellent, thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 4:55 PM
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Date: April 13, 2020 at 14:48:23 EDT
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Subject: Follow up

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Cc: [Blair, Jamie D.](#)
Bcc: [Call, Katherine](#)
Subject: FW: [External] PPE Logistics Solution
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:58:00 AM
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Megan,

I have included Guy Gierhart and Director Stenson at SCEMD as you requested.

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Harris, Cassandra S.](#); [Renwick, Laura A.](#); [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Questions for a P&C story on DHEC funding
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:22:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

I understand you guys have responded to P&C questions on DHEC funding. Can you send me whatever you have sent them?



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Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Symmes, Brian <BSymmes@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Questions for a P&C story on DHEC funding

Brian -

P&C is working on a story about DHEC funding for the weekend.
Looking to get answers tomorrow.

Thanks,
Andy

- 1-Does the Governor believe DHEC has adequate resources to prepare for and manage the coronavirus?
- 2-Does the Governor believe that lawmakers adequately funded and staffed DHEC, specifically in its public health preparedness and infectious disease efforts, before Gov. McMaster took office?
- 3-How about since?
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- 5-Given the possibility of budget reductions because of the economic downturn, how does the Governor plan to address the agency's funding and staffing levels in future budgets?

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To: rick.caldwell@dhec.sc.gov
Subject: FW: [External] Read Ahead - April 20, 2020 Governors" Briefing with the Vice President on COVID-19 -- SC
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 2:54:00 PM
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***This Information is Being Provided on Behalf of the White House
Coronavirus Task Force***



Governor and Senior Staff,

As a read ahead for today's briefing with the Vice President, below and attached is State-by-State testing platform information. This information will allow each governor and state officials to scale and utilize all testing capacity, improve transparency on all testing options, and manage the workflow to maximize all testing capacity through high-throughput platforms.

- State-by-State Testing Platform Information (see below)
- State-Specific High & Low Throughput Machine Location Map (see attached PDF)
- State-Specific High & Low Throughput Machine Location Details (see attached Excel File)
- Testing Approach Update Slide Deck (see attachment)

Separately, you are receiving this morning updated Project Airbridge State & County-Level Data from the Office of the Vice President (Tucker Obenshain; Anne.T.Obenshain@ovp.eop.gov).

State-by-State Testing Platform Information

Over the past four weeks the White House Coronavirus Task Force (WHCTF) has worked with diagnostic manufacturers and commercial laboratories to continuously expand COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) diagnostic tests for existing nucleic acid testing platforms. Eight different platforms now have COVID-19 tests available and many of your labs in your state now have these tests available. An additional platform will move forward within 7-10 days. Under the direction of the WHCTF, a coordinated interagency team of senior scientific and public health personnel has performed an in-depth review of laboratory diagnostic capacity based on the State's testing platforms that can perform COVID-19 tests across the United States. **Much of the capacity is outside of the State's Public Health Laboratory.** This analysis has resulted in a State-by-State inventory of diagnostic testing platforms, each platform's maximum throughput capacity, and each instrument's geo-location, as provided by its manufacturer. We are providing you with the information we have developed for your State. **Please keep in mind this is proprietary information to the companies who have provided it and, while we are sharing it with the companies' permission, the companies have asked that states keep this information confidential.**

At the same time we have been in touch with many of your laboratory directors and the American Society of Microbiologists (ASM) to document and understand the barriers for full utilization. We are working together to address the issues that have been raised from technical support, to insufficient laboratory personnel, to insufficient funding, to swabs, transport media, tubes, extraction reagents and test kits. Each lab has unique requirements and we have a team talking with each laboratory to understand together how to increase our partnership and together address the often specific and unique issue as well as some overarching issues.

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.**

Governors are critical in the leadership of the testing ecosystems in their States, including scaling and utilizing all testing capacity, improving transparency on all testing options, managing the workflow to maximize all testing capacity through high-throughput

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Cc: [Singh, Sym](#)
Subject: FW: [External] Request Attached for Governor
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Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:15:00 PM
Attachments: [Q Test Utah onePager FINAL.pdf](#)
[Q 200408 Test Utah WhitePaper FINAL Links.pdf](#)

Please let me know the outcome of the conversation. Thanks. MP

From: Monroe, Loren <Loren_Monroe@BGRdc.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] SAP Qualtrics Coronavirus Assistance

Mark: I hope you are doing ok this weekend all things considered.

SAP Qualtrics is eager to have a phone conversation with the Health Dept. about their solutions to help South Carolina address COVID-19 tracking, scheduling and testing needs.

In Utah, they have helped to launch a robust, end-to-end tracking, scheduling and testing solution that is described in this article: <https://www.fastcompany.com/90487654/utah-is-running-mass-covid-tests-why-arent-other-states>. This program is up and running successfully, and can be adapted to fulfill other needs as this crisis evolves, including antibody testing, vaccination tracking and unemployment and PPP solutions.

Attached are materials regarding their 'Crush the Curve' initiative. In addition, I have [linked a video here](#).

Please let me know how best to follow up with you or your Health Dept colleagues how we can be of assistance to you.

Thank you.

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I do not have the latest information on reagents and abbott testing kits. Can you assist here?

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To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] update

Hey there!

A few questions - have yall gotten an update on testing materials for SC? Was SC HHS able to connect with the FDA on reagent shortages? And has DHEC given yall a status update on ordering testing kits from HHS and FEMA for the Abbott rapid testing machines?

Let me know what we can help with!

-MM

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Please visit Congressman Duncan's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information Center](#) for important federal and state resources.

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Date: Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:49:00 PM
Attachments: [2020-04-16 eFILED Executive Order No. 2020-25 - Modification of Emergency Restrictions for Public Waters & Emergency Measures for Unemployment Claims & Benefits.pdf](#)

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For your reference, please see attached for an e-filed version of Executive Order No. 2020-25, a copy of which is available on the Governor's [website](#).

Best,

Thomas

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Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 4:23:00 PM

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To: Quattrone, Kristy <kquattrone@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan



April 20, 2020
For immediate release
Contact: Brian Symmes, 803-673-9437
BSymmes@governor.sc.gov

Gov. Henry McMaster Creates accelerateSC, a Coordinated Economic Revitalization Plan

Governor Also Opens Public Beach Access, Limited Retail Businesses

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Recognizing the impact of COVID-19's impact to South Carolina's economy, Governor Henry McMaster today announced the creation of accelerateSC, a coordinated economic revitalization plan involving small and large business leaders, healthcare professionals, local government officials, and education professionals.

The plan consists of five components of analysis and effort: Response, Protection, Governance, Resources, and Information. James Burns, a partner at the law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley and Scarborough, will serve as accelerateSC's executive director. Burns and the rest of the membership are serving in a voluntary capacity. For further information about accelerateSC and its members, [visit the governor's website here](#).

Gov. McMaster and Lt. Governor Pamela Evette will attend and lead the first meeting of accelerateSC on Thursday of this week. Additional details will be announced at a later date.

Re-Opening of Public Beach Access, Limited Retail Stores

Governor McMaster also issued Executive Order 2020-28, which removes restrictions on public access points to the state's beaches, public piers, docks, and wharfs, while delegating to local

officials the authority to restrict access, as they see fit.

This order also re-opens retail stores that were closed pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-18](#). The businesses to be reopened are as follows:

- Furniture and home-furnishings stores
- Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores
- Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores
- Department stores, with the exception of hardware and home-improvement stores
- Sporting goods stores
- Book, craft, and music stores
- Flea markets
- Florists and flower stores

All other businesses previously closed by executive order will remain closed until further notice.

Under the order, retail stores may reopen today, Monday, April 20, at 5:00 p.m., but must adhere to strict social distancing requirements, operating at 20% occupancy or five (5) customers per 1,000 square feet, whichever is less. In addition, businesses must not knowingly allow customers to congregate within six feet of one another, excluding families, and follow relevant CDC and DHEC guidelines.

Public beach access points, piers, docks, and wharfs may reopen tomorrow, April 21, at noon. Public boat ramps and boat landings were previously reopened pursuant to [Executive Order 2020-25](#).

All other executive orders, including the Governor's "Home or Work" order, remain in effect. South Carolinians should maintain social distancing practices and avoid large groups of people.

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Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:57:00 PM
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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.

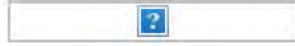
Currently, local emergency management officials are assessing the damage caused by the storms in the impacted counties. Once those assessments are completed and relayed to the S.C. Emergency Management Division, the governor will request a federal disaster declaration accordingly.

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WHO: Gov. Henry McMaster, state public health officials

WHAT: Media briefing

WHEN: Today, Thursday, April 16 at 4:30 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. Reporters will be able to access to the Emergency Operations Center. However, in an effort to maximize space in the Emergency Operations Center, we ask that all TV stations wishing to carry the press conference live either use ETV's multibox onsite or its satellite coordinates.

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Gov. Henry McMaster's Schedule: Monday, April 13, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. – Governor Henry McMaster's schedule for Monday, April 13 includes the following:

11:40 AM: Governor McMaster departed from the State Emergency Operations Center with members of the National Guard to assess the severe weather event's impact on the state.

1:45 PM: Governor McMaster will hold a media availability at the Borg Werner facility in Seneca, 15545 Wells Highway, Seneca, S.C.

5:30 PM: Governor McMaster will be joined by state public health officials and SCEMD officials for a briefing on the state's response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and this morning's severe weather event, South Carolina Emergency Operations Center, 2779 Fish Hatchery Road, West Columbia, S.C.

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Subject: [External] note from Nephron/West Columbia

Director Toomey –

I hope all is well.

I wanted to put this request for expedited review on your radar. Anything you can do to move this through the process quickly would be appreciated, as it involves COVID-19 testing. I have discussed it with Trey Walker, who is supportive and copied on this message.

Again, I hope all is well. Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any questions.

Rob Godfrey
Senior Vice President | Corporate Affairs

Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation

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From: Deon Speaks

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:24 PM

To: 'Gibbsak@Dhec.sc.gov' <Gibbsak@Dhec.sc.gov>

Subject: (CLIA) Application For Certification - COVID19 Testing

Ms. Gibbs,

Thank you for your assistance.

Please review the attached Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments Application for Certification.

Nephron Pharmaceuticals Corporation requests an expedited review of this application, as this certification is needed for our company to receive critical tests for COVID-19.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

L. Deon Speaks

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#); [Harris, Cassandra S.](#); [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Rapid Testing Press Release
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 11:41:00 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Can you guys put together a draft release on the rapid tests distributed to hospitals that we can send jointly from both offices?



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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
To: [Davidson, Nick](#)
Cc: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Fw: Convalescent Plasma Therapy
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:49:00 PM

Received. Thank you for the assistance.

From: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fw: Convalescent Plasma Therapy

Mark,

Rick asked that I pass this to you. You can see in the attached talking points, it is essentially a plan that allows recovered COVID patients to donate blood which can then be used as potential treatment for patients. We have no concerns.

Thanks,

Nick

Nicholas E. Davidson
Director of Public Health - Interim

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Cc: Davidson, Nick <davidsne@dhec.sc.gov>
Subject: Convalescent Plasma Therapy

Hi Director Toomey.

Attached are talking points Dr. Robert Rainer (Prisma Upstate) and I discussed this morning

regarding this interesting therapy. Certainly may help selected patients especially since there is not much else currently available. There is also a fact sheet that maybe the press could use to drum up interest in donating/participating.

Let me know if you need anything else.
Regards.

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From: [Plowden, Mark](#)
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Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 8:39:43 AM

Is fine to update with any additions. Thanks

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On Apr 13, 2020, at 7:45 AM, Moore, Davis Q. <mooredq@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

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Davis

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Sent: Saturday, April 11, 2020 11:13 AM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] Fwd: ACS/ Collection Sites

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
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AnMed Health Medical Center	On-site Visitor Screening Tent	On-site Visitor Screening Tent
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Beaufort Memorial Hospital	Specimen Collection Site	Collection Site
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Attachments: [image001.png](#)

<https://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/coronavirus-covid-19-update-serological-test-validation-and-education-efforts>

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<https://www.arcpointlabs.com/covid-19-antibody-testing/>

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While the presence of antibodies doesn't necessarily prevent future infections, they can reduce the severity of future infections of the current COVID-19 strain.

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The FDA is also requesting plasma donations.

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Congressman Timmons called this afternoon to make our office aware of Prisma's Convalescent Plasma initiative.

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To: [Read, Jennifer](#); [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
Subject: RE: [External] IHME model briefing points
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:03:00 PM

Received. Thank you.

From: Read, Jennifer <readjh@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 11:51 AM
To: Toomey, Rick K. <Rick.Toomey@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] IHME model briefing points

The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (**IHME**) **projection model focuses on:**

- **Possible impacts to our hospitals' resources** (number of beds and ventilators likely needed and when)
- **When we are likely to see the surge of the sickest patients and those most likely to die** from the disease
- This projection primarily helps us predict the impact of COVID-19 to our health care system.

On April 17, the IHME models added two new variables to their modeling:

- **Mass gathering restrictions and initial business closures** -- along with applying new statistical processes.
- **For South Carolina, this contributed to a revised, earlier estimated peak date for bed utilization (now April 15) and peak deaths (now April 9).** Previously, they had predicted this peak around end of April or early May.
- **This is an indication that the Governor's Executive Orders are working** to reduce the number of very sick patients and deaths.

IHME recommends that South Carolina should continue social distancing measures and that slowly relaxing them may be possible around June 1 based on current data.

- **They warn that reducing preventative measures too soon could lead to a rebound in disease activity**, meaning the number of positive cases and deaths could increase again.
- It's also important to remember, that even when a peak is reached, people will continue to be infected, positive cases will continue to be reported and, unfortunately, deaths will continue to occur.

The data is moving in a positive direction right now, but it's too early to say we've passed the peak of the outbreak or are seeing a consistent trend.

- Later today, we will be giving Governor's Office our thoughts on things to consider when looking at lifting existing Executive Orders over the coming weeks.

Jennifer Read

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Cc: [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: [External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 15, 2020)
Date: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 3:01:00 PM
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Thank you.



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Subject: [External] News Release: South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 15, 2020)

Brian,

For your situational awareness, I've attached today's news release. We plan to issue around 3 p.m.

Cristi Y. Moore

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Subject: RE: [External] note from Nephron/West Columbia
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:25:29 AM

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Rick

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Subject: RE: [External] PPE Logistics Solution
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:10:00 AM
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Thank you Jamie – happy Friday!



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From: Blair, Jamie D. <BLAIRJD@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 9:02 AM
To: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>; ggierhart@emd.sc.gov
Cc: Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>; Stenson, Kim <Kstenson@emd.sc.gov>
Subject: FW: [External] PPE Logistics Solution

Megan,

I have included Guy Gierhart and Director Stenson at SCEMD as you requested.

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Hello Maria,

I've shared with him the information about the new sccovid19.org website as well as the PPE email address for SCEMD. Since it specifically deals with logistics, I'm also copying Mr. Blair.

The Lt. Governor personally said we would share with EMD, but I don't have an email for them other than Director Stenson for COVID-19 related items. If you could pass along I'd greatly appreciate it.

All the best,
Megan



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Dear Pam, Megan and Sonja,

I hope this message finds each of you and your families well and safe.

I am writing to provide a little information on a PPE logistics solution some of my contacts and clients are working on.

Some of my clients that work in the logistics space, led by international logistics provider [APL Logistics](#) are working on creating a logistics solution for providing PPE to the various states. Their hope is to establish a shipping association that can work with PPE manufactures and distributors to deliver PPE at the lowest cost possible but with the required efficiency and care. The various interested parties are reaching out the Governors and other authorities in various states with a hope of working with the National Governors association to bring everyone on board. I wanted to pass the information along to you and see if you had any questions or any interest in participating or having more in depth conversations. I've attached a draft one page description of the proposed PPE Shippers Association.

Thanks for all you do for the state and please let us know if there is anything on which we can assist.

All the best,

MWC

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Laura,

Please see revised below, which is approved and good to ship:

1. Please describe the most recent pandemic state and/or regional pandemic exercises. When were they? What was their scope? How many were done? What lessons were learned? Is there a report available summarizing the exercises and results?

The most recent pandemic exercise DHEC participated in was the national level exercise Crimson Contagion. Additionally, over the past several years, DHEC has tested portions of the state's [Pandemic Influenza](#) plan, including the [S.C. Medical Countermeasures Plan](#). Every two years, DHEC in coordination with the CDC, conducts an Operational Readiness Review (ORR) to demonstrate its capability to receive, stage, store, distribute, and dispense or administer material during a public health emergency

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- Mass care
- Medical countermeasure dispensing and administration
- Medical surge
- Nonpharmaceutical interventions
- Emergency operations coordination
- Information sharing
- Emergency public information and warning

The after-action report for the Crimson Contagion exercise is still being completed.

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DHEC has an epidemiologist whose primary focus is influenza and influenza-like illness. This

position last turned over in 2019 and is currently filled.

3. Federal funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness ended in 2008. South Carolina continued limited pandemic preparedness activities and planning with the remaining federal funds from FY 2007-08. Pandemic program activities were set to end in August 2009, and DHEC wrote at the time that “without this continued source of funding or additional state resources, the ability to respond to a large-scale infectious disease event would be severely limited.” How did the scope of pandemic planning activities change after that point?

Pandemic planning remains an essential component of the agency’s overall readiness for responding to public health crises and we continue to review and update our plan, as well as train and take part in exercises for pandemic events. DHEC:

- maintains a year-round influenza surveillance system
- voluntarily participates in South Carolina participates in the CDC’s U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)
- provides regular communication and guidance to hospitals and health care providers about disease surveillance through the S.C. Hospital Association and its Health Alert Network
- employs a full-time infectious disease planner assigned funded through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement

Please see additional information in our [2019 South Carolina Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Report](#).

4. Budget documents show that DHEC’s state-funded infectious disease staffing have been nearly flat since the Great Recession (from 263 in 2008-09 to 143 in 2011-12 to 157 in 2019-20), while federally funded positions have largely rebounded. Has DHEC requested the state legislature pay for more epidemiological staff and pandemic planning? If so, in which years did it request additional FTEs for infectious disease epidemiology and pandemic planning? Did it receive the requested funds?

An initial review of our records show that:

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- In FY 2011, DHEC requested \$3.4 million in recurring funds for emergency preparedness, pandemic influenza, and outbreak response teams. This was not funded.
- In FY 2012, DHEC requested \$1.6 million in recurring funds for emerge preparedness and outbreak investigations. This was not funded.

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was funded.

5. How many of the remaining reductions are in the Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology specifically? How many epidemiologists does DHEC employ today compared to the division's employment in 2007-08? How many unfilled openings does DHEC currently have in acute disease epidemiology?

In 2007-08, our epidemiologists didn't operate under a unique state job classification that identified them as "epidemiologist," so we don't have that specific number. In FY17, we had 21 epidemiology FTEs, and in FY19 we had 25 FTEs.

As background for you, statewide, our infectious disease team has approximately 475 FTEs on staff. In the Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology, specifically, we currently have approximately 76 FTE positions, 10 of which are open.

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Please see attached. It's important to note that the capacity assessment is intended for routine operations, not emergency response surge efforts. As a background for you, last year, our infectious disease staff investigated more than 700 outbreaks and reviewed more than 55,000 disease reports.

7. Is the agency developing a plan to resume contact tracing for all known COVID-19 cases when disease activity is lower, and if so, when will it make that transition? Does the agency have adequate staffing for surveillance? How many employees outside of the disease epidemiology division has it pulled in to assist in this work? Johns Hopkins and ASTHO have estimated that the U.S. will need approximately 100,000 more contact investigators to contain the spread of COVID-19 after the initial peak. How many does DHEC anticipate South Carolina will need? 8. How many retired or previously employed infectious disease experts has DHEC retained to assist in its COVID-19 response, including on a volunteer basis? Was the existing staffing level inadequate?

To clarify, the department has never stopped performing contact tracing during this disease outbreak. Essential staff, including epidemiologists and nurses, have been deployed across the state to support COVID-19 contact investigations. 1,031 DHEC employees have been involved in our COVID-19 response, logging more than 75,000 hours to date.

It's important to note that the Governor and State Legislature quickly allocated \$45 million to the department, which has enabled us to rapidly surge up our staffing capacity to meet evolving response needs. As of this week, DHEC has hired or is finalizing the hiring of 73 of 91 needed temporary staff members for the state's COVID-19 response, including 2 epidemiologists, 3 epidemiology researchers, 2 physicians, 26 nurses, 3 nurse administrators and 2 nurse consultants. 12 of these temporary hires are prior DHEC infectious disease employees.

Currently, we are actively recruiting for a few additional nurses and IT positions to support the response.

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Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 11:22 AM

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I understand you guys have responded to P&C questions on DHEC funding. Can you send me whatever you have sent them?



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Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020 10:10:28 AM

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From: [Toomey, Rick K.](#)
To: [Plowden, Mark](#)
Subject: Re: [External] SAP Qualtrics Coronavirus Assistance
Date: Sunday, April 19, 2020 2:35:11 PM

Thanks. Hard to read in phone.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 19, 2020, at 2:18 PM, Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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From: [Hilkin, Jake](#)
To: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
Cc: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] SC Public Health Lab
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 11:56:24 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hey Rick,

Sorry for the back-to-back emails. However, what exactly will that mean? (Just want to be able to share all info my with my boss) The hospital will receive the testing unit with tests? How many tests? Or just the unit?

Thanks –

Jake Hilkin
Legislative Director
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P: 202.225.5501

From: "Hilkin, Jake" <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>
Date: Monday, April 13, 2020 at 11:53 AM
To: Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] SC Public Health Lab

That's great news!!!

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Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: RE: [External] SC Public Health Lab

Good Morning Jake

I wanted to provide an update on our project. Piedmont Medical in Rock Hill has been identified and agreed to accept an Abbott ID Now testing unit.

Best Regards

Rick C.

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From: Hilkin, Jake <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, April 08, 2020 12:45 PM

To: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>

Cc: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] SC Public Health Lab

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Sounds good. The Congressman has been really pushing me on this, so any insight/help would be great. Best –

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From: Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>

Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 12:34 PM

To: "Hilkin, Jake" <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>

Cc: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: [External] SC Public Health Lab

Jake

Our team is currently reaching out across the state to hospitals and others (nursing homes, jails, healthcare providers, anyone that has a lab) regarding their ability to incorporate the Abbott resources into their testing protocols. I will update you once the plan is complete. I have shared your request with our team.

Best Regards
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I spoke with Abbott labs and they said they were send testing kits to SC to the health lab and were going to start distributing. Really need/would like to get some up to Rock Hill.

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From: Rick Caldwell <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at 11:54 AM
To: "Marsh, Jordan" <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Cc: "Hilkin, Jake" <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>
Subject: Re: [External] SC Public Health Lab

Finish the thought before I send again.

What are you looking for regarding Abbott?

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On Apr 8, 2020, at 11:51 AM, Caldwell, Rick
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<JMarsh@governor.sc.gov> wrote:

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Adding in Rick

From: Hilkin, Jake <Jake.Hilkin@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 11:46 AM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
Subject: [External] SC Public Health Lab
Importance: High

Hey man,

Do you happen to have a **contact for Coleman Atwell in the
SC Public Health Lab**? He should've just received testing kits
from Abbott and I need his stuff ASAP if you got it.

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Moore, Cristi Y.](#)
Cc: [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: Re: [External] South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 17, 2020)
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 4:46:39 PM

Okay. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 17, 2020, at 4:35 PM, Moore, Cristi Y. <moorecy@dhec.sc.gov> wrote:

Brian,

We're planning to issue the attached news release by 4:45 p.m. and hold a teleconference at 5 p.m.

Cristi Y. Moore

Chief Communications Officer

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From: [Symmes, Brian](#)
To: [Renwick, Laura A.](#); [Read, Jennifer](#)
Subject: RE: [External] Today's news release
Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:29:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you.



Brian Symmes
Communications Director
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From: Renwick, Laura A. <renwicla@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 3:27 PM
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Subject: [External] Today's news release

Going live around 3:30/4 p.m. today. No media telebriefing.

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From: [Caldwell, Rick](#)
To: [Marsh, Jordan](#)
Subject: Re: [External] update
Date: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:03:51 PM
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Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 3:34 PM
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I'm also getting questions regarding a daily testing goal. Do we have a daily goal for completed tests?

From: Caldwell, Rick <CALDWERT@dhec.sc.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2020 5:04 PM
To: Marsh, Jordan <JMarsh@governor.sc.gov>
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Cc: [Webb, Beth](#)
Subject: Re: COVID19 testing facility - Request to speak about partnership: FW: [External] Voice Message Attached from 8646407992 - Wilbourn Nathan
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 12:56:48 PM

Thanks, Megan. I'll pass along this message to our Public Health team.

Maria Ouzounidis
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From: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 12:31 PM
To: Plowden, Mark <MPlowden@governor.sc.gov>; Ouzounidis, Maria <ouzounm@dhec.sc.gov>
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Mark and Maria,

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Mark, can you give them a call or Maria, could someone from DHEC call him?

Wants to discuss an initiative to partner with the state and large organizations with testing/processing for COVID-19.

Thank you,
Megan

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Cc: Finnern, Megan <MFinnern@governor.sc.gov>
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Subject: SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 04.17.2020
Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:44:00 AM
Attachments: [SC Governor's Office COVID-19 Response Update 4.17.20.pdf](#)

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 4,439 and those who have died to 124.

Of those four deaths, one was an elderly individual with underlying health conditions from Lancaster County (1); one was an elderly individual, with no known underlying conditions, from Kershaw County (1); one was a middle-aged individual with underlying health conditions from Edgefield County (1); and one was a middle-aged individual, with no known underlying health conditions, from Clarendon County (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (1), Anderson (2), Barnwell (1), Beaufort (1), Charleston (2), Cherokee (1), Clarendon (8), Darlington (5), Dillon (2), Florence (4), Greenville (5), Horry (1), Kershaw (3), Lexington (4), Marlboro (1), Orangeburg (1), Richland (4), Spartanburg (7), Sumter (3), Williamsburg (4), York (4)

Of the 4,377 total cases announced yesterday, two have been determined upon collecting additional information to be residents of other states and have been assigned to those states.

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DHEC Releases Updated Summary and Projections

DHEC today provided an updated summary regarding cases confirmed to date as well as projections through May 9. On March 6 the first COVID-19 case was confirmed in South Carolina. The projections currently indicate that South Carolina may see almost 750 new cases per week by early May. The total number of cases is estimated to grow to 6,953 confirmed cases on May 9.

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As of this morning, 5,150 hospital beds are available and 6,201 are utilized, which is a 54.6% statewide hospital bed utilization rate. Today, DHEC provided the [hospital bed capacity utilization by region and county](#) on its website.

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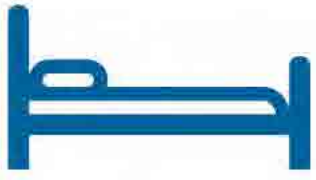
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Acute Hospital Bed Capacity 4/15/2020



6,271 acute beds are currently being utilized, a **772 bed decrease** from 3/23

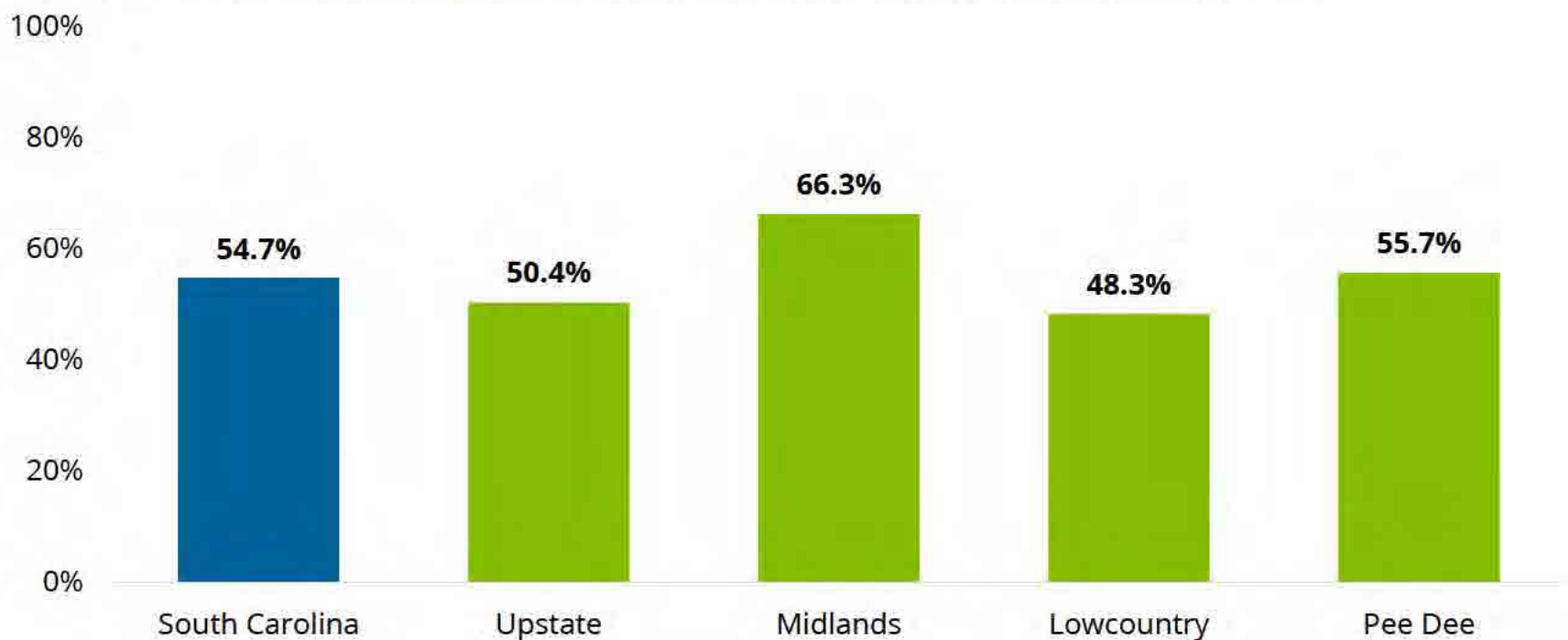


1,387 acute beds could be operational if they were staffed, a **274 bed increase** from 3/23



Acute hospitals are at **54.7% capacity**, a **decrease** of 3.6% from 3/23

Percent of Bed Capacity Utilized for Acute Hospitals, by Region



Region	Beds Utilized		Open Beds		Percent at Capacity	
	Number	% Change from 3/23	Number	% Change from 3/23	Number	% Change from 3/23
Upstate	1,656	-12.3%	1,631	12.6%	50.4%	-11.0%
Midlands	1,821	-7.1%	927	-16.6%	66.3%	3.8%
Lowcountry	1,473	-7.7%	1,579	11.8%	48.3%	-9.0%
Pee Dee	1,321	-17.3%	1,051	-2.0%	55.7%	-7.0%
South Carolina	6,271	-11.0%	5,188	2.9%	54.7%	-6.1%

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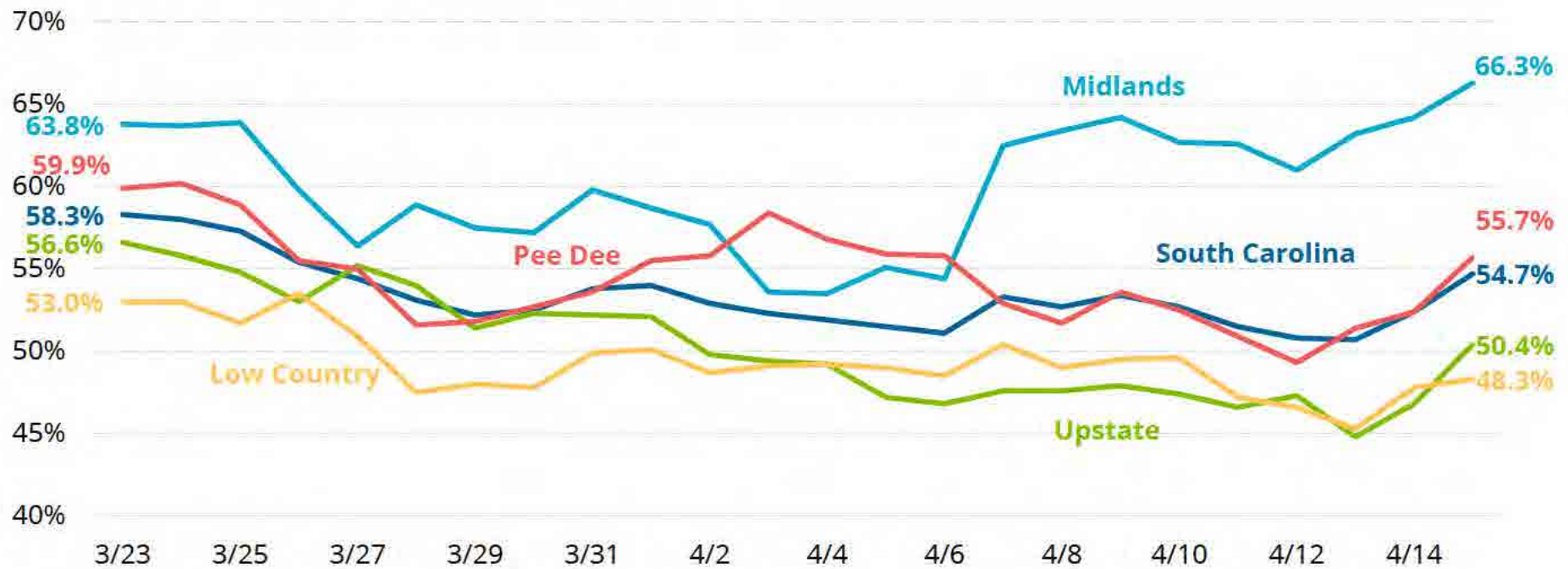
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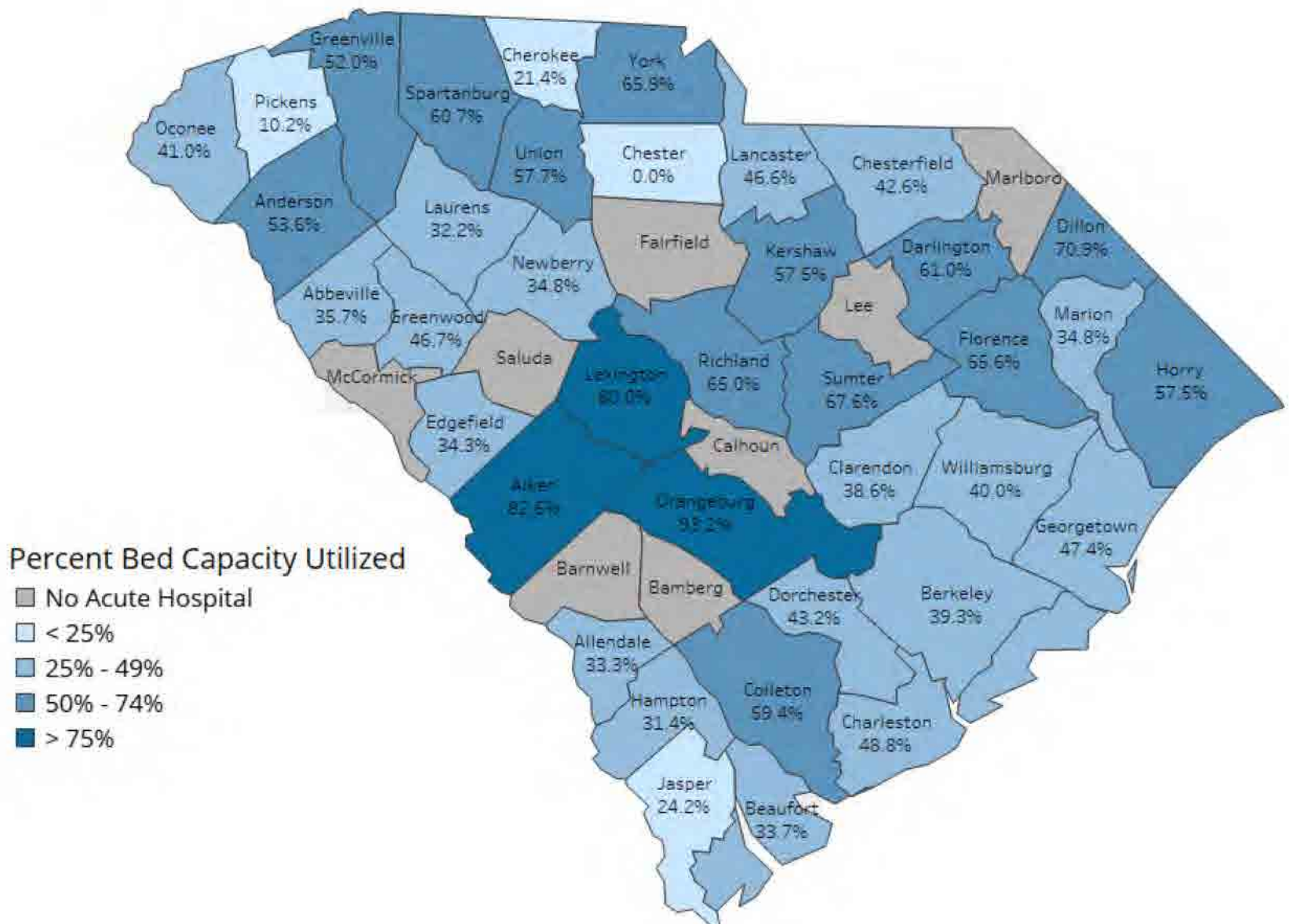
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Bed Capacity Utilization, by Region



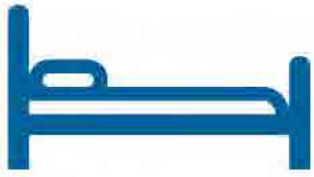
Bed Capacity Utilization, by Acute Care Hospitals 4/15/2020



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Acute Hospital Bed Capacity 4/17/2020



6,183 acute beds are currently being utilized, a 860 bed **decrease** from 3/23

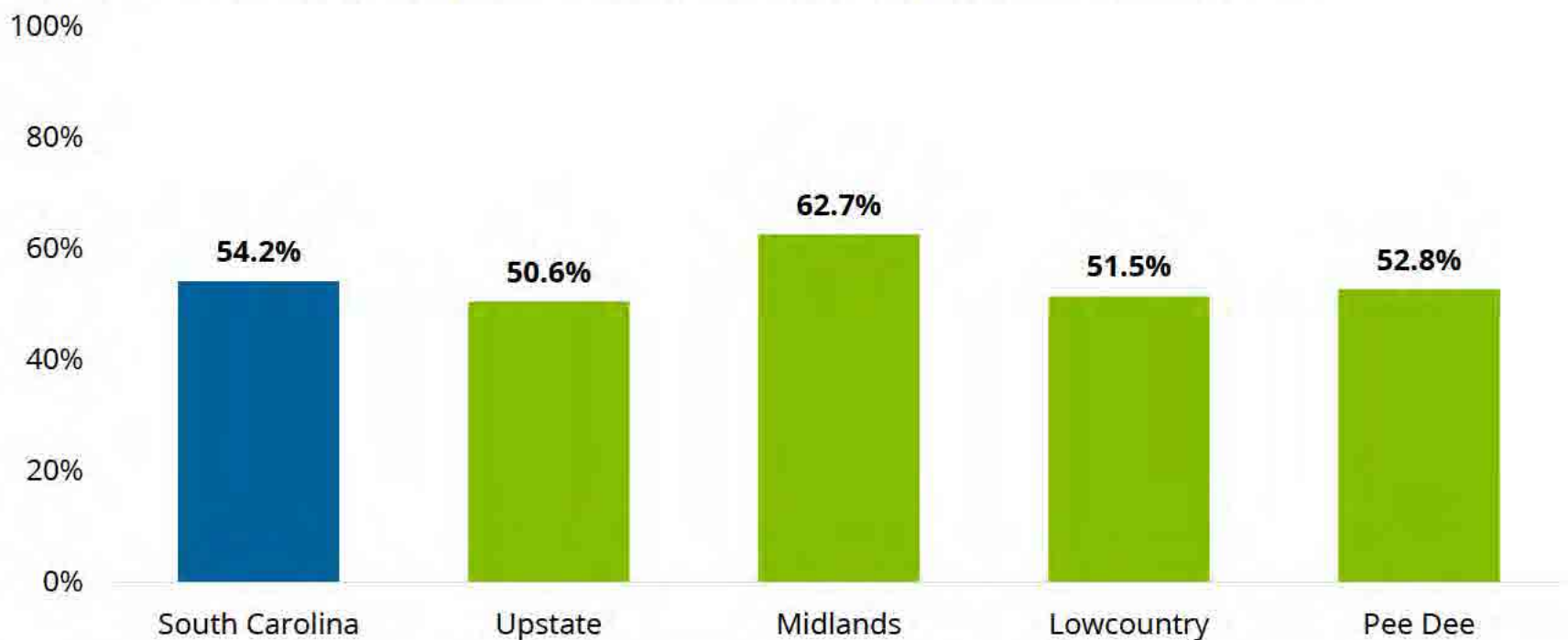


1,426 acute beds could be operational if they were staffed, a 313 bed **increase** from 3/23



Acute hospitals are at **54.2% capacity**, a **decrease** of 4.1% from 3/23

Percent of Bed Capacity Utilized for Acute Hospitals, by Region



Region	Beds Utilized		Open Beds		Percent at Capacity	
	Number	% Change from 3/23	Number	% Change from 3/23	Number	% Change from 3/23
Upstate	1,686	-10.8%	1,646	13.7%	50.6%	-10.6%
Midlands	1,723	-12.1%	1,027	-7.6%	62.7%	-1.8%
Lowcountry	1,545	-3.2%	1,455	3.0%	51.5%	-2.9%
Pee Dee	1,229	-23.1%	1,097	2.3%	52.8%	-11.7%
South Carolina	6,183	-12.2%	5,225	3.6%	54.2%	-7.0%

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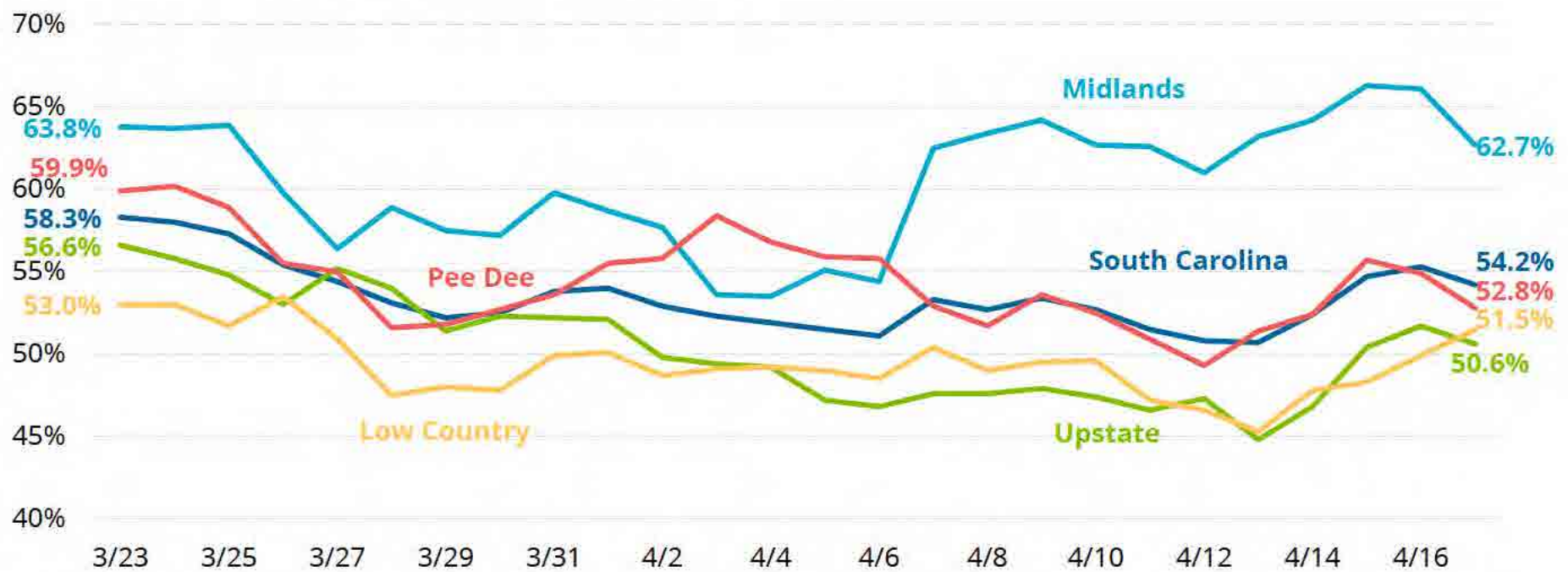
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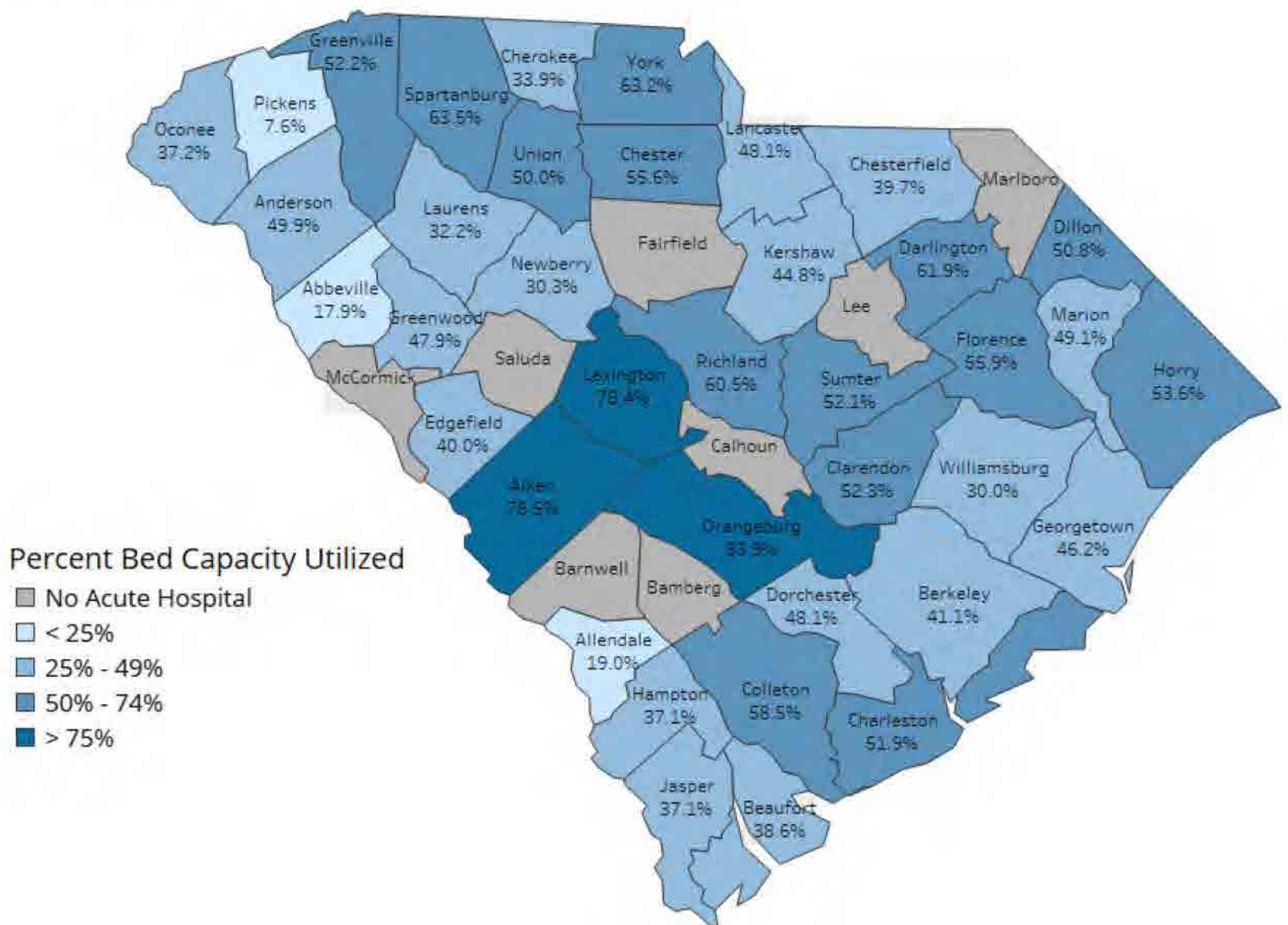
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Acute Hospital Bed Capacity 4/17/2020

Bed Capacity Utilization, by Region



Bed Capacity Utilization, by Acute Care Hospitals 4/17/2020



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Acute Hospital Bed Capacity 4/18/2020



6,017 acute beds are currently being utilized, a 1,026 bed **decrease** from 3/23

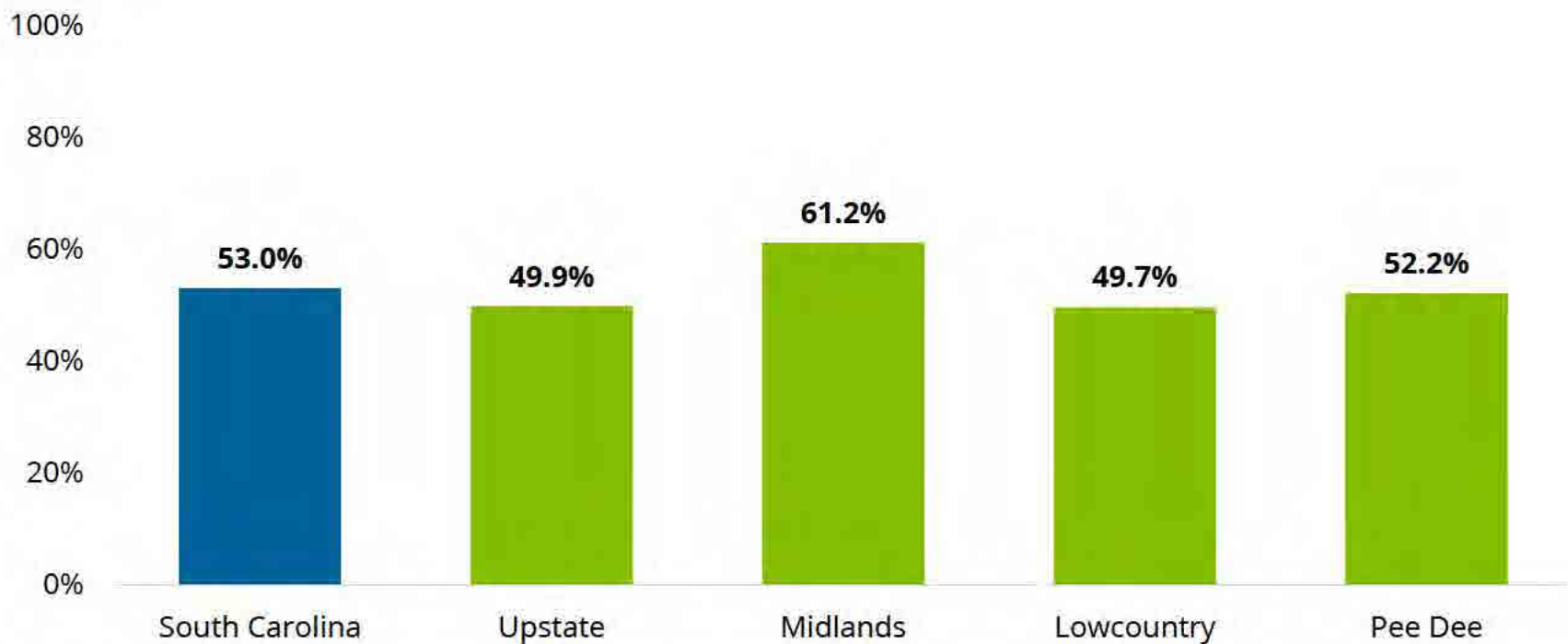


1,429 acute beds could be operational if they were staffed, a 316 bed **increase** from 3/23



Acute hospitals are at **53.0%% capacity**, a **decrease** of 5.3% from 3/23

Percent of Bed Capacity Utilized for Acute Hospitals, by Region



Region	Beds Utilized		Open Beds		Percent at Capacity	
	Number	% Change from 3/23	Number	% Change from 3/23	Number	% Change from 3/23
Upstate	1,660	-12.1%	1,668	15.2%	49.9%	-11.9%
Midlands	1,656	-15.5%	1,049	-5.6%	61.2%	-4.1%
Lowcountry	1,486	-6.9%	1,506	6.6%	49.7%	-6.4%
Pee Dee	1,215	-24.0%	1,111	3.6%	52.2%	-12.7%
South Carolina	6,017	-14.6%	5,334	5.8%	53.0%	-9.0%

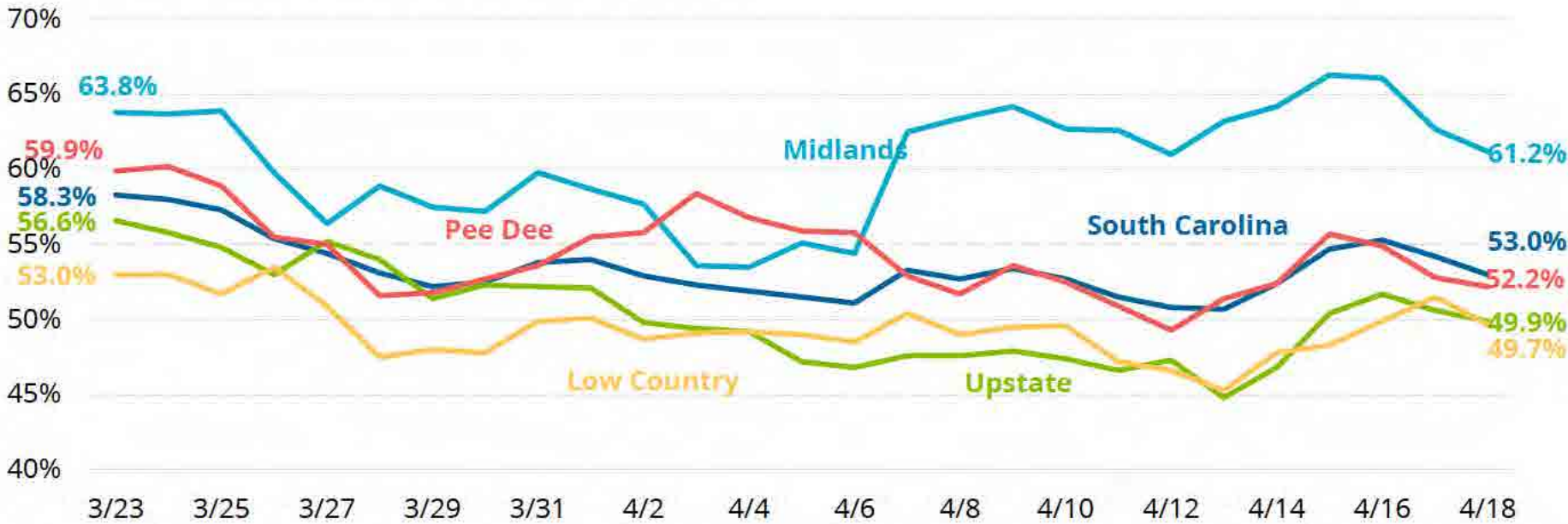
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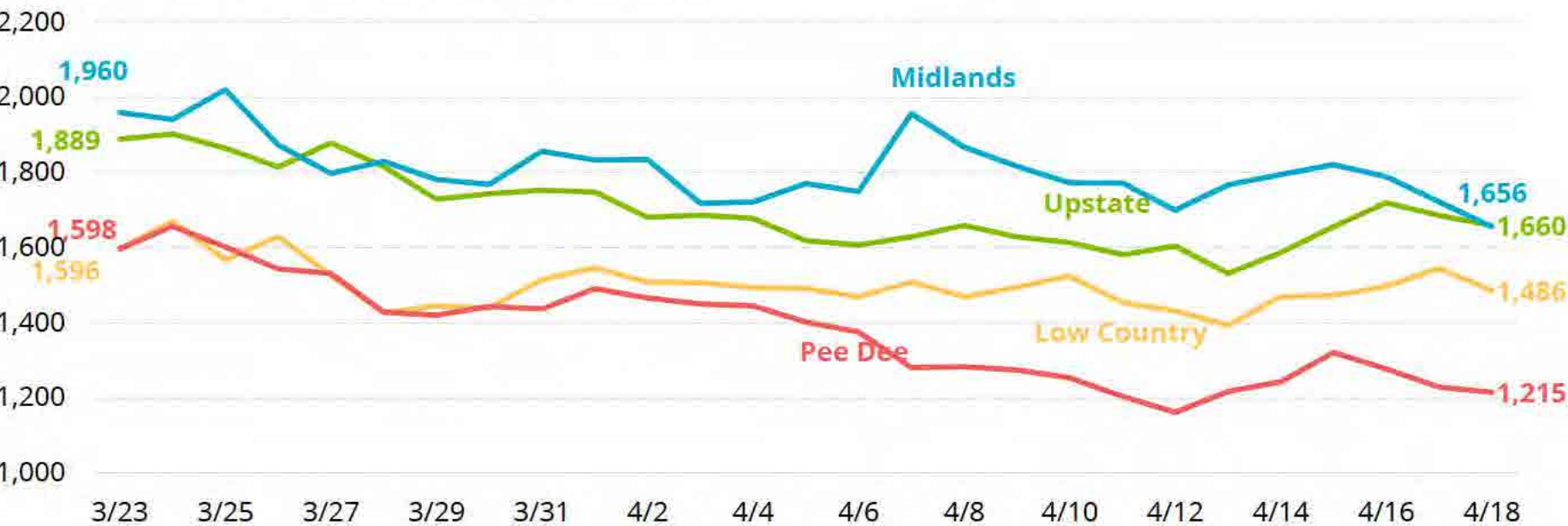
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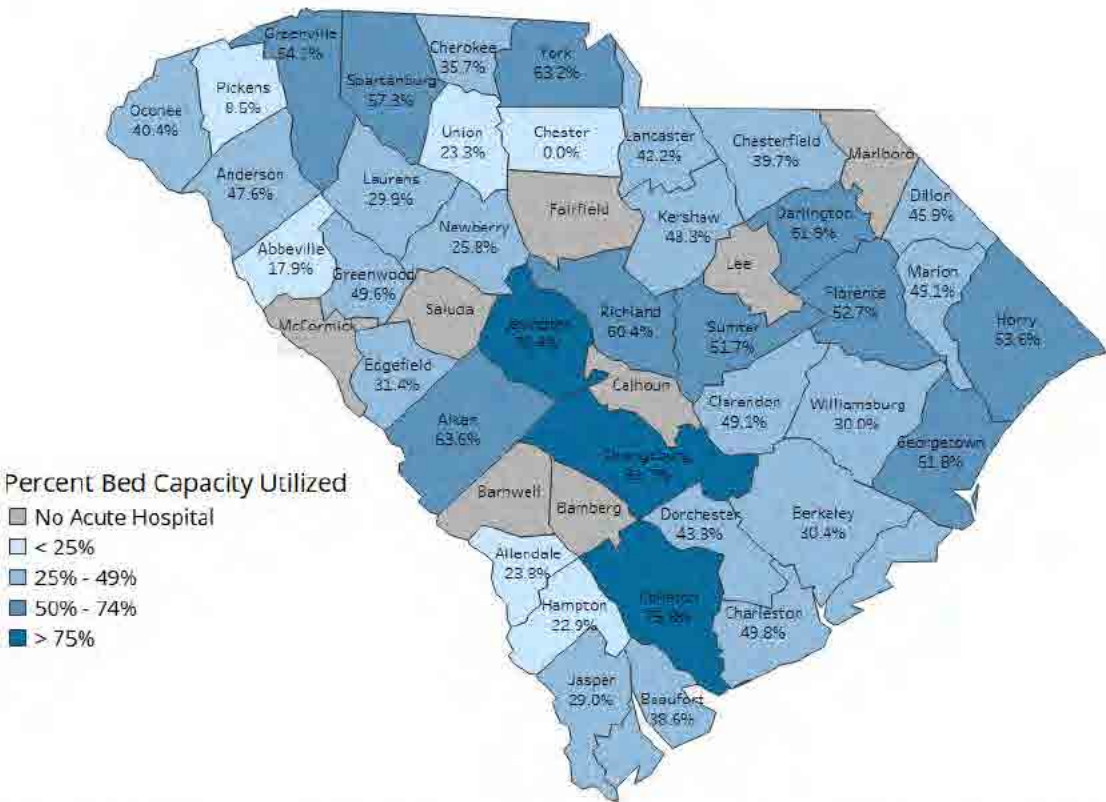
Bed Capacity Utilization, by Region



Patient Census Status, by Region



Bed Capacity Utilization, by Acute Care Hospitals
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Acute Hospital Bed Capacity 4/19/2020



5,971 acute beds are currently being utilized, a 1,072 bed **decrease** from 3/23

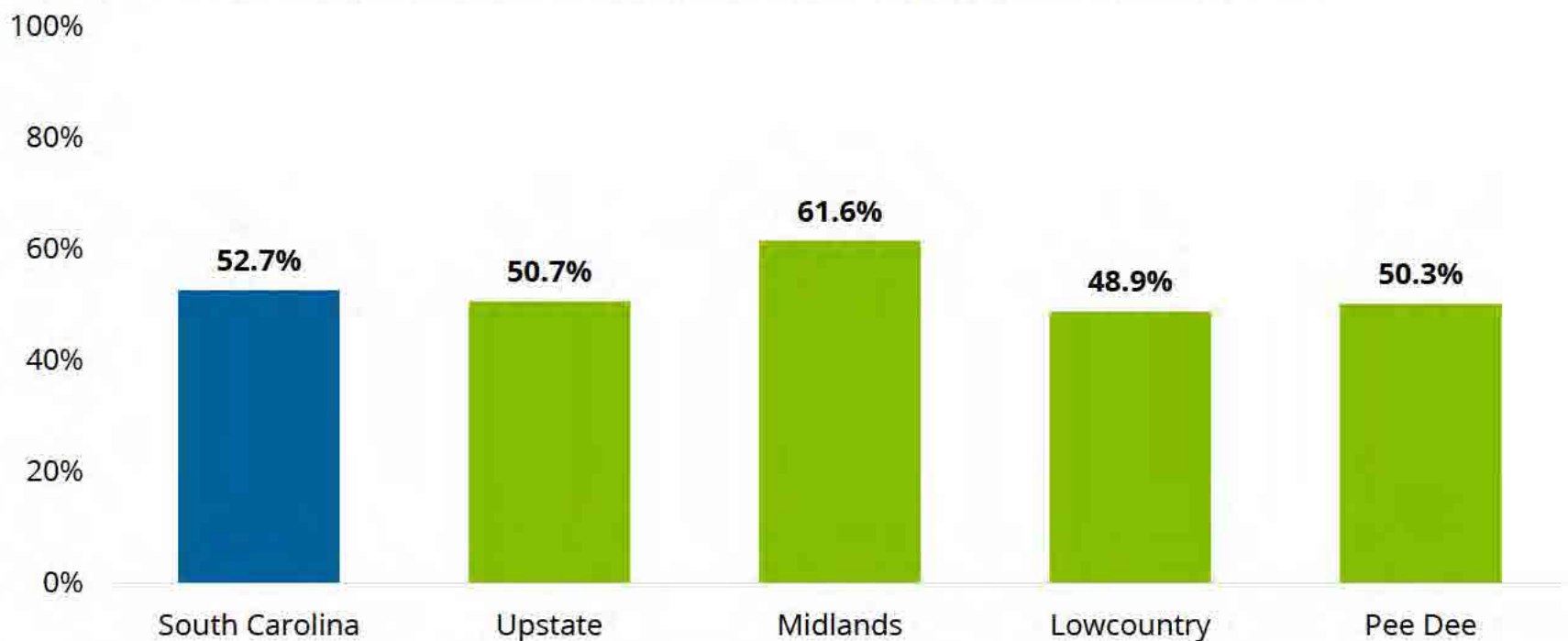


1,460 acute beds could be operational if they were staffed, a 347 bed **increase** from 3/23



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Midlands	1,665	-15.1%	1,040	-6.4%	61.6%	-3.6%
Lowcountry	1,452	-9.0%	1,520	7.6%	48.9%	-7.9%
Pee Dee	1,168	-26.9%	1,154	7.7%	50.3%	-16.0%
South Carolina	5,971	-15.2%	5,356	6.2%	52.7%	-9.5%

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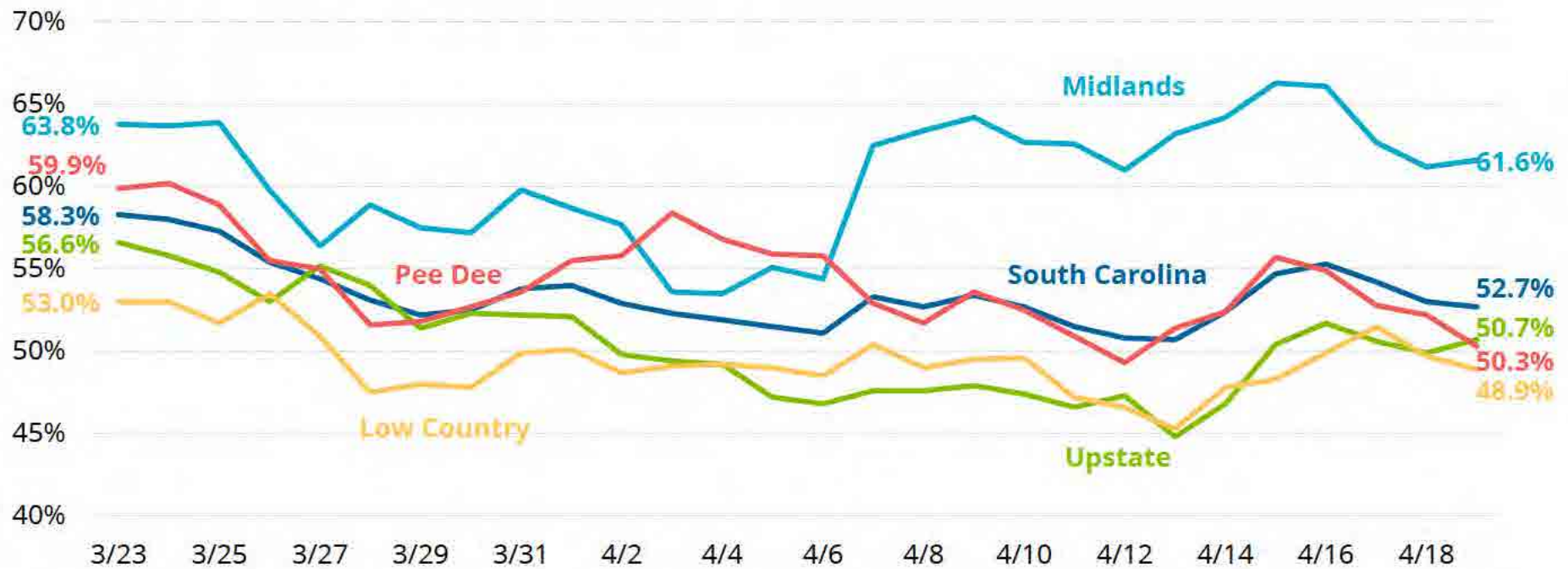
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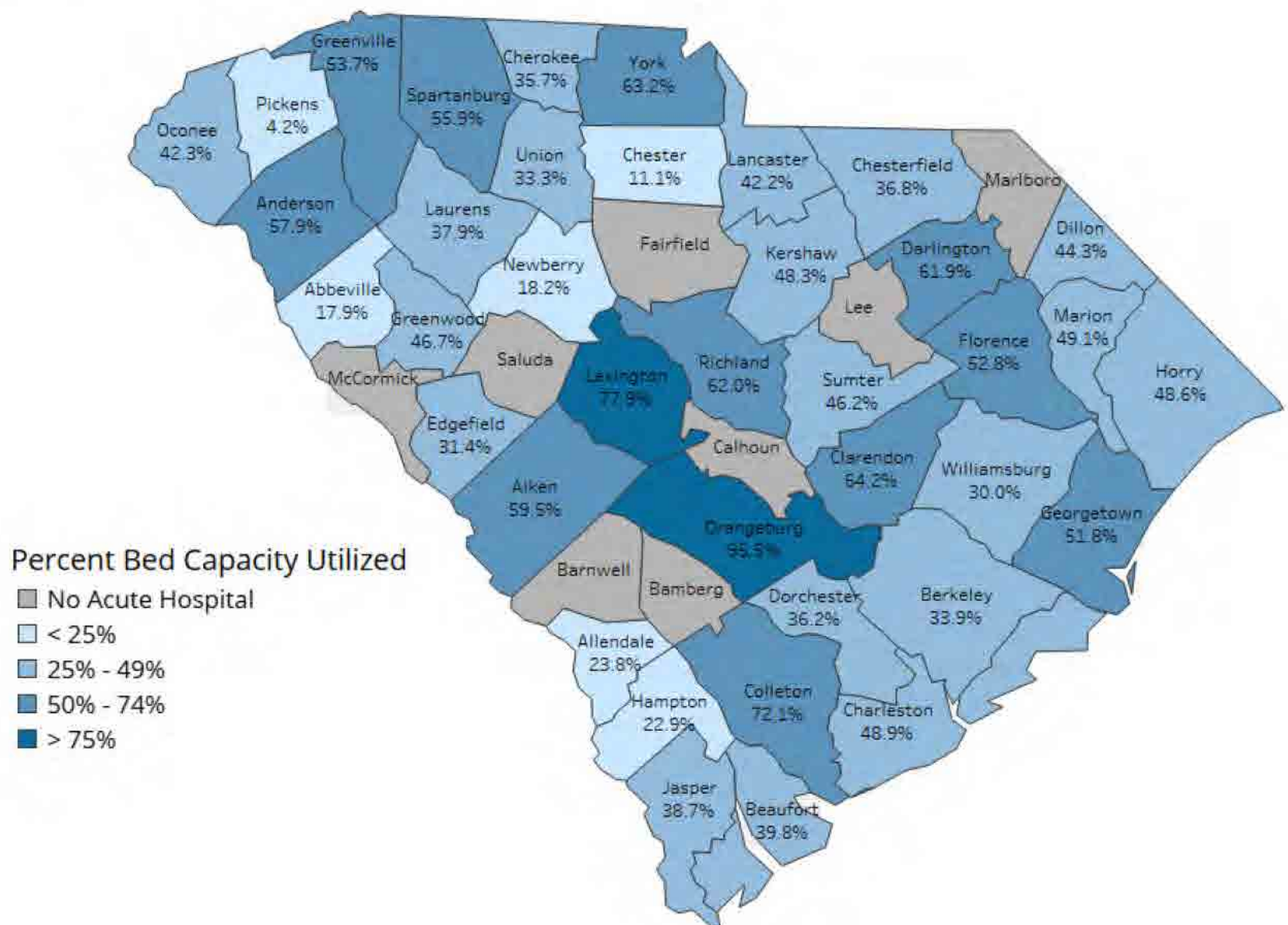
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Acute Hospital Bed Capacity 4/20/2020



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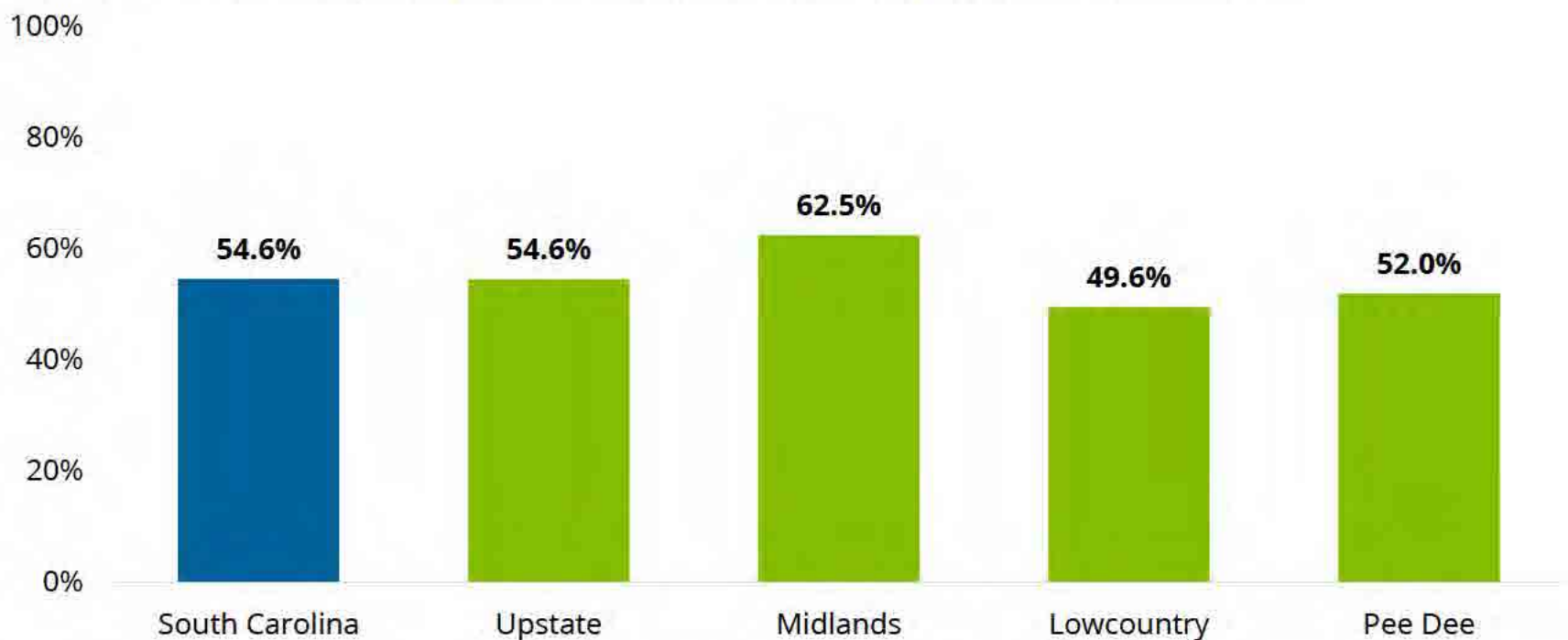


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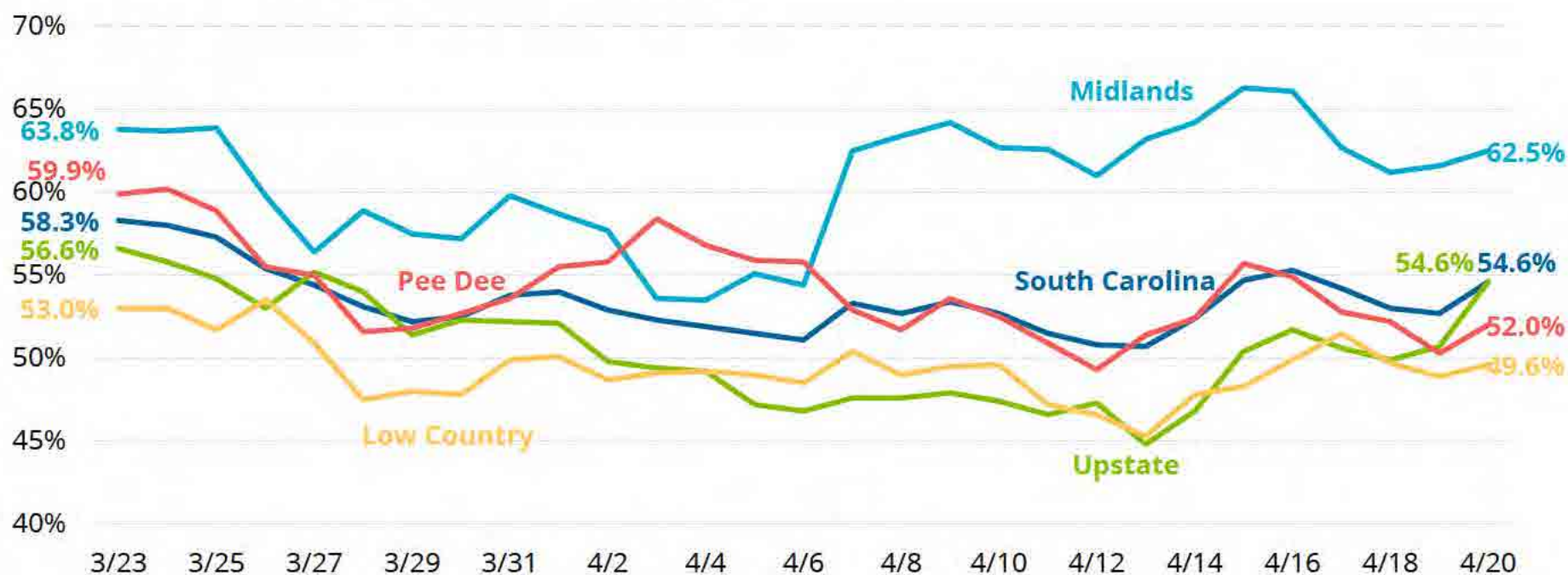
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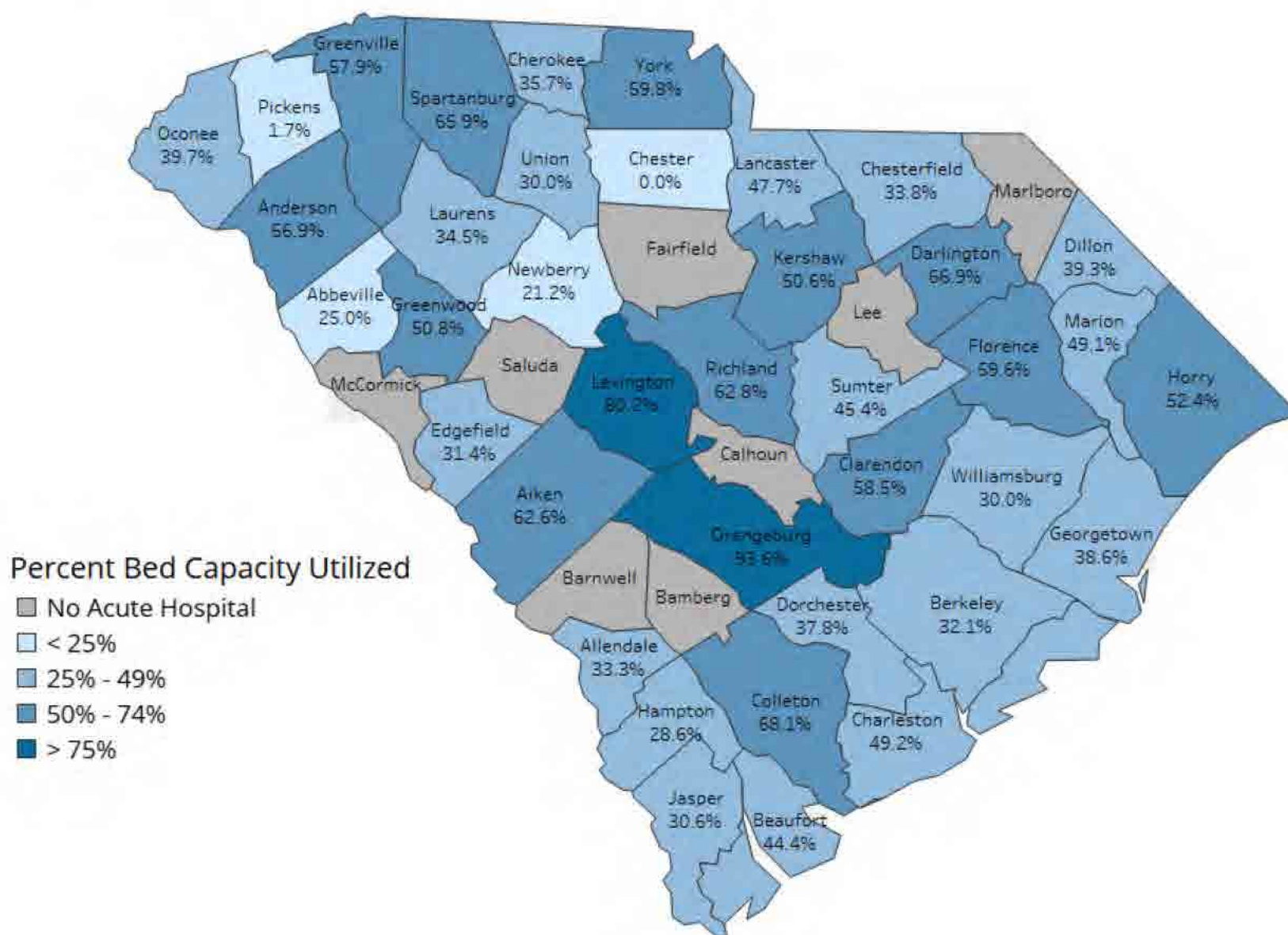
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Created by Governor Henry McMaster pursuant to Executive Order, accelerateSC serves as the coordinated COVID 19 economic revitalization plan for South Carolina.

The governor will designate a state agency to coordinate each of the revitalization components. Participants within each component shall be represented by state agencies, manufacturing, tourism, hospitality and service sectors, stakeholders, professional associations, public health, hospital and medical providers.

INFORMATION

Coordinating Agency: Department of Administration (admin)

The department will create a one stop “ombudsman” style information portal for the public to utilize in obtaining information and assistance on COVID 19 related issues from state and federal agencies. This will include providing resource information online and on social media platforms, as well as employing a large-scale call center vendor to provide live person response to public inquiries via telephone.

RESOURCES

Coordinating Agency: Department of Administration, Executive Budget Office (EBO)

The EBO in the Department of Administration serves as the coordinating agency for federal and state COVID 19 relief appropriations and disbursements. The office is authorized to receive federal and state relief funding as directed – and to disburse funds as directed by the governor following review and comment by the legislative Joint Bond Review Committee. The office shall participate and provide information to the RESPONSE component for economic revitalization efforts.

RESPONSE

Coordinating Agency: Department of Commerce (Commerce)

Commerce will create a response task force whose membership is comprised of key state agencies and representatives from the manufacturing, tourism, hospitality and service sectors. It will also include professional trade associations and medical service providers. This task force will identify the needs and challenges facing businesses such as workforce, capital, regulations and logistics. The task force will advise the governor on actions necessary to accelerate the re-opening of the state's economy.

Examples of state agencies membership includes but is not limited to the Department of Commerce, Parks Recreation and Tourism, Revenue, Insurance, Employment and Workforce, Agriculture, Education, Bureau of Economic Advisors, Ports Authority and EBO.

Examples of business sector stakeholder membership includes but is not limited to the Retail Association, Hospitality Association, Manufacturers Association, Federation of Independent Businesses, State Chamber of Commerce, Bankers Association, Homebuilders, Trucking Association, Insurance and Independent Contractors.

PROTECTION

Coordinating Agency: Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)

DHEC will create a public Protection task force comprised of appropriate state agencies along with leadership from the research universities, medical and healthcare providers, hospitals, health insurers, and professional associations.

This task force is charged with identifying and developing protective strategies and tactics for the state to employ to contain COVID 19 as the state implements accelerate economic revitalization.

These efforts should prioritize protecting the most vulnerable including the elderly, minority communities, persons with chronic disease and weakened immune systems. They should include plans for statewide implementation of increased disease and immunity testing as well as contact tracing.

Examples of state agency membership includes but is not limited to DHEC, Mental Health, Health and Human Services, Social Services, Disabilities and Special Needs, Minority Affairs, Human Affairs, Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Services, Aging, Medical University of South Carolina, University of South Carolina, Clemson University, and Labor Licensing and Regulation.

Examples of stakeholder and professional membership includes but is not limited to the Medical Association, Hospital Association, Alliance of Health Insurers, AARP, Child Care Association and associations for specialized medical and healthcare providers.

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Ms. Myra Reese
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South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control
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April 17, 2020

Dear Ms. Reese:

I hope all is well with team DHEC, as we work to solve the riddle of the SARS-CoV2 virus and COVID-19 disease. On a personal note I appreciate DHEC's role in the scale up of needed testing, such as MUSC's drive up testing at Citadel Mall, and the role in lessening the severity of the crisis in our state.

India also has been less hard hit by other countries, in part due to a national lockdown that maybe relaxed soon. This is particularly the case in states such as Gujarat, home of the Radhe Group and our tire recycling project. Accordingly, we expect to resume moving ahead in the very near future. This raises the possibility that our permit applications, including the air quality/construction application may be ready before Gov. McMaster relaxes restrictions here.

Could you please advise us as to (1) the ability of the Department to review and respond to permit applications given that key personnel may be on work at home status, (2) whether it makes sense for us to move for expedited consideration.

Obviously, health considerations remain paramount, and enhancing human health and the environment is a core goal of the project.

We appreciate your time and consideration in this most trying time and look forward to 'the new normal' and shaping this important initiative in that environment. Stay safe and well and look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Dimitri (JD) Daskalakis

State of South Carolina

Executive Department



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-23

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has taken, and must continue to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in confronting the unprecedented, evolving, and accelerating public health threat presented by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”), cases of which have now been identified and reported in each of the State’s forty-six (46) counties; and

WHEREAS, to this end, the undersigned has, *inter alia*, convened the Public Health Emergency Plan Committee (“PHEPC”); activated the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (“Plan”); regularly conferred with state and federal agencies, officials, and experts, to include the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”), and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (“EMD”); and requested that the General Assembly take action to make \$45 million from the 2019–2020 Contingency Reserve Fund immediately available to DHEC in coordinating the State’s public health response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, on March 11, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-07, suspending certain transportation-related rules and regulations, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to protect public health and safety in connection with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia, pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121–5207 (“Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared that the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States constitutes a national emergency, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1601 *et seq.*, and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5, as amended, retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the aforementioned emergency, the undersigned initiated and implemented various measures to address the significant public health, economic, and other impacts associated with COVID-19 and to mitigate the resulting burdens on healthcare providers, individuals, and businesses in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-09, directing, *inter alia*, the closure of all public schools in the State of South Carolina for students and non-essential employees beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, and through Tuesday, March 31, 2020, and the postponement or rescheduling of any election scheduled to be held in this State on or before May 1, 2020, as well as urging that indoor and outdoor public gatherings be cancelled, postponed, or rescheduled, to the extent possible, or limited so as not to exceed one hundred (100) people; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, based on updated information and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), the President of the United States and the White House Coronavirus Task Force issued new guidance—titled, “The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)”——to help protect Americans during the global COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America recommend, *inter alia*, that the American people “[w]ork or engage in schooling from home whenever possible”; “[a]void social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people”; “[a]void eating or drinking at bars, restaurants, and food courts—use drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options”; and “[a]void discretionary travel, shopping trips, and social visits”; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, based on updated information and recommendations from the CDC, the President of the United States, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-10, directing additional emergency measures in response to the threat posed by COVID-19, to include temporarily prohibiting restaurants from providing certain food services for on-premises consumption and prohibiting events at government facilities that would convene fifty (50) or more people in a single room, area, or other confined indoor or outdoor space; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing directives, Executive Order No. 2020-10 also “authorize[d] and direct[ed] any agency within the undersigned’s Cabinet or any other department within the Executive Branch, as defined by section 1-30-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, through its respective director or secretary, to waive or ‘suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency,’ in accordance with section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws and other applicable law”; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-11, initiating further emergency measures and suspending certain regulations to ensure the proper function and continuity of state government operations and the uninterrupted performance and provision of emergency, essential, or otherwise mission-critical state government services, while simultaneously undertaking additional measures to safeguard the health and safety of state employees, mitigate significant economic impacts and burdens on affected individuals and employers, and provide regulatory relief to expedite emergency response initiatives and enhance the availability of critical healthcare services; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-12, initiating additional actions to provide regulatory relief to facilitate “social distancing” practices and to mitigate the significant economic impacts of COVID-19 on individuals and businesses throughout the State, particularly restaurants and other food-service establishments; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-13, authorizing and directing law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to, *inter alia*, prohibit or disperse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such law enforcement official determines, in their discretion, that any such congregation or gathering of people poses, or could pose, a threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the undersigned requested that the President of the United States declare that a major disaster exists in the State of South Carolina pursuant to Section 401 of the Stafford Act, and on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States granted the undersigned’s request and declared that such a major disaster exists and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with an effective date retroactive to January 20, 2020, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-14, directing that individuals who enter the State of South Carolina from an area with substantial community spread of COVID-19 shall be required to 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; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-15, declaring a new, separate, and distinct State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending certain provisions of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on March 29, 2020, the President of the United States extended and expanded the provisions of his Coronavirus Guidelines for America until April 30, 2020, based on the ongoing nature and evolving scope of the global COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-16, directing that any and all public beach access points and public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps,

and boat landings that provide public access to the public waters of this State shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-17, directing that certain “non-essential” businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities in the following categories be closed to non-employees and the public, effective Wednesday, April 1, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.: entertainment venues and facilities, recreational and athletic facilities and activities, and close-contact service providers; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-18, superseding the provisions of Executive Order No. 2020-17 and directing that certain additional “non-essential” businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities in the general category of retail stores also be closed to non-employees and the public, effective Monday, April 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-19, directing that effective Friday, April 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any and all individuals, entities, or establishments engaged in the provision of short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or other lodging accommodations or operations in exchange for consideration in the State of South Carolina are prohibited from making or accepting new reservations or bookings from or for individuals residing in or travelling from any country, state, municipality, or other geographic area subject to or identified in a CDC travel advisory or other CDC notice as a location with extensive community transmission of COVID-19, to include the Tri-State Area (consisting of the States of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut); and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-21, directing, *inter alia*, that effective Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any and all residents and visitors of the State of South Carolina are required to limit social interaction, practice “social distancing” in accordance with CDC guidance, and take every possible precaution to avoid potential exposure to, and to slow the spread of, COVID-19, and shall limit their movements outside of their Residence, except for purposes of engaging in Essential Business, Essential Activities, or Critical Infrastructure Operations, as such terms are further defined therein; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-22, authorizing and directing the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce to take certain actions to allow employers to provide COVID-19 Support Payments to furloughed employees, while still allowing such individuals to qualify for unemployment benefits if they are otherwise eligible for the same; and

WHEREAS, the acceleration of the COVID-19 pandemic represents an ongoing and evolving public health threat, which requires that the State of South Carolina continue to take all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the current public health emergency and the significant economic impacts and other consequences associated with the same; and

WHEREAS, based on recent developments, to include the continued and accelerated spread of COVID-19, the resulting strain on healthcare resources, and the significant economic

consequences for individuals and businesses in this State, after consulting with numerous state and federal agencies, officials, and experts, the undersigned has determined that it is necessary and prudent to declare that a separate and distinct emergency exists due to the evolving nature and scope of the public health threat or other risks posed by COVID-19 and the actual, ongoing, and anticipated impacts associated with the same; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-420 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “[t]he Governor, when in his opinion the facts warrant, shall, by proclamation, declare that, because of . . . a public health emergency . . . a danger exists to the person or property of any citizen and that the peace and tranquility of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, or any particular area of the State designated by him, is threatened, and because thereof an emergency, with reference to such threats and danger, exists”; and

WHEREAS, as the elected Chief Executive of the State, the undersigned is authorized pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, to “declare a state of emergency for all or part of the State if he finds a disaster or a public health emergency . . . has occurred, or that the threat thereof is imminent and extraordinary measures are considered necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 44-4-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, a “public health emergency” exists when there is an “occurrence or imminent risk of a qualifying health condition,” which includes “an illness or health condition that may be caused by . . . epidemic or pandemic disease, or a novel infectious agent . . . that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities [or] widespread illness”; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that when a state of emergency has been declared, the undersigned “may further, cope with such threats and danger, order and direct any person or group of persons to do any act which would in his opinion prevent or minimize danger to life, limb or property, or prevent a breach of the peace; and he may order any person or group of persons to refrain from doing any act or thing which would, in his opinion, endanger life, limb or property, or cause, or tend to cause, a breach of the peace, or endanger the peace and good order of the State or any section or community thereof, and he shall have full power by use of all appropriate available means to enforce such order or proclamation”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1-3-460 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the foregoing and other emergency authority is “supplemental to and in aid of powers now vested in the Governor under the Constitution, statutory laws[,] and police powers of the State”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is “responsible for the safety, security, and welfare of the State and is empowered with [certain] additional authority to adequately discharge this responsibility,” to include issuing, amending, and rescinding “emergency proclamations and regulations,” which shall “have the force and effect of law as long as the emergency exists”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is further authorized to “suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, authorizes the undersigned, during a declared emergency, to “transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments, agencies, and commissions, or units thereof, for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable,” and to “compel performance by elected and appointed state, county, and municipal officials and employees of the emergency duties and functions assigned them in the State Emergency Plan or by Executive Order”; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is further authorized, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to “direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; to prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destination in connection with evacuation; and to control ingress and egress at an emergency area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein”; and

WHEREAS, in the context of a public health emergency, section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, also “authorizes the deployment and use of any resources and personnel including, but not limited to, local officers and employees qualified as first responders, to which the plans apply and the use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities assembled, stockpiled, or arranged to be made available pursuant to this act”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, “[i]n any area designated by the Governor in his proclamation that a state of emergency exists, and during the duration of the proclamation, it is unlawful for a person to: violate a provision in the proclamation including, but not limited to, any curfew set forth by the proclamation; congregate, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three or more and to refuse to disperse upon order of a law enforcement officer; or wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer”; and

WHEREAS, it is axiomatic that “[t]he health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people are beyond question matters of public concern, and reasonable regulations and laws designed to preserve and protect the same are clearly contained in the police power inherent in the sovereign,” 1980 S.C. Op. Att’y Gen. 142 (Sept. 5, 1980); and

WHEREAS, in issuing Executive Order No. 2020-08 and declaring an initial State of Emergency in connection with COVID-19, the undersigned’s determination was made in accordance with section 44-4-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and based on the “imminent risk of a qualifying health condition,” which includes “an illness or health condition that may be caused by . . . epidemic or pandemic disease, or a novel infectious agent . . . that poses a substantial risk of a significant number of human fatalities [or] widespread illness”; and

WHEREAS, the public health threat posed by COVID-19 subsequently evolved from one that presented the “imminent risk of a qualifying health condition” to one that involved an actual and widespread “occurrence” of a “qualifying health condition,” pursuant to section 44-4-130 of the South Carolina Code of Laws; and

WHEREAS, due to the aforementioned evolution of COVID-19 from an “imminent risk of a qualifying health condition,” to an actual “occurrence” of a “qualifying health condition” or “pandemic,” and with confirmed cases of COVID-19 in over eighty-five percent (85%) of South Carolina’s forty-six (46) counties, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-15 on March 28, 2020, finding, concluding, and declaring that COVID-19 presented a unique and distinct public health emergency for the State of South Carolina, which must be dealt with on its own accord; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has made meaningful progress to date in controlling the outbreak and continued spread of COVID-19, but the extraordinary circumstances and conditions that necessitated the undersigned’s prior emergency declarations have not subsided and have, in fact, evolved and expanded to present different and additional risks and dangers; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina has transitioned from the investigation, recognition, and initiation phases of the COVID-19 pandemic to the acceleration phase, with DHEC now reporting cases of COVID-19 in each of the State’s forty-six (46) counties; and

WHEREAS, as of April 12, 2020, DHEC has identified 3,319 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the State of South Carolina, including eighty-two (82) deaths due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the findings set forth in section 44-4-110 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the expanding and accelerating public health threats posed by COVID-19, as well as the significant economic and other impacts associated with the same, “require the exercise of extraordinary government functions . . . to respond, rapidly and effectively” to the evolving public health emergency currently facing the entire State; and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina must continue to utilize extraordinary measures and deploy substantial resources to meet the unprecedented threat posed by COVID-19 and the evolving and expanding nature and scope of this unprecedented public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of the undersigned’s responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the State of South Carolina, the undersigned has determined that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State poses an actual, ongoing, and evolving public health threat to the State of South Carolina, which now represents a new and distinct emergency and requires additional proactive action by the State of South Carolina and the implementation and enforcement of further extraordinary measures to slow the spread of COVID-19, minimize the strain on healthcare providers, and otherwise respond to and mitigate the expanding public health threat posed by this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. Accordingly,

for the foregoing reasons and in accordance with the cited authorities and other applicable law, I further order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Emergency Measures

To prepare for and respond to the ongoing, evolving, expanding, and accelerating public health threat posed by COVID-19 and to mitigate the potential impacts associated with the same, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. The State of South Carolina must take additional proactive action and implement further extraordinary measures to prepare for and respond to the ongoing, evolving, expanding, and accelerating public health threat posed by COVID-19, minimize the resulting strain on healthcare providers, and otherwise respond to and mitigate the significant impacts associated with the same.

B. I hereby memorialize and confirm my prior activation of the Plan and direct that the Plan be further placed into effect and that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to proactively prepare for and promptly respond to the threat posed by COVID-19. I further direct the continued utilization of all available resources of state government as reasonably necessary to address the current State of Emergency.

C. I hereby direct DHEC to utilize and exercise any and all emergency powers, as set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act, codified as amended in Title 44, Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, deemed necessary to promptly and effectively address the current public health emergency. In accordance with section 44-4-500 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, DHEC shall continue to “use every available means to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of infectious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.” I further direct DHEC to restrict visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with the exception of end-of-life situations, as DHEC deems necessary and appropriate.

D. I hereby authorize and direct state correctional institutions and local detention facilities to suspend visitation processes and procedures, as necessary, during this State of Emergency.

E. I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty, pursuant to section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and direct the Adjutant General to issue the requisite supplemental orders as he deems necessary and appropriate. I further order the activation of South Carolina National Guard personnel and the utilization of appropriate equipment at the discretion of the Adjutant General, and in coordination with the Director of EMD, to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the people of this State. I authorize Dual Status Command, as necessary, to allow the Adjutant General or his designee to serve as commander over both federal (Title 10) and state forces (National Guard in Title 32 and/or State Active Duty status).

F. I hereby order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina shall be suspended, and I

direct the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (“SLED”) to initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED.

G. I hereby declare that the prohibitions against price gouging pursuant to section 39-5-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, are in effect and shall remain in effect for the duration of this State of Emergency.

H. I hereby declare that the provisions of the following Orders shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms for the duration of the State of Emergency declared herein, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded below or by subsequent Order: Executive Order Nos. 2020-07, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, 2020-14, 2020-16, 2020-18, 2020-19, 2020-21, and 2020-22.

Section 2. School Closures

To provide for and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State and to minimize and control the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. Upon consultation with the Superintendent of Education, who has recommended and advised that, at this time, students, parents, and families should plan for South Carolina’s schools to remain closed through the month of April, I have determined that extending the closure of public schools to students and non-essential employees is a necessary and appropriate action to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of this State and to minimize and control the spread of COVID-19.

B. I hereby direct the continued closure of all public schools in the State of South Carolina for students and non-essential employees for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless such directive is otherwise, modified, amended, extended, or rescinded. This Section applies to all students and employees of public schools, to include charter schools, in the State of South Carolina, with the exception of those emergency or other critical personnel designated as essential, or whose presence is otherwise deemed necessary, by the appropriate school district officials. I further authorize the requisite school district officials to make any necessary and appropriate decisions or arrangements to account for local needs and other unique circumstances, to include establishing or maintaining means to deliver virtual instruction and remote learning and assisting with or facilitating the distribution of food and the delivery of nutritional services.

C. I hereby authorize all state-supported colleges, universities, and technical colleges in the State of South Carolina, as necessary and appropriate and in accordance with and to the extent allowed by state and federal law, to complete the spring 2020 academic semester by delivering virtual and remote learning, by housing only out-of-state or displaced students, and by restricting on-campus services and activities to emergency or other critical personnel designated as essential, or whose presence is otherwise deemed necessary, by the appropriate college or university officials. I further authorize the requisite college, university, and technical college officials to continue to make any necessary and appropriate decisions or arrangements to account for specific needs and other unique circumstances or to deal with students, employees, or other

critical personnel designated as essential, or whose presence is otherwise deemed necessary, by the appropriate college, university, or technical college officials.

Section 3. Protection of First Responders

To ensure the uninterrupted performance and provision of emergency services and to maintain peace and good order during the State of Emergency, while simultaneously undertaking additional proactive measures to safeguard the health and safety of law enforcement authorities and other first responders, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. The State of South Carolina must promptly undertake and implement additional proactive measures to safeguard the health and safety of law enforcement authorities and other first responders who risk potential exposure to COVID-19 while providing emergency and other essential services during the State of Emergency.

B. I hereby authorize and direct any and all 911 operators or other emergency dispatchers to ask any individual placing a call for service whether such individual or any member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms consistent with the same.

C. I hereby authorize and instruct DHEC, upon consultation with SLED, to provide any necessary and appropriate supplemental guidance regarding the interpretation, application, or enforcement of this Section.

Section 4. Transportation Waivers

To expedite the State of South Carolina's continued preparation for and response to the ongoing and evolving emergency conditions related to COVID-19 and to facilitate the prompt transportation and delivery of any critical resources, supplies, and personnel identified and deemed necessary in connection with the same, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. I hereby suspend certain rules and regulations, as set forth below, for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended.

B. I hereby authorize and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation ("DOT") and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety ("DPS"), including the State Transport Police, as needed, to waive or suspend application and enforcement of the requisite state and federal rules and regulations pertaining to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, load, and hours of service for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles operating in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's April 8, 2020 Extension and Expansion of Emergency Declaration No. 2020-002 Under 49 C.F.R. § 390.25, or any future amendments or supplements thereto; responding to the declared emergency in the State of South Carolina or providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities to protect public health and safety in connection with COVID-19; or otherwise

assisting with the public health threat posed by COVID-19, to include commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles transporting essential goods and products, such as food, water, medicine, medical supplies and equipment, fuels and petroleum products (to include fuel oil, diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, propane, and liquid petroleum), livestock, poultry, feed for livestock and poultry, and crops and other agricultural products ready to be harvested (to include timber and wood chips). I further authorize and direct DOT and DPS to issue, provide, or promulgate any necessary and appropriate clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Section.

C. This Section shall not be construed to require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, “a driver who informs the motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest must be permitted at least ten (10) consecutive hours off duty before the driver is required to return to such terminal or location.” Likewise, this Section shall not be construed as an exemption from the applicable controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 382, the commercial driver’s license requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383, or the financial responsibility requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387, and it shall not be interpreted to relieve compliance with any other state or federal statute, rule, order, regulation, restriction, or other legal requirement not specifically waived, suspended, or addressed herein.

D. This Section is subject to any clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated, or which may be issued, provided, or promulgated, by DOT or DPS, as authorized herein or as otherwise provided by law. Notwithstanding the waiver or suspension of certain rules and regulations as set forth above, drivers in South Carolina are still subject to the following state requirements to ensure public safety:

- (a) Weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on highways or roadways maintained by the State of South Carolina shall not exceed, for continuous travel on all non-interstates, United States, and South Carolina designated routes, maximum dimensions of twelve (12) feet in width, thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height, and ninety thousand (90,000) pounds in gross weight.
- (b) Posted bridges may not be crossed.
- (c) All vehicles shall be operated in a safe manner, shall not damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic, shall maintain the required limits of insurance, and shall be clearly identified as a utility vehicle or shall provide appropriate documentation indicating they are responding to the emergency.
- (d) Any vehicles that exceed the above dimensions, weights, or both, must obtain a permit with defined routes from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversized/Overweight Permit Office. To order a permit, please call (803) 737-6769 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or (803) 206-9566 after normal business hours.
- (e) Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as required by the South Carolina Code of Laws relating to oversized/overweight loads operating on South Carolina roadways.

E. This Section is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or the duration of the State of Emergency, whichever is less, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70(D) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, except that requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, and load are suspended for commercial and utility vehicles travelling on non-interstate routes for up to one hundred twenty (120) days, pursuant to the provisions of section 56-5-70(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

Section 5. Enforcement

A. I hereby authorize any and all law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to do whatever may be deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order during the State of Emergency and to enforce the provisions of this Order and any prior or future Orders issued by the undersigned in connection with the present State of Emergency.

B. Pursuant to section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, any individual who “refuse[s] to disperse upon order of a law enforcement officer,” “wilfully fail[s] or refuse[s] to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer,” or otherwise violates any provision of any Order issued by the undersigned in connection with the State of Emergency “is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.”

C. In accordance with section 1-3-440(4) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, I further authorize, order, and direct any State, county, or city official to enforce the provisions of this Order and any prior or future Orders issued in connection with the present State of Emergency, as necessary and appropriate, in the courts of the State by injunction, mandamus, or other appropriate legal action.

D. In addition to the foregoing, I further authorize, order, and direct DHEC to exercise and utilize any and all necessary and appropriate emergency powers, as set forth in the Emergency Health Powers Act, codified as amended in Title 44, Chapter 4 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to implement and enforce the provisions of this Order. In accordance with section 44-4-500 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, DHEC shall continue to “use every available means to prevent the transmission of infectious disease and to ensure that all cases of infectious disease are subject to proper control and treatment.”

Section 6. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this Order, as the undersigned would have issued this Order, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,

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sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

C. If or to the extent that any political subdivision of this State seeks to adopt or enforce a local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction that conflicts with this Order, this Order shall supersede and preempt any such local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction.

D. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of fifteen (15) days unless otherwise expressly stated herein or modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by the undersigned and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 12th DAY OF
APRIL, 2020.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Henry McMaster", is written over a horizontal line.

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:
A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mark Hammond", is written over a horizontal line.
MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State

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Mark Hammond
SECRETARY OF STATE



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2020-24

WHEREAS, a severe storm system moved across the southeastern region of the United States beginning on April 12, 2020, which produced multiple tornadoes, damaging winds, significant rainfall, extensive localized flooding, and other dangerous conditions in certain areas of the State of South Carolina through the early morning hours of April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, according to preliminary reports, the aforementioned storm system and associated hazardous conditions resulted in at least nine (9) weather-related deaths, caused extensive damage to public and private property, and disrupted essential utility services and systems throughout the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has been advised that the recent severe weather event and resulting catastrophic impacts represent a significant threat to the State of South Carolina, which requires that the State take timely precautions to protect and preserve property, critical infrastructure, communities, and the general safety and welfare of the people of this State; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-23, declaring a State of Emergency in connection with the accelerating public health threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19") and, *inter alia*, suspending certain rules and regulations for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles to facilitate the State's continued preparations for and response to the emergency conditions related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that it is necessary and appropriate to take similar action to facilitate and expedite ongoing emergency management, response, recovery, and relief efforts in connection with the recent severe weather event and the catastrophic impacts associated with the same; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations limit, *inter alia*, the hours of service for operators of commercial vehicles, 49 C.F.R. §§ 390 *et seq.*, and federal law prescribes certain weight limitations for vehicles on interstate highways, 23 U.S.C. § 127; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, the governor of a state may suspend certain federal rules and regulations for commercial vehicles responding to an emergency if the governor determines that an emergency condition exists; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with section 56-5-70(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, during a declared emergency and in the course of responding to the emergency, requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, and load are suspended for commercial and utility vehicles travelling on non-interstate routes for up to one hundred twenty (120) days, provided that such vehicles do not exceed a gross weight of ninety thousand (90,000) pounds and do not exceed a width of twelve (12) feet, and requirements relating to time of service suspensions for commercial and utility vehicles travelling on interstate and non-interstate routes are suspended for up to thirty (30) days, unless extended for additional periods pursuant to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent severe weather event, the Governor of Georgia issued Executive Order No. 04.13.20.01 on April 13, 2020, declaring that an emergency exists in the State of Georgia and temporarily waiving or suspending certain motor vehicle regulations; and

WHEREAS, section 56-5-70(B) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that “[w]hen an emergency is declared which triggers relief from regulations pursuant to 49 C.F.R. [§] 390.23 in North Carolina or Georgia, an emergency, as referenced in the regional emergency provision of 49 C.F.R. [§] 390.23(a)(1)(A), must be declared in this State by the Governor”; and

WHEREAS, the prompt restoration of utility services and the uninterrupted transportation of essential goods, equipment, and products to or from the impacted areas are critical to the safety and welfare of the people of South Carolina and neighboring States, and it is necessary and appropriate for the State of South Carolina to support ongoing emergency management, response, recovery, and relief efforts by facilitating the operation of critical transportation services; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of the undersigned’s responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the State of South Carolina, the undersigned has determined that the recent severe weather event and resulting catastrophic impacts constitute an emergency for the State of South Carolina and that extraordinary measures are necessary to cope with the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina. Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons and in accordance with the cited authorities and other applicable law, I further order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Emergency Measures

A. I hereby memorialize and confirm my prior activation of the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (“Plan”) and direct that the Plan be further placed into effect and that all prudent preparations be taken at the individual, local, and state levels to promptly respond to the recent severe weather event and the catastrophic impacts associated with the same. I further direct the utilization of all available resources of state government as reasonably necessary to address the current State of Emergency.

B. I hereby place specified units and/or personnel of the South Carolina National Guard on State Active Duty, pursuant to section 25-1-1840 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, and direct the Adjutant General to issue the requisite supplemental orders as he deems necessary and appropriate. I further order the activation of South Carolina National Guard personnel and the utilization of appropriate equipment at the discretion of the Adjutant General, and in coordination with the Director of the South Carolina Emergency Management Division ("EMD"), to take necessary and prudent actions to assist the people of this State. I authorize Dual Status Command, as necessary, to allow the Adjutant General or his designee to serve as commander over both federal (Title 10) and state forces (National Guard in Title 32 and/or State Active Duty status).

C. I hereby order that all licensing and registration requirements regarding private security personnel or companies who are contracted with South Carolina security companies in protecting property and restoring essential services in South Carolina shall be suspended, and I direct the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division ("SLED") to initiate an emergency registration process for those personnel or companies for a period specified, and in a manner deemed appropriate, by the Chief of SLED.

D. I hereby declare that the prohibitions against price gouging pursuant to section 39-5-145 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, are in effect and shall remain in effect for the duration of this State of Emergency.

Section 2. Transportation Waivers

A. I hereby suspend certain rules and regulations, as set forth below, for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

B. I hereby authorize and direct the South Carolina Department of Transportation ("DOT") and the South Carolina Department of Public Safety ("DPS"), including the State Transport Police, as needed, to waive or suspend application and enforcement of the requisite state and federal rules and regulations pertaining to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, load, and hours of service for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles responding to the declared emergency in this State or any declared emergency in the State of Georgia or the State of North Carolina in connection with the severe weather event or providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts and capabilities related to the same, to include commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles transporting equipment, materials, or persons necessary for the restoration of utility services or debris removal and those transporting essential goods and products, such as food, water, medicine, medical supplies and equipment, fuels and petroleum products (to include fuel oil, diesel oil, gasoline, kerosene, propane, and liquid petroleum), livestock, poultry, feed for livestock and poultry, and crops and other agricultural products ready to be harvested (to include timber and wood chips). I further authorize and direct DOT and DPS to issue, provide, or promulgate any necessary and appropriate clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Section.

C. This Section shall not be construed to require or allow an ill or fatigued driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23, "a driver who informs the motor carrier that he or she needs immediate rest must be permitted at least ten (10)

consecutive hours off duty before the driver is required to return to such terminal or location.” Likewise, this Section shall not be construed as an exemption from the applicable controlled substances and alcohol use and testing requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 382, the commercial driver’s license requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 383, or the financial responsibility requirements in 49 C.F.R. § 387, and it shall not be interpreted to relieve compliance with any other state or federal statute, rule, order, regulation, restriction, or other legal requirement not specifically waived, suspended, or addressed herein.

D. This Section is subject to any clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated, or which may be issued, provided, or promulgated, by DOT or DPS, as authorized herein or as otherwise provided by law. Notwithstanding the waiver or suspension of certain rules and regulations as set forth above, drivers in South Carolina are still subject to the following state requirements to ensure public safety:

- (1) Weight, height, length, and width for any such vehicle on highways or roadways maintained by the State of South Carolina shall not exceed, for continuous travel on all non-interstates, United States, and South Carolina designated routes, maximum dimensions of twelve (12) feet in width, thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches in height, and ninety thousand (90,000) pounds in gross weight.
- (2) Posted bridges may not be crossed.
- (3) All vehicles shall be operated in a safe manner, shall not damage the highways nor unduly interfere with highway traffic, shall maintain the required limits of insurance, and shall be clearly identified as a utility vehicle or shall provide appropriate documentation indicating they are responding to the emergency.
- (4) Any vehicles that exceed the above dimensions, weights, or both, must obtain a permit with defined routes from the South Carolina Department of Transportation Oversized/Overweight Permit Office. To order a permit, please call (803) 737-6769 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., or (803) 206-9566 after normal business hours.
- (5) Transporters are responsible for ensuring they have oversize signs, markings, flags, and escorts as required by the South Carolina Code of Laws relating to oversized/overweight loads operating on South Carolina roadways.

E. This Section is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or the duration of the State of Emergency, whichever is less, in accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23 and section 56-5-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, except that requirements relating to registration, permitting, length, width, weight, and load are suspended for commercial and utility vehicles travelling on non-interstate routes for up to one hundred twenty (120) days, pursuant to the provisions of section 56-5-70(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

Section 3. General Provisions

A. The provisions of this Order, or any subsequent Orders issued in connection with the State of Emergency declared herein, shall not be construed to modify, amend, or otherwise

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alter the provisions of Executive Order No. 2020-23, or any prior Orders addressed therein or any future issued in connection therewith, which shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms unless and until otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

B. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

C. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this Order, as the undersigned would have issued this Order, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

D. If or to the extent that any political subdivision of this State seeks to adopt or enforce a local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction that conflicts with this Order, this Order shall supersede and preempt any such local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction.

E. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of fifteen (15) days unless otherwise expressly stated herein or modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by the undersigned and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 13th DAY OF
APRIL, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Henry McMaster'.

HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Mark Hammond'.

MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State

State of South Carolina

Executive Department



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-25

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) posed an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia, pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121–5207 (“Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared that the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States constitutes a national emergency, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1601 *et seq.*, and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5, as amended, retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in addition to declaring a State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, the undersigned also issued Executive Order Nos. 2020-07, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, and 2020-14, initiating and directing various emergency measures to address the significant public health, economic, and other impacts associated with COVID-19 and to mitigate the resulting burdens on healthcare providers, individuals, and businesses in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the undersigned requested that the President of the United States declare that a major disaster exists in the State of South Carolina pursuant to Section 401 of the Stafford Act, and on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States granted the undersigned’s request and declared that such a major disaster exists and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with an effective date retroactive to January 20, 2020, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-15, declaring a new State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an actual and ongoing public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending the provisions of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, in further proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the ongoing and evolving emergency, the undersigned subsequently issued Executive Order Nos. 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-19, 2020-21, and 2020-22, initiating and directing additional extraordinary measures deemed necessary and appropriate to cope with the public health threats and dangers and to address the resulting strain on healthcare resources, the economic consequences for individuals and businesses, and the various other significant impacts associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-23, declaring an additional State of Emergency based on new facts and circumstances and a determination that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State posed a different and distinct public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending provisions of certain of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that when a state of emergency has been declared, the undersigned “may further, cope with such threats and danger, order and direct any person or group of persons to do any act which would in his opinion prevent or minimize danger to life, limb or property, or prevent a breach of the peace; and he may order any person or group of persons to refrain from doing any act or thing which would, in his opinion, endanger life, limb or property, or cause, or tend to cause, a breach of the peace, or endanger the peace and good order of the State or any section or community thereof, and he shall have full power by use of all appropriate available means to enforce such order or proclamation”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1-3-460 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the foregoing and other emergency authority is “supplemental to and in aid of powers now vested in the Governor under the Constitution, statutory laws[,] and police powers of the State”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is “responsible for the safety, security, and welfare of the State and is empowered with [certain] additional authority to adequately discharge this responsibility,” to include issuing, amending, and rescinding “emergency proclamations and regulations,” which shall “have the force and effect of law as long as the emergency exists”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is further authorized to “suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with

the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the undersigned, during a declared emergency, to “transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments, agencies, and commissions, or units thereof, for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable” and to “compel performance by elected and appointed state, county, and municipal officials and employees of the emergency duties and functions assigned them in the State Emergency Plan or by Executive Order”; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is further authorized, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to “direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; to prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destination in connection with evacuation; and to control ingress and egress at an emergency area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, “[i]n any area designated by the Governor in his proclamation that a state of emergency exists, and during the duration of the proclamation, it is unlawful for a person to: violate a provision in the proclamation including, but not limited to, any curfew set forth by the proclamation; congregate, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three or more and to refuse to disperse upon order of a law enforcement officer; or wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer”; and

WHEREAS, it is axiomatic that “[t]he health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people are beyond question matters of public concern, and reasonable regulations and laws designed to preserve and protect the same are clearly contained in the police power inherent in the sovereign,” 1980 S.C. Op. Att’y Gen. 142 (Sept. 5, 1980); and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina must continue to utilize extraordinary measures and deploy substantial resources to meet the unique threat posed by COVID-19 and must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of this unprecedented public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of the undersigned’s responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the State of South Carolina, the undersigned has determined that the ongoing, evolving, and accelerating public health threat posed by COVID-19 requires additional proactive action by the State of South Carolina and the implementation, extension, or modification of additional extraordinary measures to cope with the existing or anticipated situation, to include mitigating the significant economic and other impacts and burdens on individuals, families, and businesses and providing appropriate administrative and regulatory flexibility and relief to facilitate the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Modification of Emergency Restrictions for Public Waters to Account for Home or Work Order

To facilitate authorized outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. I hereby modify and amend the provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-16 (Emergency Access Restrictions for Public Beaches and Waters), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, to authorize the managing or operating authority of any public boat ramp or boat landing closed pursuant to Section 1(C) of Executive Order No. 2020-16 to reopen, in whole or in part, any such public boat ramp or boat landing, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots, effective Friday, April 17, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., for the purpose of launching and retrieving boats on the public waters of this State to facilitate authorized and permissible outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 1(E) of Executive Order No. 2020-21, and subject to Executive Order No. 2020-13, for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Public piers, docks, and wharfs providing public access to the public waters of this State shall remain closed. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I hereby authorize the managing or operating authority of any public boat ramp or boat landing to close, in whole or in part, or otherwise restrict public access to any such public boat ramp or boat landing, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or facilities, if it is determined that such action is necessary to preserve or protect public health. Subject to any additional or supplemental clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated, or which may be issued, provided, or promulgated, by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”), the beaching or rafting of boats, whether on a sandbar, lakeshore, riverbank, or island, shall remain prohibited for the duration of the State of Emergency. Vessels must remain underway at all times unless exigent circumstances exist. Anchoring to fish is allowed; however, rafting is prohibited under all circumstances. As previously authorized by Section 1(C) of Executive Order No. 2020-16, individuals possessing a current, valid commercial fishing license or permit may continue to utilize or rely upon public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps, or boat landings in connection with commercial fishing activities.

B. In accordance with Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21, any and all residents and visitors of the State of South Carolina are required to limit social interaction, practice “social distancing” in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidance, and take every possible precaution to avoid potential exposure to, and to slow the spread of, COVID-19, and shall limit their movements outside of their Residence, as defined therein, except as expressly authorized. Pursuant to Section 1(E) of Executive Order No. 2020-21, individuals are permitted to “[e]ngag[e] in outdoor exercise or recreational activities, provided that a minimum

distance of six (6) feet is maintained during such activities between all persons who are not occupants of the same Residence.”

C. Notwithstanding the foregoing, individuals are still subject to the provisions of prior and future Orders issued by the undersigned in connection with the State of Emergency, to include Executive Order No. 2020-13, as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, which expressly authorizes any and all law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to prohibit or disperse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such congregation or gathering is deemed to pose, or could pose, a threat to public health.

D. I further expressly authorize DNR to provide or issue any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Section or to otherwise provide clarification regarding the same, through appropriate means, without the need for further Orders.

E. Except as expressly provided herein, this Section shall not be construed to modify, amend, or otherwise alter the provisions of any prior or future Orders issued by the undersigned in connection with the State of Emergency and does not repeal, by implication or otherwise, the terms and provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order) or Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-13 (Authorizing Law Enforcement to Maintain Order, Ensure Public Safety, and Preserve Public Health During the State of Emergency), which shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with their respective terms unless and until otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

Section 2. Modification and Extension of Emergency Measures for Unemployment Claims and Benefits

To prepare for and further respond to the significant economic impacts associated with COVID-19, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. The State of South Carolina must continue to undertake and implement additional measures to prepare for and respond to the economic impacts associated with COVID-19 and to mitigate the resulting burdens on individuals and businesses. In recognition of the complexities posed by the existing and anticipated emergency circumstances, the United States Department of Labor (“DOL”) issued Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 10-20 on March 12, 2020 (“DOL Letter No. 10-20”), providing guidance to states and state workforce agencies on various matters regarding unemployment benefits and “flexibilities related to COVID-19,” and in doing so, recommended, *inter alia*, that “states should consider temporarily waiving” state-specific requirements related to waiting periods for individuals who are otherwise eligible for unemployment benefits. Accordingly, to facilitate and expedite the processing of claims submitted by eligible individuals whose employment has been impacted a result of COVID-19, and in response to DOL Letter No. 10-20’s recommendation, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-11 on March 19, 2020, directing, *inter alia*, the South Carolina Department of

Employment and Workforce (“DEW”) to waive application of the one-week waiting period for individuals who are otherwise eligible to receive unemployment benefits or to determine that otherwise eligible individuals submitting claims between March 15, 2020, and April 18, 2020, in response to the unique circumstances and public health threat presented by COVID-19 “cannot pursue other employment for the usual one week’s waiting period and that the terms of the [applicable] statute cannot be met in such an unusual and limited circumstance,” 1989 S.C. Op. Att’y Gen. 286 (Oct. 3, 1989). Subsequently, on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”), Public Law No. 116–136, Title II, Subtitle A of which provides, *inter alia*, temporary full federal funding of the first week of state unemployment insurance benefits for states that do not have a waiting week or have waived any waiting-week requirement.

B. I hereby direct DEW to waive, on a temporary basis and consistent with the aforementioned DOL guidance, application of the one-week waiting period for individuals who are otherwise eligible to receive unemployment benefits, pursuant to section 41-35-110(4) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, or alternatively, to determine that otherwise eligible individuals submitting claims in response to or associated with the unique circumstances and public health threat presented by COVID-19 “cannot pursue other employment for the usual one week’s period and that the terms of the statute cannot be met in such an unusual and limited circumstance.” 1989 S.C. Op. Att’y Gen. 286 (Oct. 3, 1989). If and to the extent allowed by state and federal law, I further instruct DEW to implement, interpret, and apply the foregoing directives, as necessary and appropriate, in a manner that will facilitate and expedite the processing of claims submitted by eligible individuals who have suffered an unanticipated separation from employment or reduction of hours. Subject to any additional or supplemental guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated, or which may be issued, provided, or promulgated, by DEW, and to the maximum extent permitted by state and federal law, this Section shall apply to claims submitted on or after April 19, 2020, and for the duration of the State of Emergency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section shall not be construed to limit DEW’s authority, to the extent allowed by state and federal law, to extend the period of any such temporary waivers or determinations to account for exigent circumstances.

Section 3. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this Order, as the undersigned would have issued this Order, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

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C. If or to the extent that any political subdivision of this State seeks to adopt or enforce a local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction that conflicts with this Order, this Order shall supersede and preempt any such local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction.

D. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by the undersigned and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 16th DAY OF
APRIL, 2020.**

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HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:
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MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State

State of South Carolina

Executive Department



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-28

WHEREAS,

on March 13, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-08, declaring a State of Emergency based on a determination that the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) posed an imminent public health emergency for the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia, pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121–5207 (“Stafford Act”); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States also declared that the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States constitutes a national emergency, pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. §§ 1601 *et seq.*, and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5, as amended, retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in addition to declaring a State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, the undersigned also issued Executive Order Nos. 2020-07, 2020-09, 2020-10, 2020-11, 2020-12, 2020-13, and 2020-14, initiating and directing various emergency measures to address the significant public health, economic, and other impacts associated with COVID-19 and to mitigate the resulting burdens on healthcare providers, individuals, and businesses in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the undersigned requested that the President of the United States declare that a major disaster exists in the State of South Carolina pursuant to Section 401 of the Stafford Act, and on March 27, 2020, the President of the United States granted the undersigned’s request and declared that such a major disaster exists and ordered federal assistance to supplement state, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with an effective date retroactive to January 20, 2020, and continuing; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-15, declaring a new State of Emergency based on a determination that COVID-19 posed an actual and ongoing public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending the provisions of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, in further proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the ongoing and evolving emergency, the undersigned subsequently issued Executive Order Nos. 2020-16, 2020-17, 2020-18, 2020-19, 2020-21, and 2020-22, initiating and directing additional extraordinary measures deemed necessary and appropriate to cope with the public health threats and dangers and to address the resulting strain on healthcare resources, the economic consequences for individuals and businesses, and the various other significant impacts associated with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 12, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-23, declaring an additional State of Emergency based on new facts and circumstances and a determination that the accelerated spread of COVID-19 throughout the State posed a different and distinct public health threat to the State of South Carolina and extending provisions of certain of the aforementioned Orders for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 2020-25, modifying certain emergency restrictions related to the public waters of the State to facilitate authorized outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order), as well as modifying and extending previous emergency measures pertaining to unemployment claims and benefits; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the President of the United States issued new Guidelines on Opening Up America Again, which contemplate individual States reopening in phases using a deliberate, data-driven approach tailored to address the situation in each State; and

WHEREAS, section 1-3-430 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, provides that when a state of emergency has been declared, the undersigned “may further, cope with such threats and danger, order and direct any person or group of persons to do any act which would in his opinion prevent or minimize danger to life, limb or property, or prevent a breach of the peace; and he may order any person or group of persons to refrain from doing any act or thing which would, in his opinion, endanger life, limb or property, or cause, or tend to cause, a breach of the peace, or endanger the peace and good order of the State or any section or community thereof, and he shall have full power by use of all appropriate available means to enforce such order or proclamation”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 1-3-460 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, the foregoing and other emergency authority is “supplemental to and in aid of powers now vested in the Governor under the Constitution, statutory laws[,] and police powers of the State”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is “responsible for the safety, security, and welfare of the State and is empowered with [certain] additional authority to adequately discharge this responsibility,” to include issuing, amending, and rescinding “emergency proclamations and regulations,” which shall “have the force and effect of law as long as the emergency exists”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, when an emergency has been declared, the undersigned is further authorized to “suspend provisions of existing regulations prescribing procedures for conduct of state business if strict compliance with the provisions thereof would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency”; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing, section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws authorizes the undersigned, during a declared emergency, to “transfer the direction, personnel, or functions of state departments, agencies, and commissions, or units thereof, for purposes of facilitating or performing emergency services as necessary or desirable” and to “compel performance by elected and appointed state, county, and municipal officials and employees of the emergency duties and functions assigned them in the State Emergency Plan or by Executive Order”; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned is further authorized, pursuant to section 25-1-440 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, to “direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the populace from any stricken or threatened area if this action is considered necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response, or recovery; to prescribe routes, modes of transportation, and destination in connection with evacuation; and to control ingress and egress at an emergency area, the movement of persons within the area, and the occupancy of premises therein”; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 16-7-10(A) of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, “[i]n any area designated by the Governor in his proclamation that a state of emergency exists, and during the duration of the proclamation, it is unlawful for a person to: violate a provision in the proclamation including, but not limited to, any curfew set forth by the proclamation; congregate, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three or more and to refuse to disperse upon order of a law enforcement officer; or wilfully fail or refuse to comply with any lawful order or direction of any law enforcement officer”; and

WHEREAS, it is axiomatic that “[t]he health, welfare, and safety of the lives and property of the people are beyond question matters of public concern, and reasonable regulations and laws designed to preserve and protect the same are clearly contained in the police power inherent in the sovereign,” 1980 S.C. Op. Att’y Gen. 142 (Sept. 5, 1980); and

WHEREAS, the State of South Carolina must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of the undersigned's responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the State of South Carolina, the undersigned has determined that the evolving public health threat posed by COVID-19 requires additional proactive action by the State of South Carolina and the modification of certain extraordinary measures employed to cope with the existing or anticipated situation, to include mitigating the significant economic and other impacts and burdens on individuals, families, and businesses and providing appropriate flexibility and relief to facilitate the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of South Carolina and pursuant to the Constitution and Laws of this State and the powers conferred upon me therein, I hereby order and direct as follows:

Section 1. Modification of Emergency Restrictions for Public Beaches and Waters to Account for Home or Work Order

To facilitate authorized outdoor exercise and recreational activities in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21 (Home or Work Order), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. I hereby modify and amend the provisions of Section 1(B) of Executive Order No. 2020-16 (Emergency Access Restrictions for Public Beaches and Waters), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, effective Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., to rescind the order and directive that any and all public beach access points, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I hereby authorize any agency, department, county, municipality, or political subdivision of the State owning, operating, managing, or otherwise having jurisdiction and control over any such public beach access points to close, in whole or in part, or otherwise restrict the use of any such public beach access points, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, if it is determined that such action is necessary to preserve or protect public health. This authorization shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

B. I hereby modify and amend the provisions of Section 1(C) of Executive Order No. 2020-16 (Emergency Access Restrictions for Public Beaches and Waters), as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23 and modified by Section 1(A) of Executive Order No. 2020-25 (Modification of Emergency Restrictions for Public Waters to Account for Home or Work Order), effective Tuesday, April 21, 2020, at 12:00 p.m., to rescind the order and directive that any and all public piers, docks, or wharfs providing public access to the public waters of this State, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency. Notwithstanding the foregoing, I hereby authorize any agency, department, county, municipality, or political subdivision of the State owning, operating, managing, or otherwise having jurisdiction and control over any such public piers, docks, or wharfs to close, in whole or in part, or otherwise restrict the

use of any such public piers, docks, or wharfs, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, if it is determined that such action is necessary to preserve or protect public health. This authorization shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency, unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

C. This Section shall not be construed to modify, amend, or otherwise alter the terms and provisions of Executive Order No. 2020-16, as modified by Executive Order No. 2020-25, with regard to public boat ramps and boat landings providing public access to the public waters of this State.

D. In accordance with Section 1 of Executive Order No. 2020-21, any and all residents and visitors of the State of South Carolina are required to limit social interaction, practice “social distancing” in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) guidance, and take every possible precaution to avoid potential exposure to, and to slow the spread of, COVID-19, and shall limit their movements outside of their Residence, as defined therein, except as expressly authorized. Pursuant to Section 1(E) of Executive Order No. 2020-21, individuals are permitted to “[e]ngag[e] in outdoor exercise or recreational activities, provided that a minimum distance of six (6) feet is maintained during such activities between all persons who are not occupants of the same Residence.”

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, individuals are still subject to the provisions of prior and future Orders issued by the undersigned in connection with the State of Emergency, to include Executive Order No. 2020-13, as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, which expressly authorizes any and all law enforcement officers of the State, or any political subdivision thereof, to prohibit or disperse any congregation or gathering of people, unless authorized or in their homes, in groups of three (3) or more people, if any such congregation or gathering is deemed to pose, or could pose, a threat to public health.

F. I further expressly authorize the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (“DNR”) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“DHEC”), as applicable, to provide or issue any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Section or to otherwise provide clarification regarding the same, through appropriate means, without the need for further Orders.

Section 2. Incremental Modification of Non-Essential Business Closures

To begin the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening businesses and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization, while also continuing to implement further proactive measures to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of this State, pursuant to the cited authorities and other applicable law, I hereby determine, order, and direct as follows:

A. I hereby modify and amend the provisions of Executive Order No. 2020-18 and Executive Order No. 2020-21, as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23, to authorize the following businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities, which were previously deemed

“non-essential” and directed to close to non-employees and not to open for access or use by the public, or not to take place, as applicable, in accordance with Executive Order No. 2020-18, to re-open to non-employees and for access or use by the public, subject to the emergency rules and restrictions set forth below, effective Monday, April 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.:

1. Retail stores as follows:
 - (a) Furniture and home-furnishings stores
 - (b) Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores
 - (c) Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores
 - (d) Department stores, with the exception of hardware and home-improvement stores
 - (e) Sporting goods stores
 - (f) Book, craft, and music stores
 - (g) Flea markets
 - (h) Florists and flower stores

B. I hereby order and direct that effective Monday, April 20, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any retail business identified by general description above, or previously authorized to continue operations pursuant to any clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions issued, provided, or promulgated by the South Carolina Department of Commerce (“Department”) in accordance with the Clarification and Provisional Determination Process set forth in Section 2 of Executive Order No. 2020-18, shall be subject to the following emergency rules and restrictions in addition to any other applicable provisions of this Order or any prior Order:

1. Emergency Maximum Occupancy Rate. The business shall limit the number of customers allowed to enter and simultaneously occupy the premises so as not to exceed five (5) customers per 1,000 square feet of retail space, or twenty percent (20%) of the occupancy limit as determined by the fire marshal, whichever is less.
2. Social Distancing Practices. The business shall not knowingly allow customers, patrons, or other guests to congregate within six (6) feet of one another, exclusive of family units.
3. Sanitation. The business shall implement all reasonable steps to comply with any applicable sanitation guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials.

C. In accordance with Section 1(H) of Executive Order No. 2020-21, and subject to the emergency rules and restrictions set forth herein, this Section does not prohibit retail stores from fulfilling online or telephone orders or providing alternate means of purchasing or delivering products or services—to include curbside purchase, pickup, or delivery and home or off-site delivery—provided that such options or measures can be implemented in a manner that facilitates and maintains effective “social distancing” and is consistent with any applicable guidance issued by state and federal public health and safety officials.

D. This Section shall not be interpreted, applied, implemented, or construed in a manner so as to suspend, restrict, or otherwise limit the sale or transportation of firearms or ammunition or any component thereof.

E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any and all businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities in this State are urged to facilitate effective “social distancing” practices. As applicable and to the maximum extent possible, to further promote “social distancing,” facilitate self-isolation, and otherwise prevent potential exposure to COVID-19, businesses and organizations are also encouraged to utilize telecommuting or work-from-home options for employees and to provide alternate means of purchasing and delivering products and services, to include online or telephone orders and curbside or off-site deliveries, and individuals are encouraged to utilize such options to support businesses in this State during the ongoing public health emergency.

F. Except as expressly provided herein, this Section shall not be construed to modify, amend, or otherwise alter the provisions of any prior or future Orders issued by the undersigned in connection with the State of Emergency and does not repeal, by implication or otherwise, the remaining terms and provisions of, *inter alia*, Executive Order No. 2020-21, Executive Order No. 2020-18, and Executive Order No. 2020-10, as extended by Executive Order No. 2020-23. The aforementioned Orders shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order.

G. This Section shall not be interpreted, applied, implemented, or construed in a manner so as to suspend, restrict, or otherwise limit the authority of the undersigned or the Department to issue, provide, or promulgate any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental clarification, guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the provisions of this Order or of Executive Order No. 2020-18 or Executive Order No. 2020-21. I further expressly authorize the Office of the Governor (“Office”) to provide or issue any necessary and appropriate additional or supplemental guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions regarding the application of this Section or to otherwise to provide clarification regarding the same, through appropriate means, without the need for further Orders.

Section 3. General Provisions

A. This Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of South Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any other person.

B. If any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Order is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such holding shall not affect the constitutionality or validity of the remaining portions of this Order, as the undersigned would have issued this Order, and each and every section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, clause, phrase, and word thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more other

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sections, subsections, paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentences, clauses, phrases, or words hereof may be declared to be unconstitutional, invalid, or otherwise ineffective.

C. If or to the extent that any political subdivision of this State seeks to adopt or enforce a local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction that conflicts with this Order, this Order shall supersede and preempt any such local ordinance, rule, regulation, or other restriction.

D. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the State of Emergency unless otherwise modified, amended, or rescinded by subsequent Order. Further proclamations, orders, and directives deemed necessary to ensure the fullest possible protection of life and property during this State of Emergency shall be issued orally by the undersigned and thereafter reduced to writing and published for dissemination within the succeeding 24-hour period.



**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 20th DAY OF
APRIL, 2020.**

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HENRY MCMASTER
Governor

ATTEST:
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MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State



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2020 Covid-19 Mobile Test Facility

ASC would like to thank you for the opportunity to assist with solutions to mobile Covid-19 test facilities in SC. We understand the need for these test centers may shift geographically and cause challenges in the logistics chain. ASC is offering a solution by utilizing our existing race trailer and tractor that includes:

1. Small office
2. Two level storage to store supplies with 14 lift gate (70" on lower and 60" on the upper level)
3. Generator with multiple outlets
4. Air compressor
5. HVAC
6. 50' x 30' awning with side walls and lighting
7. 2 side mounted TV's
8. Audio system with three microphones (if needed)
9. Cones, a-frame signage, tables, chairs, reg height desks, etc.

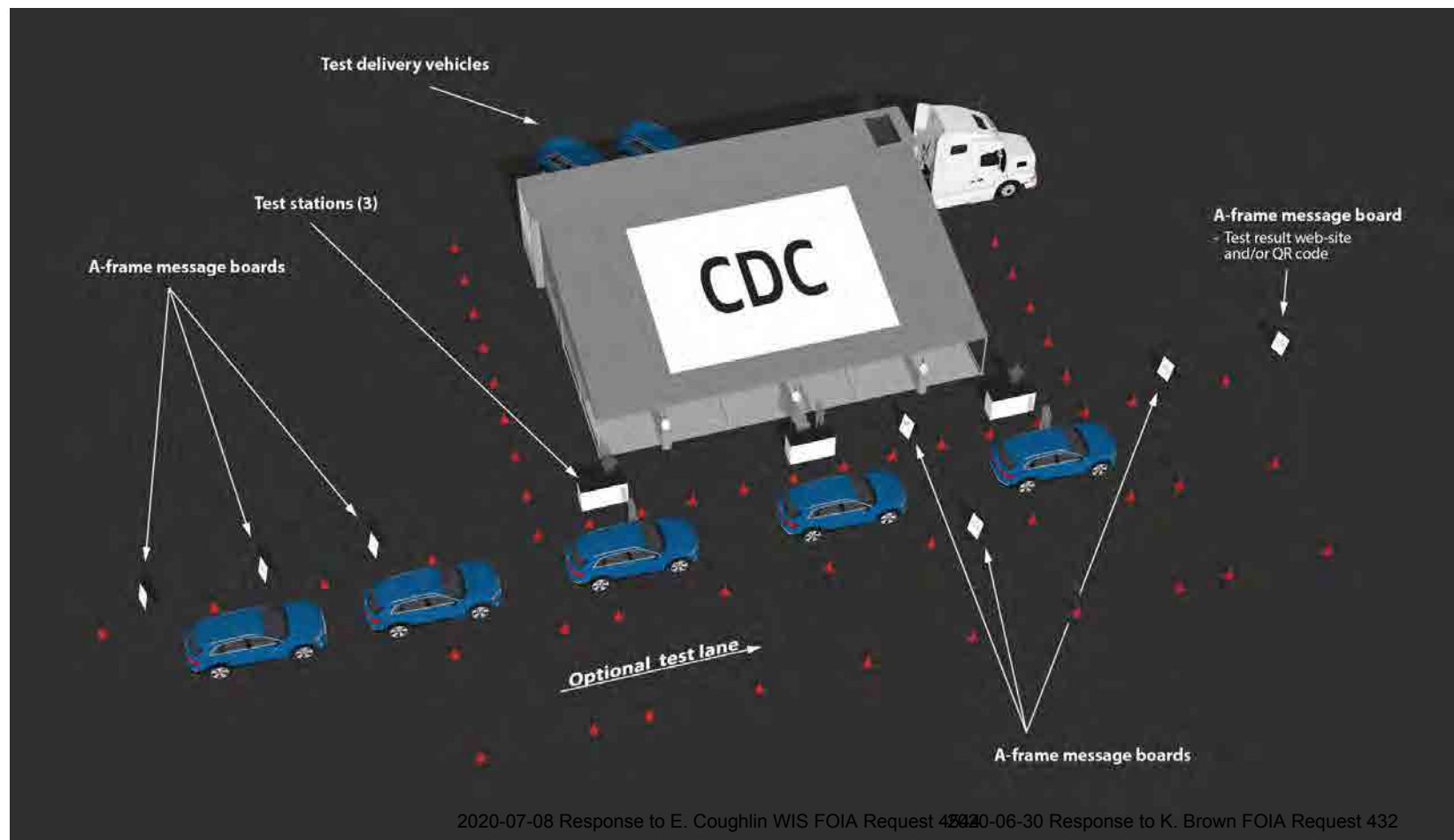


We believe a trailer with this type of capabilities will offer more flexibility, storage, and require less logistics to deploy. It is essentially a self-contained unit.

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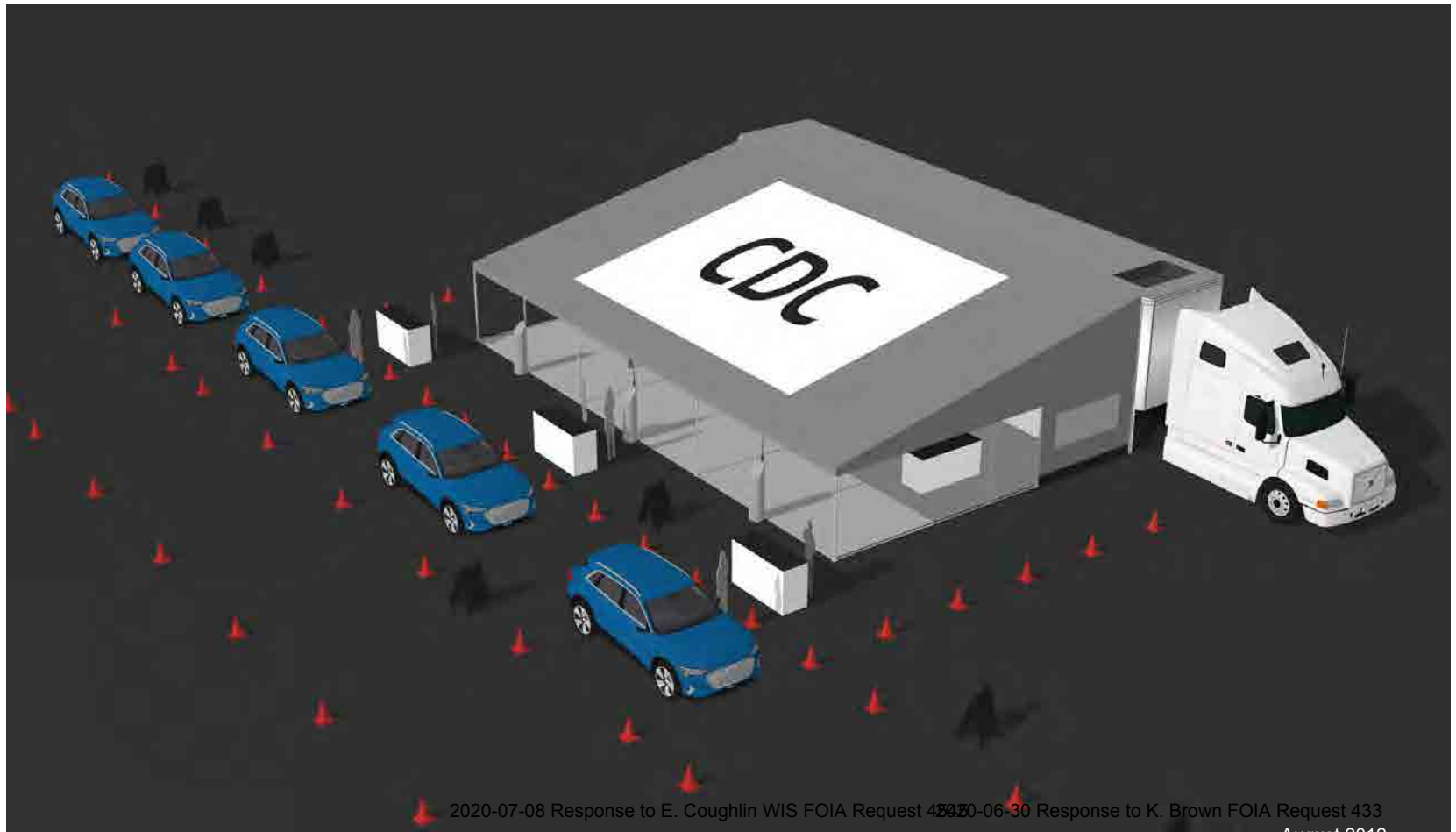
Parking lot layout with two lanes of operation. Layout includes the 50' x 30' awning set-up to provide plenty of space for testing equipment.



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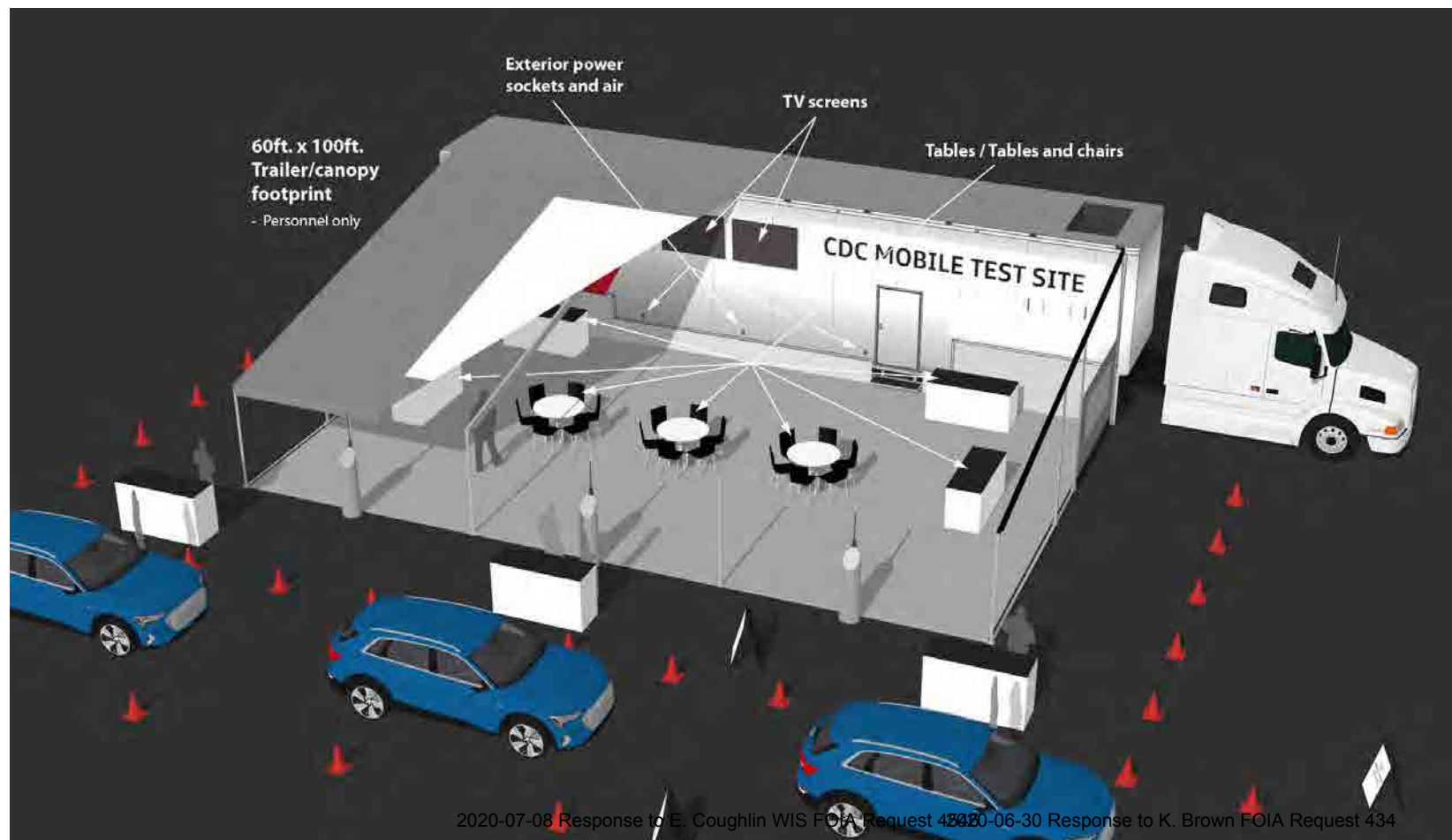
Up to three cars may be serviced at one time or we can layout multiple lanes. Our program does not include cars under the awning. We are reserving this for medical staff. Umbrellas are available for test stations.



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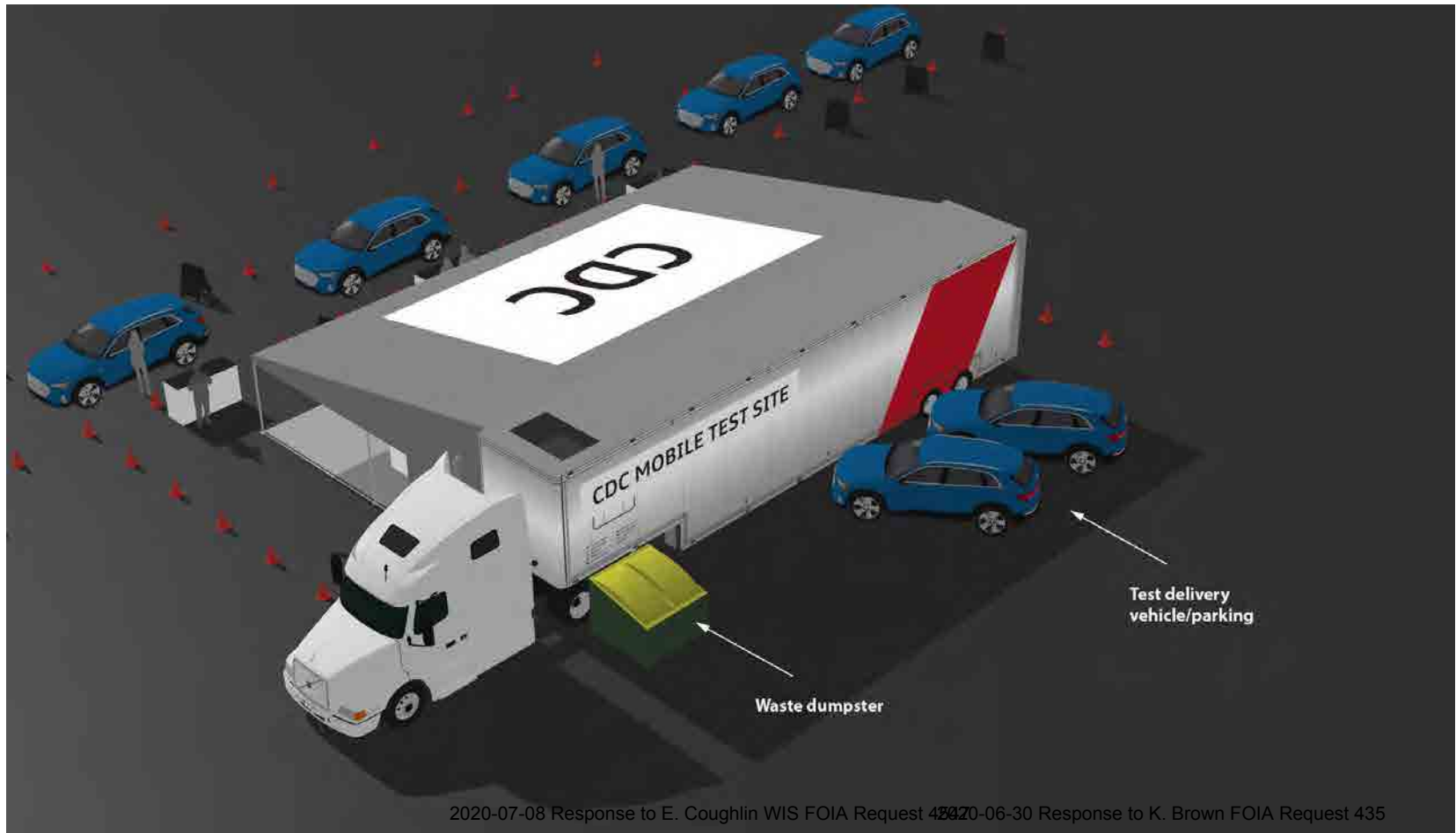
The 50' x 30' awning will provide shelter to the test team and security personnel. The interior of the trailer will store up to 30,000 lbs of medical equipment or supplies. The unit can be ready to mobilize in four hours or less. This is a key advantage to a tractor trailer option.



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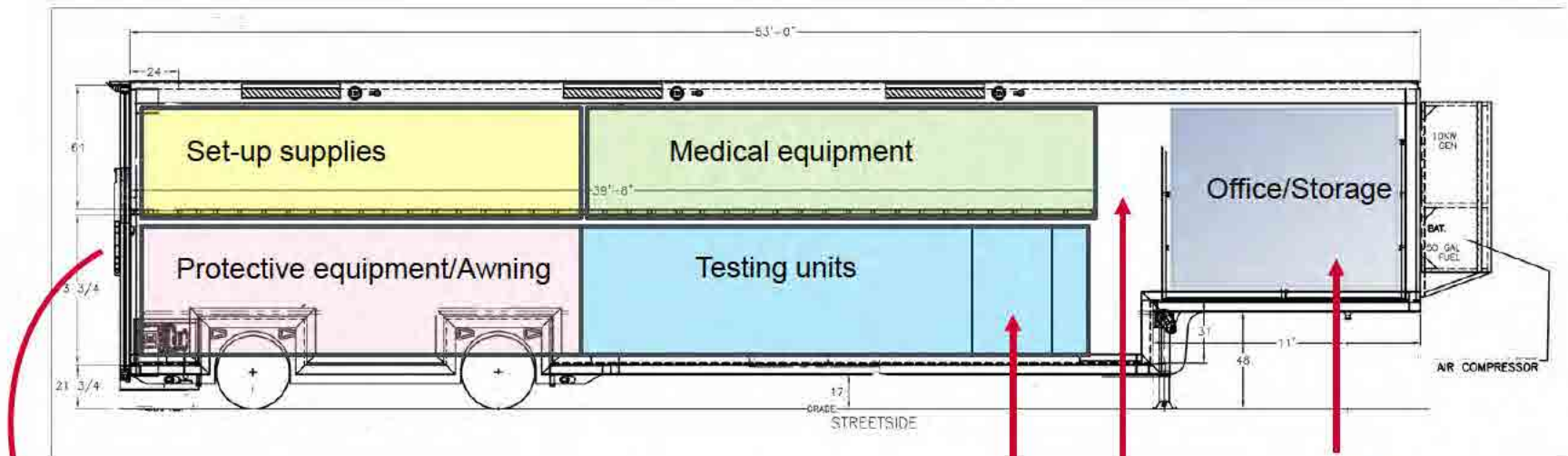
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Test delivery vehicles may park behind the trailer along with larger medical waste dumpsters (if there is room for waste company truck to empty the dumpster).



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The two-level interior increases the usable footprint and also allows storage to be compartmentalized and easily accessible to either the rear/lift gate or side door. Storage can be divided into five quadrants.



Side door

Access to
upper storage

Rear door access
With 14ft lift gate



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2020 Covid-19 Mobile Test Facility - Personnel

Trailer Manager

- Responsible for maintaining the communications with the state or local officials
- Planning trailer movements
- Offering logistical experience
- Location site inspection prior to trailer load-in

Trailer team #1

- Trailer set-up and preparation
- On-site support and trouble shooting
- Assist with refueling and restock

Trailer team #2

- Trailer set-up and preparation
- On-site support and trouble shooting
- Assist with refueling and restock

Trailer Team #3 + Truck driver

- Tractor trailer movements
- Trailer set-up and preparation
- On-site support and trouble shooting
- Assist with refueling and restock

NOTES:

- Personnel will remain separate from Covid-19 test team
- ASC Team members will monitor fuel consumption, refuel generator and trouble shoot any trailer issues.
 - Shore power optional
- A licensed CDL truck driver will be provided
- All employees will sign an NDA if required
- We recommend all ASC team members be tested for Covid-19 prior to working on this project to ensure the safety of the medical staff
- We recommend a spray solution like bioPURE be used daily for sanitation
- Available 24 hours a day
- Four to five personnel required to set-up awing
 - Four hours max set-up without flooring
- Trash receptacles and large bins provided by state and local officials
 - ASC team will not be responsible for the trash

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Program Protocols

- Personal responsibility
 - All team members will essentially self quarantine outside of the work-site to reduce any risks to the medical staff
 - Two teams will be selected. Teams will not meet to ensure the operation will not get compromised.
 - Recommend all team members receive testing as well as their families prior to starting the project
- Trailer cleaning
 - We recommend a spray solution like bioPURE be used daily to keep the location virus free
 - Our team can organize the cleaning though an outside source or defer to state and local officials
 - We can organize external cleaning of the trailer at a local truck wash facility – per the state and local official recommendations
- Inventory
 - Team will assist with inventory packing. We also have a local warehouse that may be utilized to store items.

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Program Timeline – All items listed can begin at the same time

- Covid-19 tests for personnel and family – time is TBD (1-2 days)
- Trailer preparation
 - 1-2 days to clean-out trailer
- Branding – 2 to 4 days
 - We recommend a quick solution to the trailer branding using printed vinyl
 - Two (2) large decal on both sides to cover current branding (14' x 4')
 - One (1) rear trailer decal (7.5' x 3')
 - One (1) Awning banner to cover existing branding (6- x 18')
 - 10 (10) A-frame direction signage to help inform testers regarding the procedures and how to view your results

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Advantages of the event trailer

- Self-contained unit
 - No generator or office rental required
 - 50' x 30' awning with sides
- Office space
- Secure two level storage inside trailer
- Multiple access points to storage
- Movable and ready upon arrival
- Four hours to set-up
- Includes audio system to broadcast information to test facility workers or to the general public
 - A second PA system is available for use as well
- Multiple items are already at your disposal – lights, tables, chairs, fans, desks, a-frames, flag stands, etc.
- Experienced team ready to provide services



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Thank you!

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Andrew Sattler – Experiential

Andrew Sattler began his experiential marketing career in 1996. He worked on various Audi programs including the Audi quattro Cup, Magna Society, Audi Dealer Council events, A4 Launch, and the Audi A6 Equestrian events. In 2000, He began working with Audi Sport during the America Le Mans series years as the Audi motorsport experience manager. He watched Audi grow in prominence with the Audi R8 P1, R10, R15, R18, R18 ultra, and the Audi R18 e-tron quattro race programs. During these years, the Audi production vehicle sales also began to grow year over year further cementing experiential marketing as a valuable sales and educational tool for Audi Marketing. In 2009, Sattler started his own agency, A. Sattler Consulting, and quickly became the Agency of Record for Audi Motorsport. Over the years, ASC has built an experienced and nimble team of event professionals who are capable of executing any project. A few examples are available below.

Audi Sport experience (2000 to present)

The second longest running program at Audi of America began in 2000. The experiential program was launched to educate current and potential customers about Audi technological advancements through racing. Over the years, the guest engagement targeted access to race teams including pit tours, paddock tours, driver interviews and hot lap rides. The hospitality locations were considered second to none at the track and offered a weekend experience immersed in the Audi brand and racing history.

<http://www.audisportexperience.com/videos/2019-rolex-24-at-daytona/>

<http://www.audisportexperience.com/videos/2018-petit-le-mans/>

Audi Fan Zone/Display

Fan zone activities include race updates, display cars, and gaming systems. ASC manages an Audi event trailer which has many purposes acting as a fan zone, hospitality or as race paddock for Audi Sport customer racing race car testing. It's use as an at-track test center proved to customers that Audi was dedicated to motorsport and pushed the image of the brand to meet the stringent race car sales quotas. Sattler also partnered with Spyder clothing to sell high quality apparel for race fans, outfitted the entire ASC race teams, and helped promote additional team apparel sponsorships. In the off-season, Sattler and his team would support the Audi Sport prototype test facility in Sebring and Road Atlanta and offered valuable services to the Audi Sport test team as they prepared for the upcoming WEC race season.

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Audi Sport customer racing

In 2013, the agency was tasked to support Audi Sport customer racing as the branding and marketing manager responsible for all team and series branding, procedures and sales. Tasked with helping to launch a new customer racing program, Sattler built the internal procedures, press releases, and communication channels still in use today. Including managing the www.ascrusa.com website to ensure content was updated weekly. This contract was in addition to managing the Audi Sport experience. As the branding and marketing manager, Sattler increased throughput for Audi Sport activities including Audi pit tours, hot lap rides, paddock tours, and team engagements. In-market pre-race *Dealership events* were perfected with the help of Radio Le Mans announcer and founder John Hindhaugh. The agency is currently the Audi Sport technical center responsible for race car pre-delivery inspections and maintaining the test car fleet – GT3, GT4, TCR. The agency proudly supported #driveprogress campaign with Audi's first all-female driver pairing in the new Audi R8 LMS GT4 .

<https://media.audiusa.com/en-us/releases/222>

<http://www.audisportexperience.com/videos/2018-audi-atlanta-dealership/>

Monterey Car Week

Since 2016, ASC was tasked with providing additional support outside of motorsport. The agency was awarded the Audi Monterey Car Week program which included Quail, A Motorsport Gathering, Rolex Reunion, and the Pebble Beach Concours concept lawn and hospitality. As the lead agency, Sattler worked with other partners to fulfill Audi's growing participation. Program elements included hotel logistics, transportation, evening events, track drive program, multiple hospitality locations, and vehicle logistics. In 2018, Sattler and his agency team was instrumental in the successful launch of the Audi PB 18 e-tron concept. They also launched the first test drive opportunity at Laguna Seca that included lead follow laps with potential customers on the famed track. Moving away from crowded street drives during the event, the program was able to offer a more exclusive and traffic free experience.

https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Audi%20PB%2018%20e-tron&epa=SEARCH_BOX

Formula E

Since 2018, the agency has managed the Audi Formula E NYC activation, which included hotel host services, evening events, transportation, ride and drives, displays, hospitality, off-site showrooms, track drives, series relationship management, and customer reservation systems. The 2019 activation showed the agency's level of commitment to the their clients objectives organizing the most successful Audi e-tron electric vehicle test drive to date. Last year, the team was able to generate 27 e-tron sales confirmed by data collection reports.

<http://www.audisportexperience.com/videos/2019-etron/>

<https://app.box.com/s/tiwaxodwnrqbhrokdp4n6zmd80kvan>

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MLS Activation

Since 2017, Audi requested ASC to support the MLS partnership with track events, displays, vehicle support and graphic production. Starting in 2017, the first All-Star competition was proposed to challenge the stars to a competitive track drive experience. The event included MLS All-Stars, Team Owners and MLS management. Using soccer skills plus driving experience leveled the playing field as the VIP guests battled to win the autocross challenge. A. Sattler Consulting continues to support Audi at MLS All-Star and MLS Cup activations.

<https://www.facebook.com/audi/videos/10154597554271470/>

Audi driving experience - COTA

A. Sattler Consulting was selected to support the Audi driving experience at Circuit of the Americas. The role specifically targeted driver training, branding review, marketing recommendations, and program support. Throughout the process the agency was mindful to keep a strong relationship with the track and include them in finding solutions and improving the experience. One of Audi's targeted areas of concern was the data collection process. Together, we were able to connect their smart waiver system directly to Audi's CRM program which ensures guests will receive a follow-up within 24 hours of the event completion.

Audi Sport performance drive

Keeping with the Audi Sport activations, Sattler's agency was selected to manage the Audi Sport performance drive. This high level experience was initiated at motorsport country clubs in Atlanta and Chicago. Each location featured a fully branded garage or meeting space to ensure the customers were properly introduced to the brand upon arrival. The performance drive offered guests a track test drive with one-on-one instruction to ensure the utmost attention to the potential customer, selected vehicle, and brand. A custom website registration program was designed to help automate enrollment (eblast and mailers) and remind guests about their future test drive through text and email reminders. The three year program ran for 45 days per year with six guests per day at each location and offered an exclusive opportunity to test drive Audi Sport models where they belong – on the track. <http://www.audisportperformancedrive.com/>

Social Media support

The agency's internal reputation for being nimble and cost effective spread throughout AoA. They were later tapped to support Audi Think Faster Reddit video web series. The program featured A level actors, social media stars, and creative thinkers. Utilizing the extensive automotive experience and track knowledge allowed Sattler's team to prepare and manage the live track vehicles and ensure there were no mechanical issues that could potentially damage the brand.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKlOtmZQKV4&feature=youtu.be>

Capabilities, Creative and Digital

Event production – lifestyle, motorsport, or sport

Location design and branding

Track drive programs

Ride and drive campaigns

Product Specialist training

Email campaigns

Direct mail campaigns

Event app design – www.asedaytona.com

Website design – www.audisportexperience.com www.experienceaudisport.com www.ascrusa.com

Branding and marketing – www.ascrusa.com/guidelines

Vehicle wraps - Audi Pace car at Daytona wrap and reveal - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VVh-XfLS34I>

Dealership events

Menu selection

ASC Experiential Marketing – graphic board



You are invited to test drive the Audi e-tron.

Experience the design, quality and technology that no comparable SUV has to offer. Drive down to test drive the all-electric quattro e-tron with the luxury you expect from Audi. Test drives are available in the Red Hook neighborhood, New York throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday, July 13-14. Please register your test drive today and upon completion of your ride and drive, enjoy complimentary admission tickets to the 2019 NYC e-Prix happening two blocks from your e-tron!

Audi e-tron Brooklyn test drive:

- Complete the registration online.
- Receive confirmation from our Audi e-tron test-drive concierge.
- Enjoy a brief vehicle overview from our Audi Product Specialist and a short city test drive.

Location:

85 Park St.
Brooklyn, NY 11221

REGISTE

AUDI.COM | AUDIUSA.COM

EXPERIENCE

On July 13-14, Team Audi Sport ABT Schöckner will return to Brooklyn's Red Hook neighborhood poised to clinch the Team and Driver Championship in the Formula E NYC E-Prix season finale. The Audi Sport factory team will field the new FE05 Audi e-tron piloted by drivers Daniel Abt and Lucas di Grassi. The Audi Sport Skyline Terrace hospitality overlooks the 1.52 mile street course features 14 corners, lower Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. Join us in the Audi Sport Skyline Terrace for an electrifying race weekend.

Amenities include:

- Access to the Audi Sport Skyline Terrace
- VIP pit lane walk
- Audi gift memorabilia
- Premium catering and refreshments
- Opportunity to test drive an Audi e-tron
- Audi Sport meet and greet (Audi E Village display)
- Technical discussion and race updates (Audi E Village display)

REGISTER NOW

Please click the registration button to secure your reservation to attend the Audi Sport Skyline Terrace during the Formula E NYC E-Prix.



South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 15, 2020)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 15, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 105 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and 10 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 3,656 and those who have died to 107.

Of those 10 deaths, seven were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Colleton (1), Georgetown (1), Greenville (1), Kershaw (2), Lancaster (1), and Spartanburg (1) counties; one was an elderly individual from McCormick County (1) whose health conditions are still under investigation; and two were middle-aged individuals with underlying health conditions from Richland (1) and Sumter (1) counties.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Abbeville (1), Anderson (3), Beaufort (7), Berkeley (3), Charleston (7), Chester (2), Chesterfield (1), Clarendon (1), Colleton (3), Dillon (2), Dorchester (5), Edgefield (1), Florence (5), Greenville (27), Greenwood (1), Hampton (1), Lee (1), Lancaster (1), Lexington (10), Newberry (1), Richland (13), Saluda (1), Spartanburg (1), Sumter (5), Williamsburg (2)

Calhoun and Horry counties lost one positive case each from its total counts as an individual previously reported for each county was determined during case investigations to be the resident of another county.

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 14, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 10,935 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,304 positive and 9,631 were negative. A total of 34,733 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, 5,188 hospital beds are available and 6,271 are utilized, which is a 54.7% 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

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.

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**FOR MEDIA: A telebriefing will be held at 3:45 p.m. today.
To participate, call-in at 1-800-753-1965, access code 8982585.**

South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 17, 2020)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 17, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 163 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and 7 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 4,086 and those who have died to 116.

Of those 7 deaths, three were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Florence (1), Richland (1), and Lexington (1) counties. Three were elderly individuals with no reported underlying conditions from Berkeley (1), Lee (1), and Horry (1) counties. One was a middle-aged individual with no reported underlying health conditions from Sumter County (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (3), Anderson (6), Beaufort (8), Berkeley (5), Calhoun (1), Charleston (6), Cherokee (1), Chesterfield (2), Clarendon (8), Darlington (3), Dillon (1), Dorchester (6), Florence (19), Georgetown (1), Greenville (10), Greenwood (1), Hampton (3), Horry (11), Jasper (1), Kershaw (2), Lancaster (2), Laurens (1), Lee (5), Lexington (8), Marion (6), Marlboro (6), Newberry (1), Orangeburg (1), Richland (15), Spartanburg (6), Sumter (9), Williamsburg (1), 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.

Testing in South Carolina

As of April 16, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 11,527 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,400 were positive and 10,127 were negative. A total of 37,640 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.

Recovery Rate

As of April 17, 67 percent of South Carolina patients confirmed to have had COVID-19 are estimated to have recovered from the disease. Not including the 116 confirmed deaths as of April 17 that have been reported, the remaining patients are presumed to currently be experiencing some phase of the illness. This estimate has been added to our website and will be updated every Tuesday and Friday.

Updated Demographic Data

Today's web update includes [updated demographic data](#) for positive cases and deaths related to COVID-19. Monitoring demographic information can help direct information and resources to high-risk populations and identify any disparities that need further investigation or focus. Today's update also includes cases in healthcare facilities and in healthcare workers in our state.

Hospital Bed Capacity

As of this morning, 5,225 hospital beds are available and 6,183 are utilized, which is a 54.2% 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.

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 4,246 and those who have died to 119.

Of those 3 deaths, two were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Horry County (2). One was a middle-aged individual with no known underlying health conditions who was from Aiken County (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Abbeville (5), Aiken (1), Anderson (7), Beaufort (6), Berkeley (2), Chesterfield (4), Clarendon (3), Colleton (2), Darlington (7), Dillon (6), Dorchester (2), Edgefield (1), Florence (7), Greenville (38), Greenwood (2), Hampton (2), Horry (8), Jasper (1), Kershaw (5), Lexington (17), McCormick (1), Oconee (2), Pickens (2), Richland (15), Saluda (1), Spartanburg (7), Sumter (5), Williamsburg (1), York (5)

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 18, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 11,833 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,450 were positive and 10,383 were negative. A total of 38,833 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, 5,334 hospital beds are available and 6,017 are utilized, which is a 53% statewide hospital bed utilization rate.

Cases by County and ZIP Code

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House of Representatives

State of South Carolina

April 17, 2020

The Honorable Henry D. McMaster
Governor, State of South Carolina
State House
1100 Gervais Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Governor McMaster:

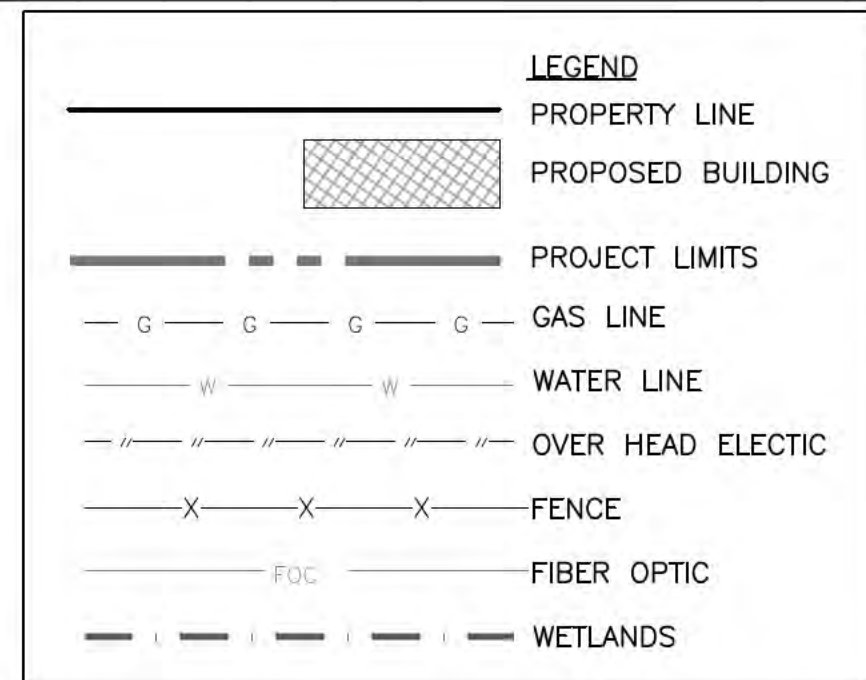
The coronavirus pandemic has caused elected leaders to rethink how best government serves its people when they are most in need of help that only their government can provide. As we combat COVID-19 across South Carolina to protect our citizens, testing is critically important. I raised my concern with officials at DHEC about the lack of testing in the rural communities that I represent in Lower Richland County and Pinewood, Horatio and Dalzell in Sumter County. I requested that DHEC release the number of coronavirus tests performed by zip code. The response was, 'we have not collected that data'. Having this information is vitally important to obtaining a more accurate assessment of the impact of the virus in a particular zip code area.

Presently, DHEC releases only the number of positive test results by zip code without referencing how many tests were provided in that zip code. A low number of positive test results does not mean that the virus is not vastly prevalent in certain zip codes, but most likely means that fewer tests are being offered to residents in those zip code areas. It is important that citizens in rural communities throughout our state have this information to exercise the precautions necessary to prevent the spread of the virus and not rely on the false impression that the virus is not a serious threat in their community.

I am asking that you require DHEC to collect data on the number of coronavirus tests performed by zip code and include that number when publically reporting the number of positive test results in that same zip code. It will help ensure more equity in testing and continued physical distancing in rural populations.

Sincerely,

Wendy C. Brawley

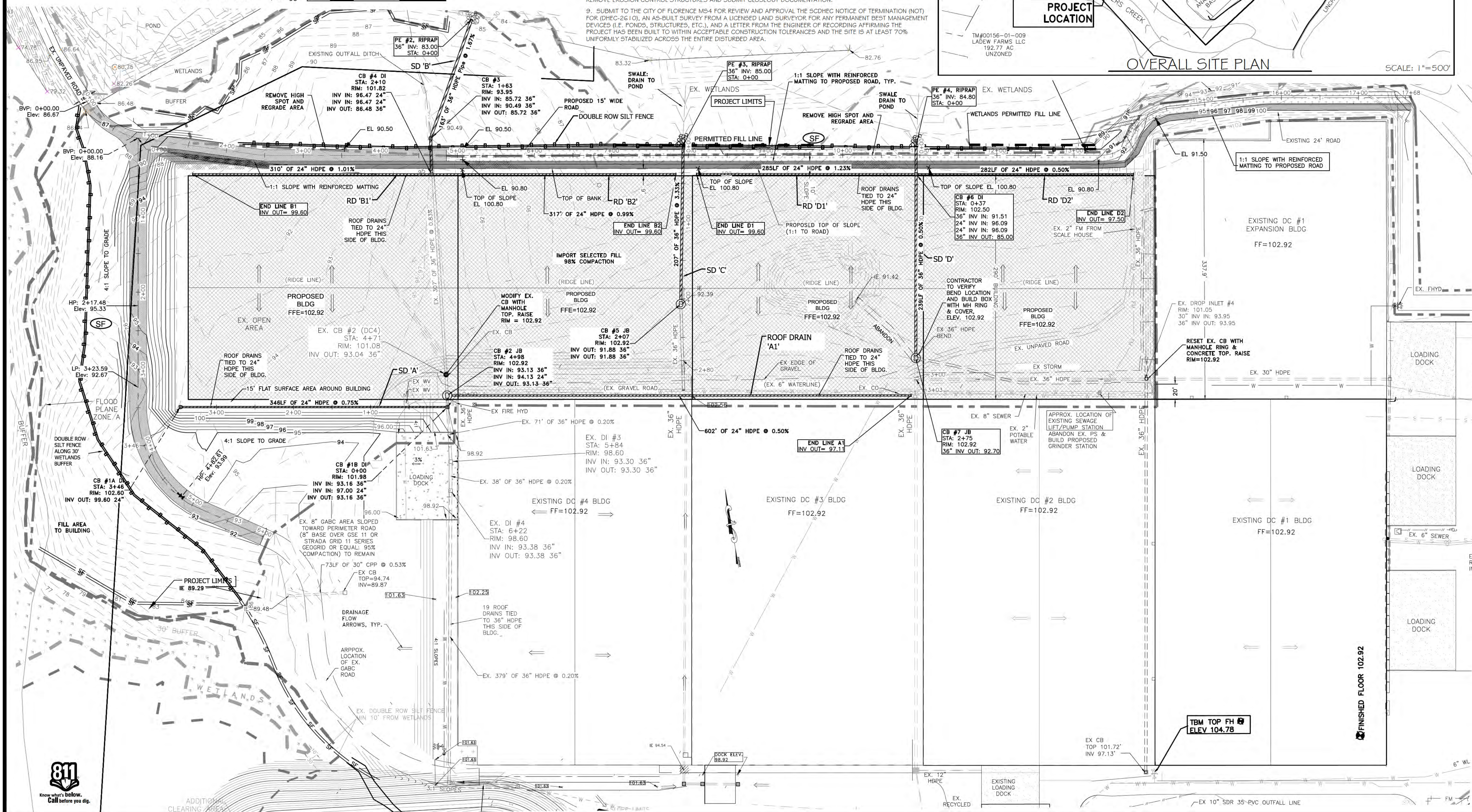
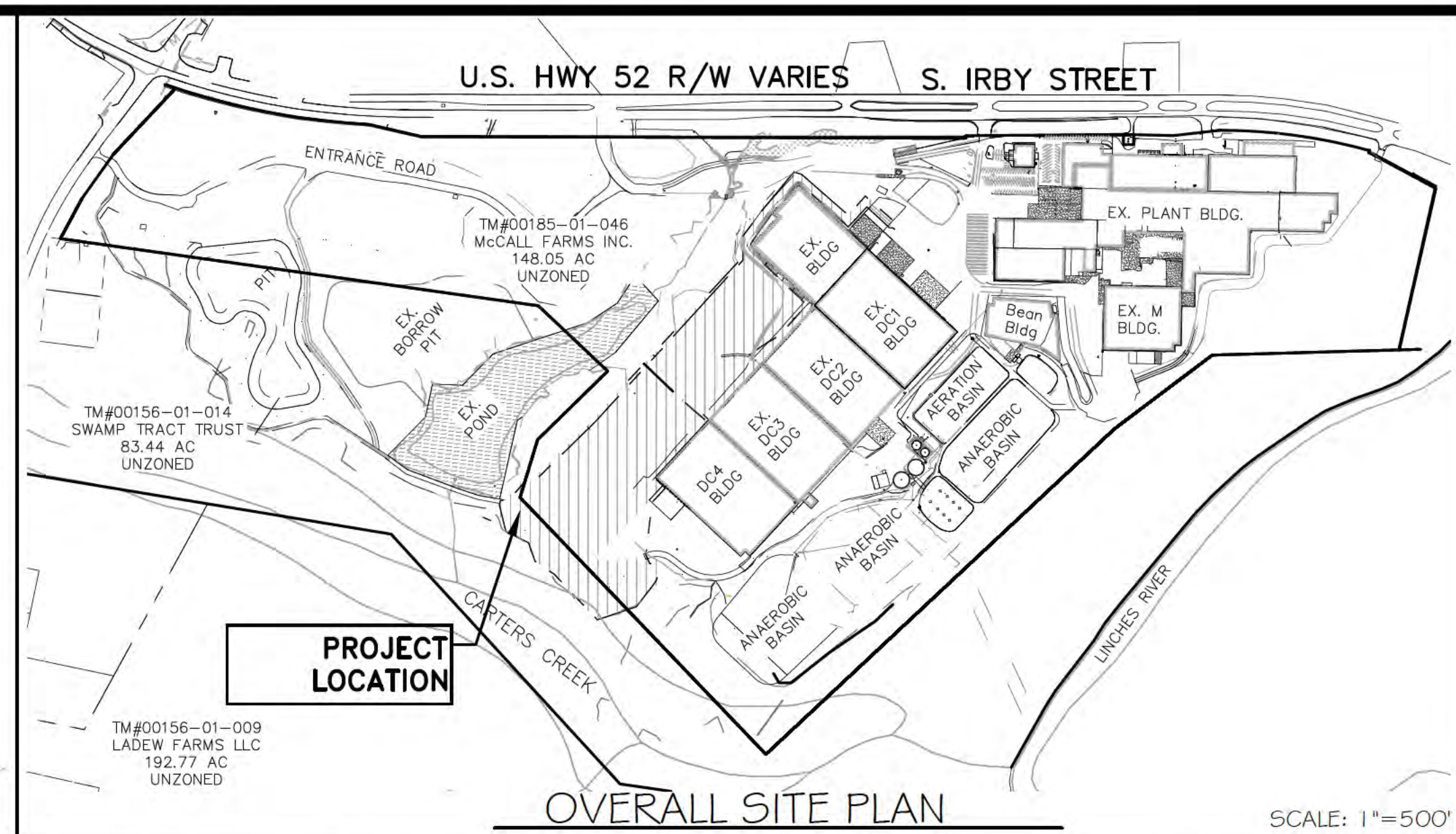


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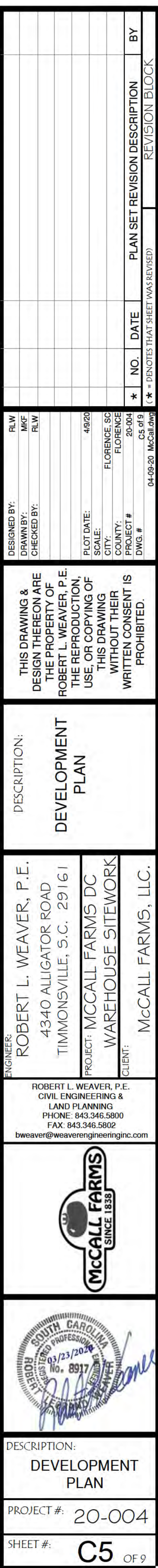
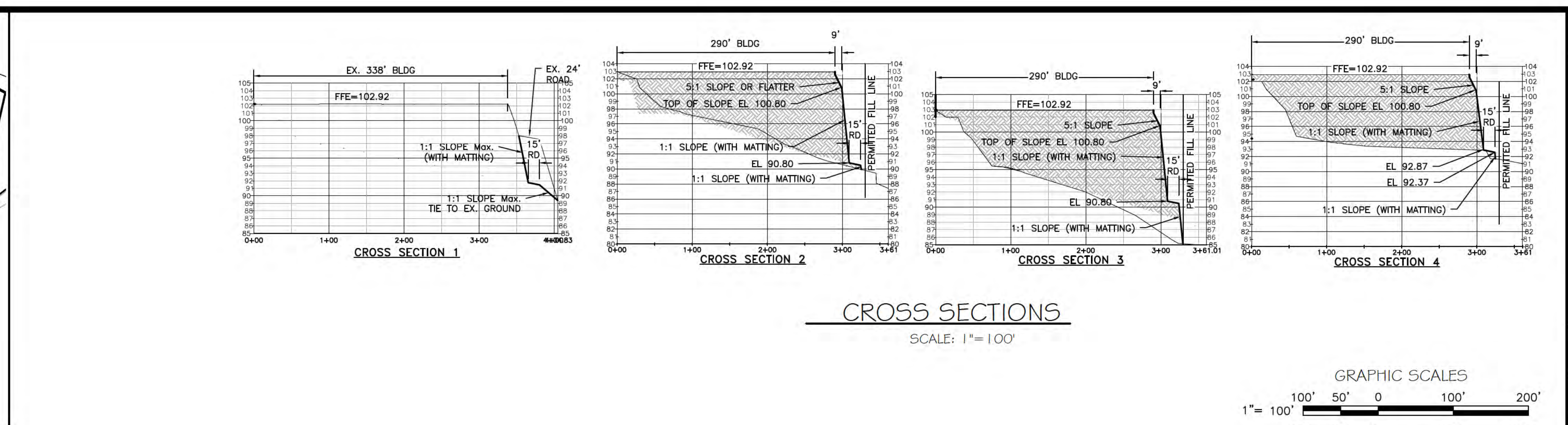
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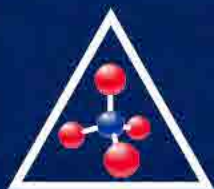
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1. ALL LOTS AND ROAD SHOULDERS ARE TO RECEIVE TEMPORARY GRASSING WHERE THE GROUND HAS BEEN DISTURBED. IN AREAS WITHOUT LAND DISTURBANCE, ONLY BARE PATCHES NEED TEMPORARY GRASSING.
2. REMOVE AND REPLACE ALL TYPE-A INLET PROTECTION WITH TYPE-F INLET PROTECTION.
3. AS HOMES ARE BUILT, ALL LOTS (AND ROAD SHOULDERS IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO SAID LOTS) SHALL BE LANDSCAPED PER THE INDIVIDUAL LOT LANDSCAPE PLAN.
4. ALL OTHER DISTURBED AREAS SHALL BE PERMANENTLY GRASSED.
5. PERMITTEES ARE REQUIRED TO INITIATE STABILIZATION MEASURES AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE WHENEVER CLEARING, GRADING, EXCAVATION OR OTHER DISTURBING ACTIVITIES HAVE PERMANENTLY OR TEMPORARILY CEASED ON ANY PORTION OF THE SITE AND WILL NOT RESUME FOR A PERIOD EXCEEDING 14 CALENDAR DAYS. STABILIZATION MUST BE COMPLETED AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. FOR AREAS WHERE INITIATING STABILIZATION MEASURES IS INFEASIBLE (E.G., WHERE SNOW COVER, FROZEN GROUND, OR DROUGHT CONDITIONS PRECLUDE STABILIZATION), INITIATE VEGETATIVE OR NON-VEGETATIVE STABILIZATION MEASURES AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE. 2012 CDP SECTION 3.2.1.10(D).
6. SUBMIT TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE A STATEMENT FROM THE ENGINEER OF RECORD VERIFYING THAT THE STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEM, INCLUDING WATER QUALITY SWALE ROAD CROSSINGS, HAS POSITIVE DRAINAGE TO THE RECEIVING WATER BODY.
7. A SC DHEC-CERTIFIED INSPECTOR, OR A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER FAMILIAR WITH THE PROJECT, SHALL INSPECT ALL SEDIMENT CONTROL STRUCTURES AT LEAST EVERY SEVEN DAYS AND REFLECT OR MAINTAIN STRUCTURES AS NECESSARY. SEE THE "STORM DRAINAGE STANDARDS" SHEET FOR MAINTENANCE INFORMATION. REFER TO THE SC DHEC BMP HANDBOOK (AUGUST 2005 EDITION) FOR SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.
8. WHEN GRADING AND STORM DRAINAGE IS COMPLETE, FLUSH THE STORM DRAINAGE PIPES TO REMOVE EXCESS SEDIMENT. REMOVE SEDIMENT DEPOSITS FROM OUTFALL LOCATIONS. CALL THE LOCAL DHEC EOC REGIONAL OFFICE TO SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION. THE INSPECTOR WILL DIRECT THE CONTRACTOR AS TO WHETHER OR NOT HE MAY REMOVE EROSION CONTROL STRUCTURES AND SUBMIT CLOSEOUT DOCUMENTATION.
9. SUBMIT TO THE CITY OF FLORENCE M54 FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL THE SCDHEC NOTICE OF TERMINATION (NOT) FOR (DHEC-2610), AN AS-BUILT SURVEY FROM A LICENSED LAND SURVEYOR FOR ANY PERMANENT BEST MANAGEMENT DEVICES (I.E. PONDS, STRUCTURES, ETC.), AND A LETTER FROM THE ENGINEER OF RECORD AFFIRMING THE PROJECT HAS BEEN BUILT TO WITHIN ACCEPTABLE CONSTRUCTION TOLERANCES AND THE SITE IS AT LEAST 70% UNIFORMLY STABILIZED ACROSS THE ENTIRE DISTURBED AREA.



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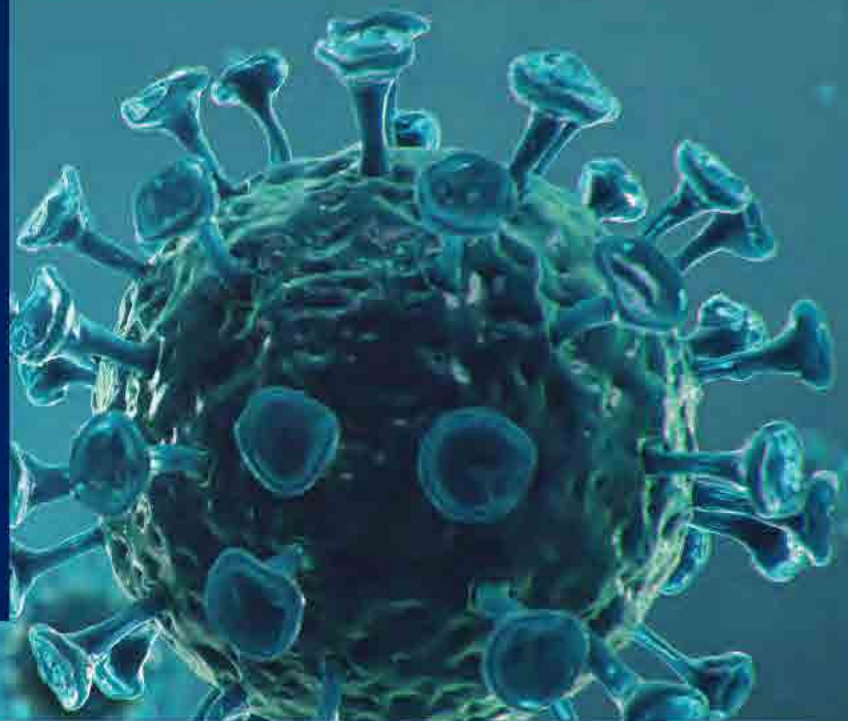




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COVID-19 ANTIBODY TESTING



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Luxor Scientific Is Excited To Offer In-House Covid-19 Testing.

ABOUT THE TESTING:

COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) IgG and IgM antibodies are proteins generated by the body in an effort to fight an infection with the SARS-CoV-2 virus. COVID-19 antibodies appear in the blood approximately 5-15 days after symptom onset. IgM antibodies indicate a more recent infection. IgG antibodies remain in the blood for an extended period of time, allowing identification of patients who have been infected and have recovered.

A positive COVID-19 antibody test provides strong evidence of a current or past infection and also suggests immunity to the virus. The presence of COVID-19 antibodies can provide further evidence for a patient who may have been tested with the molecular nasal swab with RT-qPCR test.

Please reach out to our client services department to schedule an appointment at (864) 568-8940, option 1.

Due to the high demand for test, capacity is limited and will be offered to healthcare and first responders, patients with a physician's order, and then self-pay patients.

COVID-19 IgM/IgG ELISA Testing Information

- **Test ID:** E001 (IgG), E002 (IgM)
- **CPT Code:** 86769 x 2
- **Sample Type:** Serum, SST
- **Turnaround Time:** 24-72 hours
- **Price:** \$100 per antibody

COVID-19 IgM/IgG Rapid Testing Information

- **Test ID:** E005 (IgG), E006 (IgM)
- **CPT Code:** 86328 x 2
- **Sample Type:** Finger Stick, SST
- **Turnaround Time:** 1 hour
- **Price:** \$35 per antibody

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2020-07-08 Response to E: (204) 158-8940 Email: client.services@luxorscientific.org

	13-Apr	14-Apr	15-Apr	16-Apr	17-Apr	County Total
Lowcountry						
Allendale						6
Bamberg						7
Beaufort	4	7	3	8	6	220
Berkeley	8	3	16	5	2	124
Calhoun		-1		1		6
Charleston	2	7	23	6		385
Colleton	1	3			2	23
Dorchester		5	1	6	2	84
Hampton	2	1	3	3	2	20
Jasper	2			1	1	16
Orangeburg	1		2	1		41
Midlands						
Aiken	9		3	3	1	67
Barnwell						5
Chester		2				23
Edgefield	-1	1			1	11
Fairfield	1		1			25
Kershaw	6		4	2	5	195
Lancaster	1	1	2	2		73
Lexington	2	10	52	8	17	271
Newberry	2	1	6	1		23
Richland	11	13	29	15	15	626
Saluda		1			1	10
York	2		12	4	5	156
Upstate						
Abbeville		1			5	15
Anderson	2	3	7	6	7	133
Cherokee			3	1		13
Greenville	27	27	33	10	38	486
Greenwood		1	12	1	2	34
Laurens			4	1		19
McCormick	1		1		1	6
Oconee					2	16
Pickens	3		2		2	38
Spartanburg	2	1	8	6	7	211
Union						23
Pee Dee						
Chesterfield	4	1	1	2	4	35
Clarendon	3	1	6	8	3	109
Darlington	1		5	3	7	59
Dillon		2	3	1	6	17
Florence	3	5	16	19	7	128
Georgetown	2		1	1		32
Horry	4	-1	5	11	8	176
Lee	2	1	1	5		40
Marion	2			6		13
Marlboro			4	6		25
Sumter	4	5	7	9	5	181
Williamsburg	1	2		1	1	20
Daily total	114	103	276	163	165	4246
Cummulative total	3553	3656	3931	4086	4246	
Daily Deaths (Date of Death)	6	1	7	7	3	
Total Deaths	101	102	109	116	119	116
					Deaths in Aiken 2 Horry	

OVERVIEW:

While COVID-19 is exacting a great toll on all communities across the US, data reveals that African Americans make up a disproportionate number of positive cases. That's true in many areas across the country, including in South Carolina. In our state, African Americans make up about 27 percent of the population but comprise 38 percent of COVID-19 cases for which race was reported and 46 percent of related deaths. At the core of this problem is the fact African Americans are disproportionately affected by conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, asthma, and obesity. People with such underlying conditions are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Intense outreach and prevention efforts are needed to help control spread in those and other areas.

HOW DHEC IS WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS:

We recognize the critical need to address these inequities. In an effort to reach the different communities who are at high-risk of having severe illness from the disease we are working with our state and local partners, both public and private. This includes:

- 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, including demographics.
- Providing sneeze guards to restaurants and DMVs.

In addition, we're in the process of working with our partners to prioritize counties and regions, specifically in rural areas, where we can deploy Abbott ID NOW machines.

NEXT STEPS:

Immediate Action Items (Week of April 13-April 17, 2020)

- **Targeted interviews and conversations with members of the media:** Dr. Bell will conduct conversational style interviews with core radio and TV personalities focused on raising awareness of the disproportionate impact of the disease and actions individuals can take to protect themselves and others. – **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday**
- **Op-ed:** Draft and pitch editorial focused on the role of public health, with a focus on high-risk populations and prevention messaging – **Mid-week**
- **Targeted PSAs:** Radio PSA targeted to high-risk communities – **Wednesday (TV PSA to follow)**
 - **PSA Campaign:** Campaign to focus on call to actions from recognized and trusted members of the community. – **Anticipated production/launch for week of April 20-24**
- **Outreach to Sororities and Fraternities:** Communications and electronic outreach to colleges and sororities and fraternities and grad chapters – **Thursday**
- **Telebriefing with faith-based leaders:** Hold briefing with leaders to provide a situational update on the disease and facilitate discussions around reinforcing prevention messages. – **Friday**
 - **Faith-based outreach materials:** Develop new resources that can be shared with faith-based groups to help provide additional messaging, including palm cards – **Friday**
- **Social media and graphics – Wednesday, Graphics to be shared with partners by Friday**
- **Billboards:** Design targeted billboards focused on high-risk populations and rural health – **Friday**
- **WIC:** Outreach and prevention messaging for WIC participants. – **Continuous**
- **Outreach to elderly:** Work with Department on Aging to provide outreach to those they are helping to deliver meals – **Contact with Department on Aging on Monday**
- **Telebriefing Environmental Justice Leaders:** Hold telebriefing with EJ leaders to provide a situational update on the disease and facilitate discussions – **Week of April 20-24**

PPE Shippers Association – Discussion

What is the PPE Shippers Association?

The PPE Shippers Association (PPESSA) is a collaborative organization bringing together apparel manufacturers, logistics specialists and the National Governors Association (NGA). It is being proposed as an efficient and cost-effective way for US states to rationally procure and ship PPPE from sourcing points around the world. A Shippers Association is a mature concept specifically contemplated by the U.S. Shipping Act.

How does the PPESA work?

The PPESA is a non-profit entity administered by Orion Management in coordination with the APL Logistics, Gemini Shippers Association, and key stakeholders. Members agree to share information about demand forecasts, shipping capacity and logistics plans to better facilitate the movement of PPE for all members.

For manufacturers, this means that the PPESA will centralize all purchase order information to better consolidate orders leaving factories. The PPESA will then build load plans using cargo from ALL member participants, which in turn will reduce overall costs. This occurs by consolidating all available product to optimize the use of transport equipment with the result being better loads and fewer total shipments.

For the NGA, the PPESA provides a one-stop sourcing and logistics model whereby demand from each state can be consolidated and managed by the PPESA. The goal is to create a modulated demand flow to ensure that PPE is available both in “always available” scenarios but also for peaks in infection. It is a current solution with enduring, long-term survivability and reliability.

How much does it cost to join the PPESA?

Members will pay a nominal, recurring fee to participate in the PPESA. Typically, the fee is paid as part of the freight rate, so cost is relative to use and consumption. Members are also responsible for all transport and logistics costs, though we believe an opportunity exists to negotiate lower overall costs given the nature of the freight. PPESA permits scale that typically results in significant savings.

PPE needs will exist beyond the current COVID-19 pandemic, and this construct provides a platform for consolidating demand and a logistics response that builds on the experience and capabilities of global logistics providers.

Beyond PPE

Given the nature of a shippers’ association, we can easily add requirements and cargo class types as appropriate, e.g., disaster recovery materials, to ensure states are procuring and shipping with maximum logistical efficiency.

Governors talking points.

Many Health systems across the state are working to facilitate the collection convalescent plasma from people who have tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. Both the Blood Connection and the American Red Cross are seeking donors related to this effort. The Blood Connection is working with local hospitals to keep plasma in that community for use by our hospitals. The Red Cross is supporting the national Covid Plasma effort.

Without getting into too much detail, once people overcome a viral infection like Covid, they make antibodies, and doctors can infuse these antibodies into patients currently fighting the virus and allow their immune system to begin to kill the virus. Some empirical evidence suggests this may decrease the mortality associated with this disease, and it is one of the few therapeutic tools available to doctors. The only way to get these antibodies if from a blood donation we cannot manufacture these antibodies.

I am told that one donation can produce as much as four doses of plasma used to treat some of our sickest patients. To donate you need to be symptom free for at least 28 days so you don't infect the blood collection staff. If you have questions please reach out to the American Red Cross or The Blood Connection.

Points to consider.

Convalescent plasma is one of the few therapies we have

This treatment has been used in the past for example with Ebola, Spanish flu

Have to be a known positive by RNA test (Nasal swab)

Have to be symptom free

The blood connection is leading a statewide effort and actively working with Prisma, MUSC, McLeod, Roper, St Francis, Spartanburg Regional, An Med

There is a national effort supported by the Red Cross

In the upstate, only 80 people are currently eligible (as of this coming Friday) (You can look at the positive test numbers and look 28 days out for eligibility)

Our first patient was eligible as of last Friday, then had 2 more on sat, 3 more on Sunday, 8 on Monday 20 today.

One donation can make as much as 4 doses

Convalescent Plasma -- Talking Points

Date: April 15, 2020

BACKGROUND:

The Blood Connection has established a program to work with health systems throughout our state to locate test positive COVID-19 patients who have recovered from the infection. They will be able to give their plasma to help others currently fighting the disease. This will be one of the few therapeutic modalities doctors can use to treat the disease. Prior experience with other viruses and anecdotal evidence from around the world shows that passive antibody therapy appears to help sick patients fight off COVID-19 until they can develop antibodies on their own.

MEDIA TALKING POINTS:

- The Blood connection in partnership with many hospitals in our state are asking for people who have a known positive test to consider donating Convalescent plasma.
- Donating through this effort will keep the plasma in your local community and is a chance for people to help others.
- The Blood Connection is offering this procedure at all blood donation centers across South Carolina and North Carolina and is urging those who are interested to make an appointment at least **28 days after** they are fully recovered from the virus.
- Convalescent plasma may have antibodies that can help those critically ill from COVID-19 to fight the virus.
- The health systems are working to provide Donors with a written positive COVID-19 test result to present at time of donation.
- Convalescent donors must have an appointment prior to donation.
- Males can automatically donate plasma. Females must have a previous negative HLA test result. If the female does not have a negative HLA result, they need to donate whole blood first.
- TBC is **not** testing for COVID-19. Anyone who is concerned with COVID-19 diagnosis should talk to their health care provider.

RESOURCE:

<https://khn.org/news/blood-centers-will-collect-plasma-from-covid-19-survivors-in-bid-for-treatment/> or see latest KYI.

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1. Please describe the most recent pandemic state and/or regional pandemic exercises. When were they? What was their scope? How many were done? What lessons were learned? Is there a report available summarizing the exercises and results?

The most recent pandemic exercise DHEC participated in was the national level exercise Crimson Contagion. Additionally, over the past several years, DHEC has incrementally tested portions of the state's [Pandemic Influenza](#) plan, including the [S.C. Medical Countermeasures Plan](#). Every two years, DHEC in coordination with the CDC, conducts an Operational Readiness Review (ORR) to demonstrate its capability to receive, stage, store, distribute, and dispense or administer material during a public health emergency

For Crimson Contagion, South Carolina was one of 10 states that participated in the national pandemic exercise that centered on testing the nation's ability to respond to a pandemic event. It took place from Aug. 13-16 and was sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), and S.C. DHEC. Additional state agencies that participated included S.C. Emergency Management Division, S.C. State Emergency Response Team, S.C. Hospital Association, and the S.C. Public Health Emergency Planning Committee. The core capabilities the exercise centered on:

- Mass care
- Medical countermeasure dispensing and administration
- Medical surge
- Nonpharmaceutical interventions
- Emergency operations coordination
- Information sharing
- Emergency public information and warning

While the after-action report for the Crimson Contagion exercise is still being completed, initially identified strengths include data collection, data dissemination and interagency communication. The objective of the exercise was to identify areas of improvement, and while we identified no systemic issues, initially identified areas of improvement included training for response staff and needs to implement policies specific for telework situations. With every exercise, we intentionally push our capabilities to the point of breaking so we can see what works and what needs greater focus.

2. DHEC in 2003 hired an epidemiologist to oversee surveillance for influenza and respiratory illnesses. When was that position last filled? Does it currently have someone in that position? When did that person start in that role?

DHEC has an epidemiologist whose primary focus is influenza and influenza-like illness. This position last turned over in 2019 and is currently filled.

3. Federal funding for Pandemic Influenza Preparedness ended in 2008. South Carolina continued limited pandemic preparedness activities and planning with the remaining federal funds from FY 2007-08. Pandemic program activities were set to end in August 2009, and

DHEC wrote at the time that “without this continued source of funding or additional state resources, the ability to respond to a large-scale infectious disease event would be severely limited.” How did the scope of pandemic planning activities change after that point?

Pandemic planning remains an essential component of the agency’s overall readiness for responding to public health crises and we continue to review and update our plan, as well as train and take part in exercises for pandemic events. DHEC:

- maintains a year-round influenza surveillance system
- voluntarily participates in South Carolina participates in the CDC’s U.S. Outpatient Influenza-like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet)
- provides regular communication and guidance to hospitals and health care providers about disease surveillance through the S.C. Hospital Association and its Health Alert Network
- employs a full-time infectious disease planner assigned funded through the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Cooperative Agreement

Please see additional information in our [2019 South Carolina Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Report](#).

4. Budget documents show that DHEC’s state-funded infectious disease staffing have been nearly flat since the Great Recession (from 263 in 2008-09 to 143 in 2011-12 to 157 in 2019-20), while federally funded positions have largely rebounded. Has DHEC requested the state legislature pay for more epidemiological staff and pandemic planning? If so, in which years did it request additional FTEs for infectious disease epidemiology and pandemic planning? Did it receive the requested funds?

- FY 2010, DHEC identified a need of \$3.1 million in recurring funds for emergency preparedness and pandemic influenza. This was not funded.
- FY 2011, DHEC identified a need of \$3.4 million in recurring funds for emergency preparedness, pandemic influenza, and outbreak response teams. This was not funded.
- FY 2012, DHEC identified a need of \$1.6 million in recurring funds for emerge preparedness and outbreak investigations. This was not funded.

FY 2017, DHEC requested \$500,037 for four additional epidemiologists and this request was funded.

5. How many of the remaining reductions are in the Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology specifically? How many epidemiologists does DHEC employ today compared to the division’s employment in 2007-08? How many unfilled openings does DHEC currently have in acute disease epidemiology?

In 2007-08, our epidemiologists didn't operate under a unique state job classification that identified them as "epidemiologist," so we don't have that specific number. In FY17, DHEC had 21 epidemiology FTEs, and in FY19 we had 25. The Division of Acute and Disease Epidemiology (DADE) currently has six vacancies.

Through the \$45 million allocation provided by the Governor and State Legislature, to accommodate emergency COVID-19 response efforts, as of this week, DHEC has hired or is in the process of hiring 73 of 106 needed temporary staff members for COVID-19 response, including epidemiologists, epidemiology researchers, nurses, nurse administrators and nurse consultants.

6. The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists reported in 2017 that state health departments' staffing levels were at 74% of "ideal" levels. Can DHEC share a copy of its response to CSTE's 2017 survey? How many epidemiology positions did DHEC report, and what did it report as its "ideal" staffing level? What levels did it report in the infectious disease and preparedness categories?

Please see the attached copy of the report. It's important to note that the capacity assessment is intended for routine operations. Our epidemiologists have never before been required to conduct contact investigations and monitor thousands of individuals with a single condition in a time frame of a few months.

7. Is the agency developing a plan to resume contact tracing for all known COVID-19 cases when disease activity is lower, and if so, when will it make that transition? Does the agency have adequate staffing for surveillance? How many employees outside of the disease epidemiology division has it pulled in to assist in this work? Johns Hopkins and ASTHO have estimated that the U.S. will need approximately 100,000 more contact investigators to contain the spread of COVID-19 after the initial peak. How many does DHEC anticipate South Carolina will need?

To clarify, the department never stopped performing contact tracing during this disease outbreak, although the extent of contact tracing was scaled back as the state entered the mitigation stage of the pandemic. Essential staff, including nurses, have been deployed across the state to support COVID-19 efforts and as many as 840 employees have been involved in response.

As provided earlier, through the \$45 million allocation provided by the Governor and State Legislature, to accommodate emergency COVID-19 response efforts, as of this week, DHEC has hired or is in the process of hiring 73 of 106 needed temporary staff members for COVID-19 response, including 2 of 5 epidemiologists, 3 of 3 epidemiology researchers, 2 of 3 physicians, 26 of 48 nurses, 3 of 3 nurse administrators and 2 of 2 nurse consultants.

8. How many retired or previously employed infectious disease experts has DHEC retained to assist in its COVID-19 response, including on a volunteer basis? Was the existing staffing level inadequate?

To date, DHEC has hired 12 prior employees to assist in the COVID-19 response, 6 of those are nursing positions and 3 are epidemiologists.

CRUSHING THE CURVE

A platform and ecosystem approach to assessing and testing your residents

COVID-19 Tracking, Scheduling & Testing Solution

BACKGROUND

As COVID-19 accelerates across the United States and much of the world, governments at every level are laser-focused on saving lives and ensuring healthcare systems do not become overwhelmed as the pandemic peaks in certain areas. As testing--both for the virus itself and for antibodies--continues to become more readily available, states are beginning to grapple with how to build a simple, scalable testing process that will support critical care in the short-term and enable robust tracking and virus management in the medium and long-term. The central issues around scaling testing capacity remain:

- + Acquiring sufficient numbers of COVID-19 tests
- + Prioritizing who to test
- + Tracking and tracing future outbreaks and spread of the virus
- + Performing daily check-ins at scale with symptomatic, untested individuals

Qualtrics, an SAP company and the leading experience management company in the world, piloted a statewide assessment to respond to these and other concerns via TestUtah.com. TestUtah.com represented a disruptive, open platform approach to this challenge and brought together state leaders, local innovators, and healthcare providers / the pharma industry to "hack" the process and bring simplicity to a complex problem that stretches across industries, all within a matter of days.

Within 5 days of launching, more than 50,000 people in the state took the online assessment, which helped prioritize who to test, guided people to local testing centers, facilitated the scheduling of testing appointments, allowed the state to better track the spread of the virus and associated data, and performed check ins with thousands of individuals daily via the Daily Symptom Pulse. The Qualtrics XM Platform is GDPR, HIPAA, HITRUST, ISO 27001, and FedRamp compliant technology, maintaining the highest levels of security and privacy protection available.

There are two phases for states to consider:

- 1 Online risk assessment and COVID-19 case tracker
- 2 COVID-19 Case Tracker with Scheduling & Testing Solution

Phase 1 can be deployed statewide within 2 to 5 days of engagement and requires no additional parties beyond Qualtrics and the state.

Phase 2 is what was deployed throughout the State of Utah (TestUtah.com) with a partnership between Silicon Slopes, Qualtrics, and several other local partners. It includes the full online assessment and a much deeper integration with state procured COVID-19 tests as well as partnerships with local hospital networks, the Department of Health, and medical labs

PHASE 1

Online Assessment and COVID-19 Tracker

Qualtrics creates a risk assessment survey that all residents are asked to take, regardless of symptoms. The assessment asks health, symptom, indicative, exposure and general condition questions. Using a classification-routing algorithm, it assigns each resident a risk level, automatically assessing which residents need priority access to COVID-19 tests and/or medical attention. The aggregated data is displayed on dashboards in real time, allowing the state's COVID-19 task force or appropriate entity to see locations of outbreaks and better direct resources, including additional tests as they become available.

BENEFITS

- + Statewide screener available to all residents
- + Comprehensive tracking of the virus
- + Daily monitoring of symptomatic individuals
- + Prioritize individuals who need immediate medical attention and/or COVID-19 testing
- + Automated aggregation of data to inform decisions such as the location of testing centers, the deployment of personal protective equipment (PPE), and the targeting of social distancing guidelines to specific groups
- + Case management system to follow up, monitor, and trace individuals for continued risk assessment, including weekly or daily symptom pulses as appropriate
- + Insight to data allows coordination of testing resources
- + Ability to analyze data by demographic characteristics to gather insights and support at-risk communities

INCLUDES

- + Resident Assessment (to be taken by everyone regardless of symptoms)
- + Case management and follow-up system

Time required to implement: 2 to 5 days

Key Components: Qualtrics

Example: The State of New Jersey includes a limited version of the COVID-19 case tracker on their COVID-19 Information Hub under the link, "Feeling unwell? Check your symptoms."

QUALTRICS PHASE ONE COMPONENTS**NEW JERSEY SOLUTION**

Online assessment for symptomatic residents



Basic daily reporting of Data



Online assessment for asymptomatic residents

Classification-routing algorithm

Real-time dashboards with location tracking of categorized risk

Analytics of data by demographic characteristics to gather insights and support at-risk communities

Scientificallly-backed methodology for assessing and categorizing risk

Automated actions and triggers based on responses - for example, automatically forwarding symptomatic residents to public health departments for contact tracing

Case management capability - ability to track and trace individuals over time to assess real-time status and recovery period

Ability for the public to identify healthcare service gaps and other needs

PHASE 2

COVID-19 Tracker with Scheduling and Testing Solution

With COVID-19 tests available at scale, this option integrates the online assessment with testing, enabling patient information collection, test appointment scheduling, test site logistics, and test results notification for COVID-19 testing. Follow up / daily tracking is then performed via the Daily Symptom Pulse. Additional local technology and medical partners are necessary to complete this system, which could later be converted into an immunization tracker.

BENEFITS

- + Prioritize individuals who need immediate medical attention and/or COVID-19 testing
- + Streamline coordination of and help increase the capacity and efficiency of the COVID-19 testing
- + Real-time reporting and tracking of new COVID-19 cases
- + Unified data collection for aggregation and analysis by both federal and local government and health departments
- + Demographic analytics to gather insights and support at-risk communities

INCLUDES

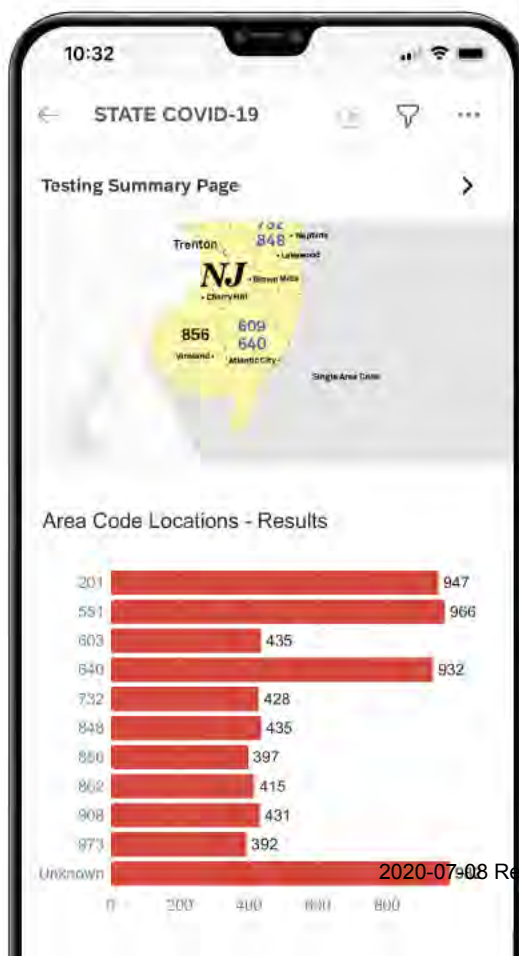
All of the items in the Statewide Online Assessment

- + Resident Assessment (to be taken by everyone regardless of symptoms)
- + Case management and follow up system
- + Dashboard & reporting of symptom data
- + Automates the prioritization of who needs testing

Additional capabilities and integrations with the Statewide Online Assessment include:

- + Test appointment scheduling at eligible testing locations
- + Assessment information digitally linked to the test result
- + Test results delivered back to the individual via SMS, email, or online portal through Qualtrics
- + Automated individual result reporting to state & federal health information systems

Time required to implement: TBD based on each state



Key components

COMPONENT	RESPONSIBLE PARTY
Online assessment for all residents (Phase 1)	Qualtrics
Assessment content	Department of Health
Classification routing algorithm	Qualtrics
Appointment scheduling interface	Partner Required (potential partner secured)
COVID-19 tests	Partner required
QR code generation	Qualtrics
QR code scanners / hardware at testing sites	LOCAL - Partner / equipment required
Testing locations	LOCAL - Partner required
Patient testing site arrival survey	Qualtrics
Volunteers / medical professionals at test sites	Partner required
Lab	LOCAL - Partner required
Lab software to upload results	LOCAL - Partner required
Test result batch upload software	Qualtrics
Patient notification system	Qualtrics

ADDITIONAL DETAIL

Scheduling and Testing Solution



STEP 1

The resident fills out an online assessment (found at testutah.com) as laid out above in Phase 1.

Depending on their risk level, they could be asked to schedule a test based on appointment availability. When they schedule an appointment, they receive an email confirmation that includes a QR code. No PPI is included in the email or attached to this QR code, as it represents a random response ID generated by Qualtrics and will be used to tie the patients' lab results back to their assessment data.

STEP 2

The patient drives to the selected testing site at their designated time. Upon arrival, a nurse scans the patient ID QR Code and then also scans the test kit to associate it with the patient ID. The patient remains in their car while the nurse collects their test swab to place in a vile.

STEP 3

The test kits are transported to the testing lab. A lab tech determines the test outcome (positive/negative), creates a batch file of results that link the patient IDs to their results, then uploads the file back into the Qualtrics database. Qualtrics notifies the patient via email/SMS of their lab results and next steps.

State COVID-19 Testing Dashboard

CUMULATIVE Testing Summary

Completed Assessments	Testing - Appointments Scheduled ▼ 1	Patients Arrived at Site ▼ 1	Test Kits Sent to Lab ▼ 2	Total Results ▼ 1
985,454	267,874	249,541	226,320	222,549
▲ 98,652 Over yesterday	▲ 36,300 Over yesterday	▲ 36,300 Over yesterday	▲ 28,240 Over yesterday	▲ 34,512 Over yesterday

FAST COMPANY

Utah is running mass COVID-19 tests: Why aren't other states?

"Working with the tech advocacy group Silicon Slopes, the Utah Health Department moved to quickly scale up testing, doubling testing capacity from 3,000 tests per day to 6,000 tests per day. Tests mean that people who are ill can be isolated, their contacts can be traced, doctors can better understand the disease's true impact, and those who know that they've had the disease and recovered can safely go back into society (and perhaps help volunteer in healthcare where resources are limited). It's a critical part of understanding when businesses can reopen." -Fast Company

DeseretNews.

TestUtah.com flies out of the gate, surpasses 50K assessments and draws national attention

KSL.com

Here's how Utah plans to test everyone who needs it for COVID-19

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CRUSHING THE CURVE

COVID-19 Tracking, Scheduling & Testing Solution

As states battle the COVID-19 crisis, the need for quick innovative solutions from the private sector that solve pressing issues for the state is apparent. Qualtrics, an SAP company, has created a solution, that has been successfully implemented in the State of Utah, that provides states an ability to assess residents based on risk, prioritize who needs to be tested, route them to testing when available and track future outbreaks and spread of the virus across the state. The solution can be implemented in 2 phases:

PHASE 1

The online assessment and case tracker allows data and cases to be collected, analyzed, categorized and tracked.

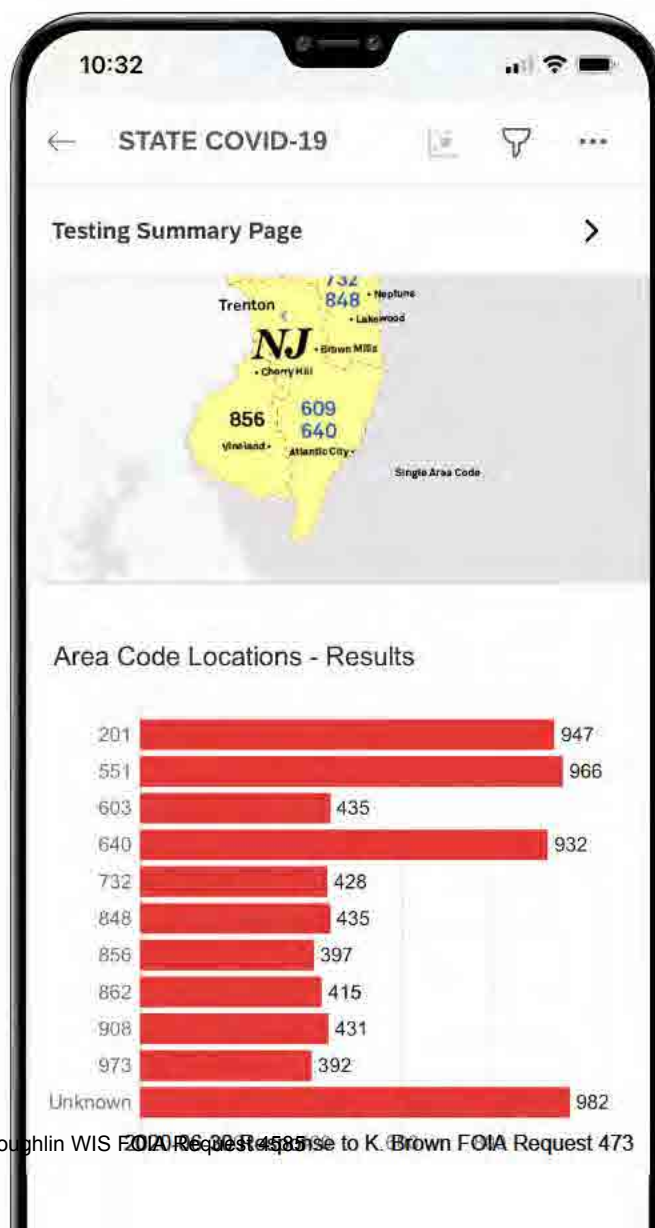
PHASE 2

The online assessment and case tracker, with scheduling and testing solution: allows one platform to tie multiple partners together for data collection, virus tracking, test scheduling and results compilation.

BENEFITS

The Qualtrics solution will give states:

- + Statewide screener with comprehensive tracking of the virus
- + Prioritize individuals who need immediate medical attention and/or COVID-19 testing
- + Real-time reporting and tracking of new COVID-19 cases
- + Streamline coordination and increase the capacity and efficiency of COVID-19 testing
- + Unified data collection for aggregation and analysis by both federal, state and local health systems
- + Ability to analyze data by demographic characteristics to gather insights and support at risk communities



PHASE 1

COVID-19 case tracker

Qualtrics offers a statewide screener available to all residents with comprehensive tracking of the virus and daily monitoring of symptomatic individuals. Prioritize individuals who need immediate medical attention and/or COVID-19 testing. Can be deployed statewide within 2 to 5 days.

INCLUDES

- + Resident Assessment (to be taken by everyone regardless of symptoms)
- + Automated aggregation of data to inform decisions such as the location of testing centers, the deployment of personal protective equipment (PPE), and the targeting of social distancing guidelines to specific groups
- + Case management system to follow up, monitor, and trace individuals for continued risk assessment, including weekly or daily symptom pulses as appropriate.

PHASE 2

COVID-19 case tracker with scheduling & testing

Integrate the COVID-19 Case Tracker with our scheduling and testing solution, enabling patient information collection, test appointment scheduling, test site logistics, and test results notification for COVID-19. This phase needs multiple partners to fulfill some of the functions, but can all be integrated into the Qualtrics system for a seamless process once partners are identified and agreed upon.

INCLUDES PHASE 1 PLUS

- + Automatic routing to a testing center based on their location
- + Schedule a testing appointment
- + Assessment information digitally linked to their test
- + Results delivered back to them via SMS, email, or online portal through Qualtrics
- + Automated individual result reporting to state & federal health information systems



Set up an [account](#) to provide residents with accurate, up-to-date information about the COVID-19 symptoms, scheduling, and testing.

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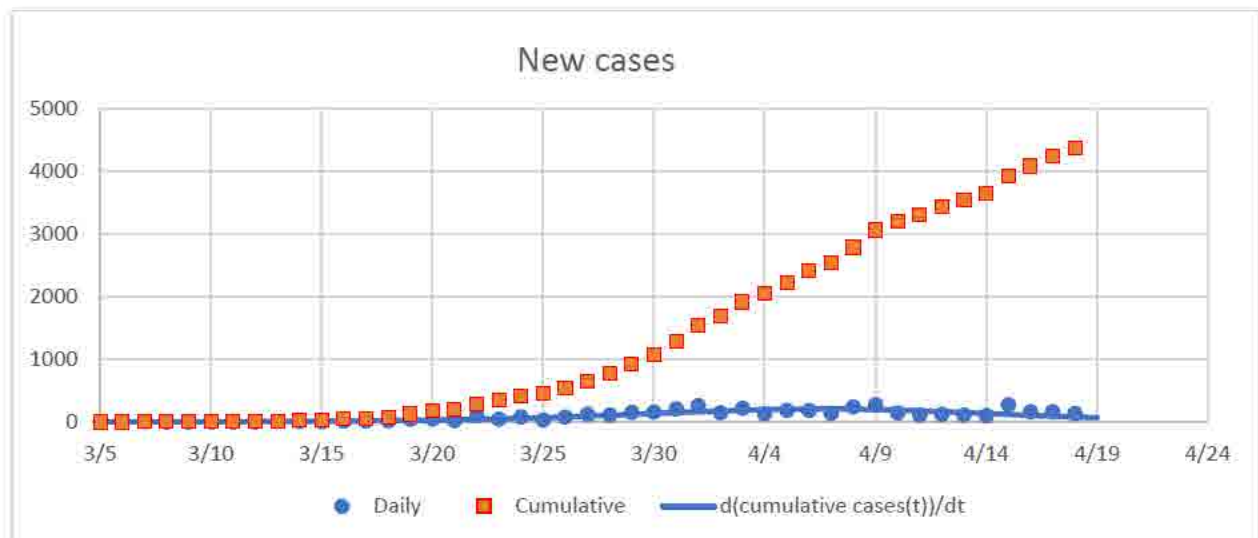
Situation Summary (April 19, 2020):

As of April 17, the CDC reports:

- The United States nationally is **currently in the acceleration phase** of the epidemic:
 - Total confirmed and probable cases: 661,712
 - Total confirmed and probable deaths: 33,049
- 49 states, including SC, report community spread of COVID-19. Of those, 34 states report COVID-19 is “widespread.” (See [CDC transmission status state map](#))
- President Trump unveiled [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#), a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts.

South Carolina:

- Total confirmed cases: **4,377**
- Total COVID-19 tests performed: **40,480**



The following actions would fall under Phase II activities in the White House’s Opening America Up Again plan:

Beaches/Waterways

Public Health Risks:

- Large groups not adhering social distancing practices.
- Inability to monitor effectively
- Perception of loosened restrictions may lead to a false sense of security in the community.
- Influx of people from outside the community and possibly outside the state.
- Estimated 50% of infections are asymptomatic
- Concerns about opening and cleaning restroom facilities
- Unsupervised swimming could increase drowning fatalities

- Owners of rental properties may begin renting to non-local residents.
- Current limitations in disease surveillance and delays in obtaining real time data about disease incidence increases the risk that we may not detect a significant increase in disease activity for two to three weeks before it can be identified with current monitoring.

If decision is made to reopen beaches and waterways:

- Allow opportunities for outdoor recreational activities on beaches and other waterways consistent with those already in place for exercise outdoors.
- Enforce social distancing practices.
- Ensure law enforcement can closely monitor activity on beaches/waterways and in parking lots during hours of use.
- Restrict hours as needed to ensure law enforcement presence.
- Reinforce restrictions on vacation rental property and hotels to prevent influx of non-local tourists. With restaurants closed, increased tourism could put a strain on already overtaxed grocery stores and other food vendors, making it more difficult for locals to obtain needed food and supplies.
- Continue to use disease activity data to monitor potential increases in disease incidence related to relaxing restrictions on local use of beaches and waterways.

Recommendation: If local jurisdictions choose to reopen their beaches and waterways, the above restrictions at a minimum should be in place.

Retail Stores

Public Health Risks:

- Estimated 50% of infections are asymptomatic.
- Shoppers will touch multiple items in the store, potentially facilitate viral transmission.
- Retail stores do not typically provide essential services.
- Large numbers of people may be in a confined space and not maintain social distancing.
- Retail workers will be subject to increased risk of exposure from each other and shoppers.
- Handling paper money may be a disease transmission risk.
- Perception of loosened restrictions may lead to a false sense of security in the community.

If a decision is made to reopen retail stores:

- Hand sanitizer should be available throughout the store.
- Facility should be identified as meeting an essential need.
- Occupancy should be limited for customers and staff. Apply occupancy restrictions similar to those from Executive Order No. 2020-21.
- Stores shall not allow customers to congregate within six feet of each other.
- staff interacting with customers are required to wear masks.

- Establishments must monitor employees for signs of sickness and ask them to report ill family members and immediately send any employee home who is sick or has a potential exposure to the virus.
- High contact surfaces must be frequently disinfected.
- Signs posted reminding shoppers to use available hand sanitizer frequently while shopping.
- Establish a way for customers to access goods remotely via telephone or on-line ordering and curbside delivery service.
- Establish a local system for enforcement of social distancing and sanitizing practices at these facilities.

Recommendation: Consideration may be given to reopening retail stores that provide goods to meet essential needs providing at a minimum, they adhere to the measures listed above to protect both employees and customers.

Close Contact Services (e.g., barber shops, beauty salons, spas)

Public Health Risks:

- Inability to monitor effectively.
- Perception of loosened restrictions may lead to a false sense of security in the community.
- Estimated 50% of infections are asymptomatic.
- Homemade masks are not effective at preventing disease transmission at close distances for prolonged periods of exposure.
- Social distancing is not possible in these settings which require close contact in order for services to be delivered.
- Monitoring illness trajectories related to the reopening of close contact services is not possible given the number and geographic spread of these businesses.
- Retail workers will be subject to increased risk of exposure from each other and clients.

Recommendation: It is **not** recommended that these businesses be reopened at this time.



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Please note the Public Information Line ("PIPS line") is fully functional from 8am to 6pm (same hours as DHEC Line). Please feel free to refer coronavirus related calls to 1-866-246-0133.

SC SUMMARY – APRIL 11-12

SC DHEC over the weekend announced 257 [new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,319 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 82. The United States has 560,430 cases and 22,115 deaths. Around 32,634 people in the United States have recovered. Globally, there are more than 1.8 million cases and over 114,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-23](#), declaring a state of emergency in South Carolina. The order incorporates and further memorializes previous actions, including school closures, transportation waivers and the ability of law enforcement to disperse individuals for the good of public health.

All South Carolinians should continue to exercise social distancing practices. The Governor's "Home or Work" order, available [here](#), remains in effect.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER: "[Easter Sunday gives us the opportunity to reflect on the sacrifice made for us and to celebrate the precious blessing that is life. Stay home, stay safe, and make sure your loved ones know what they mean to you.](#)"

CHARLESTON PORT CARGO fell [13.3 percent](#) in March compared to one year ago.

SC EXPERTS on [managing mental health](#) during coronavirus pandemic.

- "Sara Goldsby, director of the S.C. Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services, said they contacted all of the county licensed treatment centers to make sure they are capable of supplying cellphones to patients who need to engage in remote treatment.
- "They worked with different organizations in helping them develop their remote programs. The department also reached out to all of the pharmacies in the state to ensure

that they had a steady stock of Suboxone, a medication used in helping people manage an addiction to opioids.”

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION has served 3.5 million meals to date. Meals are prepared by cafeteria staff and bus drivers. The meals are delivered by the bus drivers to the students.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE is today introducing a website called “Matchmaking” that will connect vendors and prospective purchasers.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE has received federal funding and is currently processing the \$600 unemployment adjustments.

APPLE donated [100,000 N95 masks](#) to South Carolina.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 11-12

PRESIDENT TRUMP is set to unveil his "[opening our country council](#)," which will be a separate entity from the [coronavirus task force](#) and will feature economic experts, medical professionals, elected leaders (including governors) and members of the business community.

HHS [told the House Oversight and Reform Committee](#) that states will get no more PPE from the stockpile.

FDA released [FAQs](#) on chloroquine phosphate and hydroxychloroquine sulfate.

THE FDA issued an [emergency use authorization \(EUA\) for a blood purification system](#) to treat patients 18 years of age or older with confirmed COVID-19 admitted to the intensive care unit with confirmed or imminent respiratory failure.

THE FDA also recently issued an [EUA to decontaminate compatible N95 or N95-equivalent respirators](#) for reuse by health care workers in hospital settings.

THE FCC announced that its Wireline Competition Bureau will begin accepting applications for \$200 million in funding through the COVID-19 Telehealth Program beginning today at 12:00 PM ET. These funds, appropriated by the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136), will help healthcare providers purchase the connectivity and devices they need to care for patients remotely in response to COVID-19. Applications can be filed through a dedicated application portal, which goes live today: www.fcc.gov/covid19telehealth.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [announced a series of actions](#) to provide as much as \$2.3 trillion in additional aid during the COVID-19 pandemic, including starting programs to help small and mid-sized businesses as well as state and local governments. In addition to a Main Street Lending Facility, which will deliver funding to companies much bigger than those yet eligible for help, the Fed is creating a [Municipal Liquidity Facility](#) with up to \$500 billion in loans to help state and local governments manage cash flow stresses due to the pandemic.

DOL [released guidance](#) to implement the new Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program (PEUC) included in the CARES Act. PEUC provides up to 13 additional weeks of benefits to individuals who have exhausted their regular unemployment benefits and also provides funding to states to administer the program.

DR. FAUCI is “[cautiously optimistic](#)” the virus could plateau next week. He thinks the death toll is now looking closer to 60,000 rather than 100,000 to 200,000.

MNUCHIN thinks U.S. businesses could [reopen in May](#).

EDUCATION SECRETARY DEVOS [unveiled the distribution](#) of \$6 billion in aid for college students.

MORGAN STANLEY'S "[COVID-19: A Prescription To Get the US Back to Work](#)" chart is gaining traction.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

THE NATIONAL GOVERNOR'S ASSOCIATION is calling on Congress to allocate \$500 billion to help states make up budget deficits that have resulted from the fight against the coronavirus.

Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan (R) and New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo (D), the NGA chair and vice chair, respectively, said in a joint statement: “Despite this grave challenge, the recently passed federal CARES Act contained zero funding to offset these drastic state revenue shortfalls,” they said, referring to the recently-passed \$2.2 trillion relief package. “To stabilize state budgets and to make sure states have the resources to battle the virus and provide the services the American people rely on, Congress must provide immediate fiscal assistance directly to all states.

TEXAS GOV. ABBOTT plans to [unveil an executive order](#) with guidelines on how businesses can reopen.

THE HILL: All fifty states [under disaster declarations](#) for the first time in history.

WASHINGTON POST: “[Behind every data point on a curve or chart is a name and story of the earliest victims.](#)”

BORIS JOHNSON is out of the hospital. “[The NHS has saved my life, no question.](#)”

SPAIN is preparing to [allow some businesses to reopen](#) as the rate of infection hit the lowest mark since the outbreak took off across the country a month ago.

IN ITALY, Sunday marked the [lowest single-day death total](#) in more than three weeks in Italy as it looks to move past the worst of the outbreak from the virus.

POPE FRANCIS on Easter [discussed](#) the pandemic and spoke of the “contagion of hope.” He said: “This is an Easter of solitude lived amid the sorrow and hardship that the pandemic is causing, from physical suffering to economic difficulties.”

WINSTON CHURCHILL (1942): “Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 13

DHEC announced [127 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,439 cases across all 46 counties. Five additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 87. The United States has 587,173 confirmed cases and 23,644 confirmed deaths. Around 37,000 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 1.9 million cases and over 120,000 deaths.

As of April 12, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 10,554 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,242 positive and 9,312 were negative. A total of 32,764 total tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state.

DHEC's projections currently indicate that South Carolina may see almost 2,000 new cases per week by early May. The total number of cases is estimated to grow to 8,677 confirmed cases on May 2.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STATE AGENCIES are assessing the financial impact of yesterday's storm damage so the state can pursue a disaster declaration and receive federal support to help with the recovery.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE paid out [\\$53 million in unemployment benefits](#) on Sunday. That money went to some 64,000 South Carolinians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, DEW said. The funds will be available within 24 to 72 hours for claimants to use, depending on bank procedures, according to DEW.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE has [publicized](#) its business clarification lists.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES is receiving five times the usual number of applications for SNAP benefits. They received 1,000 applications for SNAP before noon yesterday.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL has received over 600 price gouging complaints and is working with law enforcement to address them. Please email any examples or documentation to pricegouging@scag.gov or call 803-737-3953 and leave a message if you have witnessed a likely violation.

COVID-19 will shrink South Carolina's state budget by at least [\\$1.2 billion](#). For FY 20-21, we had about \$2 billion in surplus revenue, which the Governor had directed to go to priorities like tax cuts, teacher pay and full-day 4K.

UNITED WAY OF SC manages the [211 response line](#) for our state. Top reported needs: 1) Food Pantries; 2) Rent Payment; 3) Utility Payment 4) Shelter.

P&C: About [two-thirds](#) of Charleston's tourism-related jobs have been lost due to coronavirus.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 13

PRESIDENT TRUMP announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of coronavirus. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

80 MILLION AMERICANS will receive economic impact payments in their bank accounts this week ([HERE](#)).

TREASURY has launched a web portal to allow eligible state, local, and tribal governments to receive payments to help offset the costs of their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Once registered through this portal, States, territories, and the District of Columbia will receive promptly half of the funds allocated to them pursuant to the CARES Act. The remaining balance of the payment amounts due to states, eligible local governments, and tribal governments will be paid no later than April 24, 2020.

Go to: [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://treasury.gov/CARES).

Eligible governments should expect the funds to arrive in the account they designate in as little as 24 hours after providing the required information in the web portal.

TREASURY released additional FAQs on the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Treasury has also updated their CARES Act website to include specific sections on:

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Assistance for Small Businesses](#)
- [Assistance to State and Local Governments](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

USDA SEC. PERDUE unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic.

CMS, together with the Departments of Labor and the Treasury, [issued guidance](#) to ensure Americans with private health insurance have coverage of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and certain other related services, including antibody testing, at no cost.

THE FDA [issued](#) an emergency use authorization to decontaminate approximately 4 million N95 or N95-equivalent respirators per day in the U.S. for reuse by health care workers in hospital settings.

THE ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM needs to be refreshed, as does the Paycheck Protection Program. Republicans are asking for \$251 billion in additional money before the end of the week.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is [moving to delay](#) some deadlines for the 2020 census due to coronavirus, including delivering data to states for congressional redistricting. The Census Bureau is requesting Congress allow a 120-day delay on some data-reporting deadlines, according to a joint statement Monday by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. The delay would accommodate social distancing guidelines for workers to prevent the spread of the disease.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE SHUTDOWNS are [disrupting the U.S. food supply chain](#), crimping availability of meat at retail stores and leaving farmers without outlets for their livestock. Dairy farmers are facing a [crash in milk prices](#). The Trump Administration is poised to invest [\\$15.5 billion](#) through the Department of Agriculture as part of a plan to bolster the nation's food supply chain against impacts of the pandemic.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE is maintaining a [COVID-19 page](#), which contains a number of memos on relevant issues, summaries of recent legislation, economic impact reports, etc.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

SOUTH DAKOTA has become a [hot spot](#) for coronavirus spread. Gov. Kristi Noem did not issue a "stay at home" order.

TEXAS is [partnering with Goldman Sachs](#) to provide \$50 million in loans to small businesses in Texas that have been affected by COVID-19.

OVER 2,100 U.S. CITIES [brace for budget shortfalls](#) due to coronavirus, with many planning cuts and layoffs, new survey finds.

FRANCE: President Macron [extended the national lockdown until May 11](#) and argued that the nation had more to do to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

UK: Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab is expected to announce on Thursday that the lockdown will be [extended until May 7](#).

INDIA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans to [extend the national lockdown](#) until May 3 at least, telling the nation of 1.3 billion the nation needs to make economic sacrifices to save lives

STOCK MARKETS around the world [rose on optimism](#) that economic activity may improve in the near future. Futures tied to the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.5%, suggesting U.S. stocks could gain ground later in the day. The pan-continental Stoxx Europe 600 advanced 1.2%. Asia-Pacific stock indexes also rose Tuesday. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed up 1.6%.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 14

DHEC announced [115 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,553 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 97. The United States has 614,246 confirmed cases and 26,064 confirmed deaths (a 17% rise from yesterday). Around 39,000 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 2 million cases and over 127,500 deaths.

As of yesterday, 5,545 hospital beds are available and 6,095 are utilized, which is a 52.4% statewide hospital bed utilization rate.

For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

GOV. MCMASTER visited the Upstate yesterday to survey storm damage. Nine people were killed during Monday's storms. The Governor will seek an emergency declaration in the state to help damaged areas. "The spirit of the people is strong," he said.

In Hampton County, the Department of Transportation is sending in a surge of 100 employees and 17 work crews to impacted areas. As of 11:00 am yesterday, 97% of roads had reopened.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S projected COVID-19 peak is now April 30. The United States reached a peak around April 10.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE is staffing as quickly as possible to address the influx of coronavirus-related requests. 92 people were in training yesterday.

THE SC NATIONAL GUARD is assisting Oliver Gospel Mission with feeding the homeless.

SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS in South Carolina locked in over [\\$2.2 billion](#) in federal emergency loans through the Paycheck Protection Program since the beginning of April. More than 14,000 employers in South Carolina were approved for the financing between April 3 and April 14, according to new data released by the U.S. Small Business Administration on Tuesday. The PPP is set to run dry by the end of the week unless bipartisan steps are taken in Congress.

AFRICAN AMERICANS make up 27% of South Carolina's population and account for 41% of the positive coronavirus cases, [according to the latest data](#). DHEC is [working](#) with churches to help communicate prevention, and partnering with environmental justice advocates to raise awareness of the virus and better increasing the availability of public health data. The agency is also working with partners to prioritize counties and regions in South Carolina, particularly the state's rural areas, to deploy rapid COVID-19 testing machines that can read results within minutes.

SERVICE MEMBERS at Charleston Air Force Base are [preparing and training](#) for how to transport COVID-19 patients on C-17s without exposing fellow airmen and pilots to the novel coronavirus. The training comes as more Air Force reservists from South Carolina are being deployed in the fight against the coronavirus.

AIRPORTS across South Carolina will receive [more than \\$97 million](#) in federal grants through the CARES Act economic stimulus program.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 14

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION [placed a hold](#) on U.S. funding for the World Health Organization. U.S. international funding to the WHO is \$893 million during the current two-year funding period. The temporary freeze to permit "an investigation" will continue for two or three months.

THE PRESIDENT announced a [new economic advisory council](#) on Tuesday made up of representatives of a cross section of business sectors and industry groups.

A DRAFT PLAN created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Federal Emergency Management Agency [calls for a "phased" restart](#). The plan lays out three phases: first, preparing the nation to reopen with a national communication campaign and community readiness assessment until May 1. Then, the effort through May 15 would involve ramping up manufacturing of testing kits and personal protective equipment and increasing emergency funding. Then, staged reopenings would begin, depending on local conditions. The plan does not give dates for reopenings but specified 'not before May 1.'

FAUCI said ["we're not there yet"](#) when it comes to conditions nationwide to revive an idled American economy. Some [public health experts](#) say reopening the economy in most states where COVID-19 is still raging, even as hospital admissions begin to decline, requires national disease management focused on testing, contact tracing, quarantine and an army of public health workers to treat the inevitable flare-ups of the virus

EVIDENCE suggests COVID-19 [likely developed through nature](#), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley said in response to questions about concerns that it may have escaped from a Chinese research lab studying coronaviruses present in cave-dwelling horseshoe bats.

THE SBA released a state-by-state data report on the “[Paycheck Protection Program](#).” The report outlines that 1,035,086 loans have been approved totaling over \$247 billion in funding as of April 13. The report also provides an industry breakdown for the loans. South Carolina figures--approved loans: 14,273; approved dollars: \$2,756,101,029.

THE US DEPT OF EDUCATION released the application and guidance for uses of funds for the \$3 billion [Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund](#), created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. South Carolina will receive [\\$48,467,924](#) within three days after the Governor submits the certification and agreement. The flexible emergency block grant can be used to meet the current needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations.

FEMA issued [guidance](#) on the framework, policy details and requirements for determining the eligibility for FEMA reimbursement of states purchasing and distributing food to meet the immediate needs of those who do not have access to food as a result of COVID-19 and to protect the public from the spread of the virus. The policy applies to all emergency and major disaster declarations related to COVID-19 and eligible public assistance applicants and adheres to existing cost-share requirements.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

EIGHT GOVERNORS established an economic task force or economic plan for reopening state economies.

- 8 Governors: AK, CO, GA, MI, OH, UT, WA, WY

CALIFORNIA is looking at [staggered class times](#), other reforms for post-coronavirus schools.

THE EUROPEAN UNION warned its 27 nations against easing lockdown restrictions right away and urged them to be cautious in the return to day-to-day life over fears of a spike in the spread of the virus. While some nations are lifting some lockdown measures, the E.U. is pressing for members to make decisions in the name of health and not for business purposes. According to a draft of the [roadmap](#), the E.U. commission says the sudden decision to rollback restrictions will “unavoidably lead to a corresponding increase in new cases,” adding that the national actions “should be gradual.” As of this morning, Europe has eclipsed 1 million confirmed cases of the virus

CHINA [did not warn](#) the public of a likely pandemic from the new virus for six key days before Jan. 20. China’s controls on information, bureaucratic hurdles and a reluctance to send bad news up the chain of command muffled early warnings.

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND’S top economist, Gita Gopinath, on Tuesday projected as part of a new report that “this year the global economy [will experience its worst recession since the Great Depression](#), surpassing that seen during the global financial crisis a decade ago.” The IMF expects the global economy to contract by 3 percent this year because of the coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 15

DHEC announced [105 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,656 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 107. The United States has 644,348 confirmed cases and 28,554 confirmed deaths. Around 48,708 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 2 million cases and over 134,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER 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.

SCDHEC will provide hospitals and medical facilities with rapid coronavirus testing machines this week. However, high use of the machines won't be available immediately due to demand of materials used for testing.

UOFSC will decide how to conduct fall classes [before June 15](#), President Robert Caslen said Wednesday. That will include whether fall classes will need to be held, at least in part, online, and when there will be "acceptable risk" to bring students back to campus.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 15

THE IRS has [this tracking feature](#) to help find out when you will receive your stimulus check.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, with the support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has [announced a temporary final rule](#) to change certain H-2A requirements to help U.S. agricultural employers avoid disruptions in lawful agricultural-related employment, protect the nation's food supply chain, and lessen impacts from the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. Under this temporary final rule, an H-2A

petitioner with a valid temporary labor certification who is concerned that workers will be unable to enter the country due to travel restrictions can start employing certain foreign workers who are currently in H-2A status in the United States immediately after United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) receives the H-2A petition.

FEMA [issued guidance](#) on the framework, policy details and requirements for determining the eligibility for FEMA reimbursement of states purchasing and distributing food to meet the immediate needs of those who do not have access to food as a result of COVID-19 and to protect the public from the spread of the virus. The policy applies to all emergency and major disaster declarations related to COVID-19 and eligible public assistance applicants and adheres to existing cost-share requirements.

USDA has opened a second application window for funding under the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine](#) (DLT) grant program.

SBA's Paycheck Protection Program ran out of funds Wednesday night.

THE CDC is now counting "[probable](#)" cases of coronavirus among its tabulations, according to the agency's website. The inclusion of such cases will add thousands to the total number of patients and deaths by including people who didn't have a positive test but showed signs of having the virus.

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE [relieved symptoms](#) of the virus, but didn't rid patients of the disease a small, recently released study shows.

U.S. RETAIL SALES [plunged](#) 8.7 percent in March, the biggest decline in the nation's history.

BIG BANKS report their profit was nearly halved last month. Leading U.S. banks — Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Bank of America and PNC — reporting quarterly earnings on Wednesday said they're stocking away money to prepare for a wave of loan defaults by consumers and businesses over the coming months. (Washington Post)

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

NORTH CAROLINA: Number of cases [passes 5,380](#).

GEORGIA: More than [15,000](#) cases.

CUOMO said Wednesday that his state is moving to a "[new normal](#)" as he outlined a gradual reopening of businesses, saying the crisis won't be over until a vaccine is made available. "Where we're going, it's not a reopening in that we're going to reopen what was. We're going to a different place."

- [NYT](#): "I'm an E.R. doctor in New York. None of us will ever be the same."

CHINA [criticized](#) President Trump's move to temporarily halt funding to the World Health Organization and pledged to support the global health body. Bill Gates called defunding the WHO "as dangerous as it sounds."

GERMANY: The German government on Wednesday [issued](#) a bleak assessment of the effects of the coronavirus, saying that the economy was headed for a steep recession and a surge in joblessness. Economic output in Europe's largest economy will plunge almost 10 percent from April through June, the German Economy Ministry said. A partial reopening of shops is set to take place next week, with schools reopening on May 4. Social distancing restrictions will remain in place at least through May 3, Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Wednesday

THE PEACE CORPS, which places volunteers in more than 60 countries across the globe, [evacuated](#) all of its 7,300 volunteers because of the coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 16

DHEC announced [276 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,931 cases across all 46 counties. Two additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 109. The United States has 678,210 confirmed cases and 34,641 confirmed deaths. Around 57,844 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.2 million cases and over 147,000 deaths.

Between April 26 and May 2, the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control [expects nearly 2,000 new cases](#) of COVID-19 to be diagnosed, up from a projected total of 1,370 this week. The agency expects the number of cumulative cases in South Carolina to top 8,600 by early May and that peak "hospital resource use" will be seen on April 30.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-25](#), opening public boat ramps for certain recreational activities. The Governor and Commerce Secretary Bobby Hitt introduced "accelerateSC" a new task force which will serve as the coordinated COVID-19 economic revitalization group. The Governor said he expects the South Carolina economy to be back in action by late June.

Governor McMaster also sent a letter to the South Carolina General Assembly offering a solution to South Carolina's current budgetary imbroglio. Due to the ongoing pandemic - and the projected peak infection date of late April - the Governor said he will call the General Assembly into session before the end of the fiscal year (July). The purpose of the session will be to pass a continuing resolution for the operation of state government. The last official legislative day of session is May 14.

The Governor said: "Returning before May 14th for session, even briefly, could place the health and safety of your members at an elevated risk for exposure to the virus. However, I believe — and hope — that by late June that risk will have diminished...."

THE SC DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE's new vendor-purchaser website is [up and running](#).

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Horry County food meal program was suspended due to exposures to staff; will be closed 2 weeks.

LEXINGTON MEDICAL CENTER is [asking for donations](#) of homemade masks.

SIX PEOPLE who attended SC funeral now dead of coronavirus, [officials say](#).

RBC HERITAGE [will be held](#) in June on TV, but without spectators.

BOEING [will start building](#) commercial airplanes at its facilities in Washington state again next week after halting production indefinitely because of the coronavirus pandemic, the company announced Thursday. Operations remain suspended at the Dreamliner plant in North Charleston, the company said.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 16

PRESIDENT TRUMP [released new guidelines](#) on reopening states ([slide deck](#)) amid coronavirus pandemic. On a call with governors Thursday, President Trump said, "you're going to call your own shots" but the federal government will support the states, according to a person on the call who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe the conversation.'

THOUSANDS OF OSHA complaints filed over coronavirus safety lapses, including lack of masks and working in close quarters.

THE PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM is still out of money. 1.6 million loans have been approved by the SBA.

1.7 MILLION — The number of [Facebook shares of fake coronavirus social media posts](#) — everything from advice about bogus medical remedies for Covid-19 to claims that minority groups were less susceptible to infection.

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](#)),

Internal Revenue Service ([IRS](#)), Office of the Director of National Intelligence ([ODNI](#)), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission ([EAC](#)).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

MARYLAND GOV. LARRY HOGAN (R) [said Thursday](#) this week “would be the worst possible time” to lift coronavirus restrictions.

DOW FUTURES [rally 700 points](#) after Gilead coronavirus drug reportedly shows effectiveness.

CHINA raises death toll by 1,300 but [denies coverup](#).

CHINA's economy [shrinks](#) for first time in decades.

FRANCE: Macron [questions](#) China's handling of coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 17-18

DHEC announced 328 [new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 4,246 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 119. The United States has 740,151 confirmed cases and 39,068 confirmed deaths. Around 68,456 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.4 million cases and around 162,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER plans to [reopen public beach access](#) and certain retail stores next week. Social distancing requirements will continue to be enforced. More info to come.

DEW has begun paying out \$600/week [unemployment benefits](#) from stimulus. The one week waiting period waiver was recently extended by Governor McMaster's Executive Order 2020-25.

CHARLESTON could lose more than [\\$2 billion in tourism dollars](#) over two months.

P&C: ["A look at the doctor Gov. McMaster and others are relying on to combat COVID-19."](#)

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 17-18

THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA) has released [Version 3.0 of the Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers list](#). This iteration includes a reorganization of the section around Healthcare and Public Health and more detail to clarify essential workers; emphasis for Emergency Medical Services workers; and adds lawyers and legal aid workers. Also included is language focused on sustained access and freedom of movement; a reference to the CDC guidance on safety for critical infrastructure workers; and a statement saying sick employees should avoid the workplace and the workforce. In worker categories, all references to "employees" or "contractors" have been changed to "workers." Other additions include a reference to the USCG Marine Safety Information Bulletin on essential maritime workers; clarified language including vehicle manufacture; and many other small changes to clarify language.

PRESIDENT TRUMP released [Guidelines for Opening America Up Again](#), providing a plan for rolling back social distancing measures and reopening the country's economy in several phases, depending on location. Under the guidelines, states will need to meet six metrics that include demonstrating a downward trajectory of COVID-19 cases over a 14-day period and a robust system for testing health care workers before they can proceed to a phased opening..

Core state preparedness responsibilities include testing & contact tracing, healthcare system capacity, and plans. Governors will continue to manage the situation in each state and develop robust reopening plans, working in close coordination with medical experts and key industries.

TESTING DELAY came after [contamination](#) at CDC facilities.

PELOSI: Lawmakers close on PPP funding [compromise](#).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

COVID-19 contact tracing has [launched](#) in Massachusetts. What is contact tracing?
<https://techcrunch.com/2020/04/18/what-is-contract-tracing/>

IN NEW YORK, couples can now [get married](#) over Zoom.

EUROPE surpasses [100,000 deaths](#). Commercial life is [beginning to restart](#) in many European countries.



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Please note the Public Information Line ("PIPS line") is fully functional from 8am to 6pm (same hours as DHEC Line). Please feel free to refer coronavirus related calls to 1-866-246-0133.

SC SUMMARY – APRIL 19

DHEC announced 136 [new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 4,377 cases across all 46 counties. One additional death was reported, bringing the total death toll to 120. The United States has 764,265 confirmed cases and 40,565 confirmed deaths. Around 71,012 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.42 million cases and around 166,000 deaths.

There have been more than 100 positive tests every day in South Carolina since March 28. The daily death count has been trending downward since April 9, when 16 deaths were reported.

THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH METRICS AND EVALUATION'S COVID-19 projections model [now predicts that the peak of new cases in South Carolina was on April 15 and the peak in deaths was April 9](#). Previous estimates had been for the end-of-April/beginning-of-May timeframe. The model suggests that social distancing measures may be relaxed around the beginning of June.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER will lift restrictions on certain retail stores this week. Any store that reopens must abide by previous directives, limiting occupancy to five customers per 1,000 square feet. The directive will not allow inside dining at restaurants or lift the governor's "home or work" order.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE has created a video going into detail about unemployment benefits for the self-employed, as well as a shortened FAQ sheet for 1099, Self Employed, Contractors and Gig Workers. The bottom link is the latest version of the full FAQ sheet.

Links:

- [Unemployment for the Self Employed and More](#)

- [FAQ for The Self Employed](#)
- [Full FAQ Sheet](#)

P&C EDITORIAL: [“Coronavirus will reorder civic priorities across the Charleston region.”](#)

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 19

PRESIDENT TRUMP said on Sunday that the official U.S. death toll from COVID-19 is likely to be closer to 60,000 cases than the 100,000 to 240,000 projected by the White House in March.

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. HHS has a comprehensive [Novel Coronavirus Resources](#) page that highlights technical resources and information for the medical community and emergency responders.

Best practices are organized around five themes:

- *Helping People*, which includes best practices on topics such as crisis counseling resources and anticipating and attending to civil rights;
- *Government Operations* best practices such as public information and continuity of operations considerations;
- *Private Sector and Infrastructure*, which includes best practices for commercial trucking and food stores;
- *Recovery Planning and Implementation*, to include the newly released FEMA Disaster Financial Management Guide and economic recovery considerations; and
- *Medical Supplies and Equipment*, including best practices for the preservation of personal protective equipment while ensuring workers are protected.

Please visit www.coronavirus.gov for current health-related guidance and information on COVID-19.

AS OF APRIL 18, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 55.8 million N95 respirators, 77.1 million surgical masks, 6.1 million face shields, 11.4 million surgical gowns, 564 million gloves, 10,998 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

CMS announced [new regulatory requirements](#) that nursing homes must inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. In addition, CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC will provide a reporting tool to nursing homes that will support federal efforts to collect nationwide data.

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.

CONGRESS this week will [likely vote on and pass](#) a package to refresh the Paycheck Protection Program. Likely will include: \$100 billion for hospitals, \$310 billion for Paycheck Protection Program and \$60 billion for separate emergency lending program for small business.

THE NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION is calling for Congress to create a dedicated recovery fund for the restaurant industry. According to the group, 8 million restaurant employees have been laid off or furloughed. The industry lost \$30 billion in revenue in March and is on track to lose an additional \$50 billion by the end of April.

SOME LAWMAKERS are [pushing to assist](#) local newspapers and broadcasters.

US OIL PRICES hit [20-year low](#).

THE NEXT 45 DAYS may be the most [critical in U.S. financial history](#).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

MASSACHUSETTS: A [growing number of children](#) are being hospitalized with COVID-19.

TEXAS, VERMONT AND MONTANA will join South Carolina in [easing some mitigation restrictions](#) this week.

SPAIN: Spanish health officials [reported an increase of 410 deaths on Sunday](#), the lowest single-day rise in the death toll in nearly a month.

SOUTH KOREA: South Korea started to [loosen restrictions](#) on social distancing for churches and sporting events on Sunday, allowing the Korean Baseball League and other sporting associations to go on without spectators.

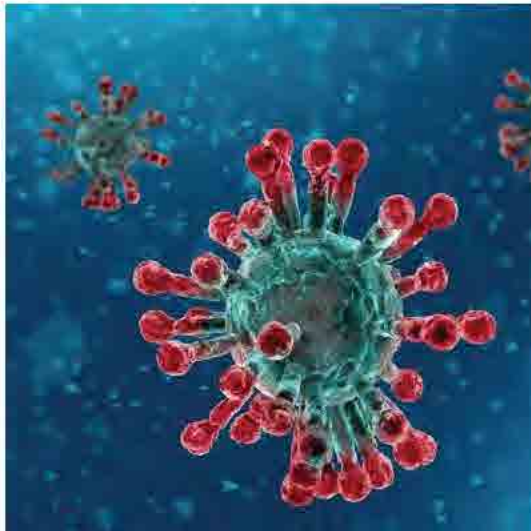
SWEDEN: In one of the few nations that has not issued a lockdown and has maintained a relaxed set of restrictions, Sweden's top epidemiologist said today that the country is [seeing "a sort of plateau" in cases](#). As of this morning, Sweden has 14,385 confirmed cases and 1,540 deaths

Subject: SCRLA SnapShot - April 17, 2020

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 at 11:45:24 AM Eastern Daylight Time

From: South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association

To: Douglas O'Flaherty



COVID-19 Information and Resources Available to SCRLA Members

SCRLA continues to respond to the challenges COVID-19 presents across South Carolina's hospitality industry during this unprecedented time. We remain in close and constant communications with our state and national leaders and support organizations, including the Governor's office, State Emergency Operations Center, our legislative leaders both state and federal, AHLA, NRA, AAHOA and others. We vigorously fight for our industry, and are always available for your questions, comments, and concern. [Click here for more information.](#)

SCRLA Launches South Carolina Hospitality Relief Fund

In partnership with Scofflaw Brewing Co., the SCRLA has launched a relief fund to assist hospitality workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The main goal of the South Carolina Hospitality Employee Relief Fund is to provide grants for qualified applicants who are facing significant financial hardship due to a lay-off, furlough or reduction in hours. The grants are to cover immediate expenses. **The application is temporarily closed due to an overwhelming response.**

[Click here for more information.](#)





Free Training and Online Courses Available Through April 30

The National Restaurant Association is offering free access to its ServSuccess Restaurant Professional and Restaurant Supervisor eLearning suites, in addition to ServSafe courses and training videos. [Click here to learn more.](#)

The AHLEI Foundation (AH&LEI) is also offering Supervisory Skills Builders, Hospitality Manager: Leadership, and Certified Hotel Administrator Review courses. [Click here to learn more.](#)


Courses are free through April 30.

The "New Normal" in the Restaurant Industry

The immediate impact of the COVID-19 crisis on the food and beverage industry is devastating. The National Restaurant Association reported that national restaurant sales were down more than \$25 billion in March, and 3 million restaurant industry employees were without jobs. Before the pandemic struck, 2020 was anticipated to be a record year with more than \$899 billion in projected sales, but now sales could be down by 25% or more compared to last year.

How will businesses survive? [Read the full article here.](#)



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educational programs, offering operational benefits, and creating opportunities for member involvement. Learn more about the multiple benefits of membership today.

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SCDEW Update - April 16, 2020

In the week ending April 11, the advance figures for South Carolina's total employment are 87,686, an increase of approximately 3.14% from the previous week's count of 85,018 and a 4,293.09% increase from the week ending March 14, 2020 when only 1,996 total jobs were filed.

This means that there were 87,686 individuals who both live and work in the state of South Carolina who filed an initial claim during that week. [Click here for the full report.](#)



ASSOCIATION NEWS

Help us Help YOU!

South Carolina's hospitality businesses have been and will continue to be fully committed to customer safety, employee safety and food safety. As soon as the COVID-19 public health crisis is in our rear view mirrors, we as an industry need to have a strategic plan in place to immediately begin its implementation with the goal of maximizing our industry's swift and effective recovery. The SCRLA has established a Hospitality Industry Resilience Task Force and we want your input as we begin to reopen South Carolina for business. [Click here to provide your input.](#)

<p>The hospitality industry turnover rate is nearly 75%</p> <p>Source: National Restaurant Association, May 9, 2019.</p>	<p>Help improve retention by offering health benefits.</p> 	<p>Learn more about exclusive SCRLA member solutions. lp.uhc.com/scrla</p> 	 
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South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 14, 2020)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 14, 2020

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 115 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19, and 10 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 3,553 and those who have died to 97.

Of those 10 deaths, eight were elderly individuals with underlying health conditions from Aiken (1), Berkeley (2), Clarendon (2), Lancaster (1), Lexington (2) counties; one was an elderly individual, with the presence of underlying conditions still under investigation, from Richland County (1); and one was a middle-aged individual with underlying health conditions from Horry County (1).

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (9), Anderson (2), Beaufort (4), Berkeley (8), Charleston (2), Chesterfield (4), Clarendon (3), Colleton (1), Darlington (1), Fairfield (1), Florence (3), Georgetown (2), Greenville (27), Hampton (2), Horry (4), Jasper (2), Kershaw (6), Lancaster (1), Lee (2), Lexington (2), Marion (2), McCormick (1), Newberry (2), Orangeburg (1), Pickens (3), Richland (11), Spartanburg (2), Sumter (4), Williamsburg (1), York (2).

Edgefield County lost one positive case from its total count as an individual was determined during case investigations to be a resident of another county.

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 13, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 10,678 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,258 positive and 9,420 were negative. A total of 33,872 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.

Updated Demographic Data

Today's web update includes [updated demographic data](#) for positive cases and deaths related to COVID-19. Monitoring demographic information can help direct information and resources to high-risk populations and help identify any disparities that deserve further investigation or focus.

Hospital Bed Capacity

As of this morning, 5,545 hospital beds are available and 6,095 are utilized, which is a 52.4% 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

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.

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MEDIA: There is no telebriefing today.

South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (April 16, 2020)

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This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 3,931 and those who have died to 109.

Both deaths occurred in elderly individuals with no known underlying health conditions who were from Lee County.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (3), Anderson (7), Beaufort (3), Berkeley (16), Charleston (23), Cherokee (3), Chesterfield (1), Clarendon (6), Darlington (5), Dillon (3), Dorchester (1), Fairfield (1), Florence (16), Georgetown (1), Greenville (33), Greenwood (12), Hampton (3), Horry (5), Kershaw (4), Laurens (4), Lee (1), Lancaster (2), Lexington (52), Marlboro (4), McCormick (1), Newberry (6), Orangeburg (2), Pickens (2), Richland (29), Spartanburg (8), Sumter (7), York (12).

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Testing in South Carolina

As of April 15, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 11,271 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,370 positive and 9,901 were negative. A total of 36,284 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, 5,074 hospital beds are available and 6,283 are utilized, which is a 55.3% statewide hospital bed utilization rate.

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Epidemiology Capacity Assessment (ECA) Report, 2017

South Carolina

Periodically, the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists performs a workplace assessment known as the ECA. State Epidemiologists and their designees complete an on-line questionnaire regarding sources of funding, current staffing and vacancies, salaries, capacity in four key Essential Public Health Services, and other topics. This document contains results for 2017 for your state and provides comparisons with other states in the region, with states of similar population size, and with national values.

Composition of comparison groups for your state:

Region: South; Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia

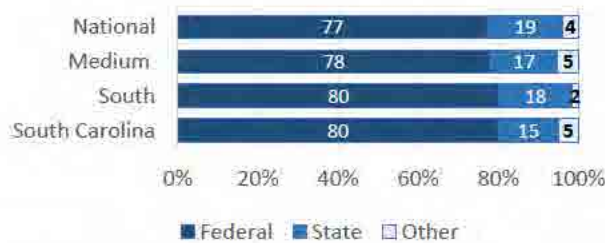
State population: Medium (2-6 million); Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Mexico, Nevada, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Utah, Wisconsin

National: 50 States + DC

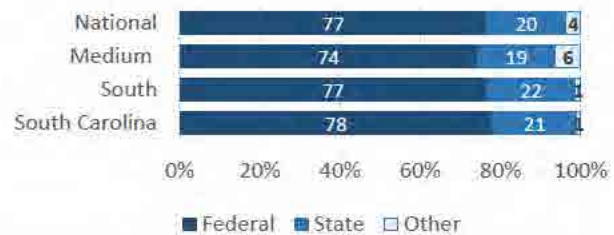
For further details on the methods, definitions, and interpretation of the results, see www.cste.org

1. Funding sources for epidemiology activities and personnel (% from each source)

Funding sources, activities



Funding sources, personnel



About four-fifths of South Carolina's funding for activities and personnel is provided by the Federal Government. The state contributes slightly less than other states for epidemiologic activities, but its contribution for personnel is similar.

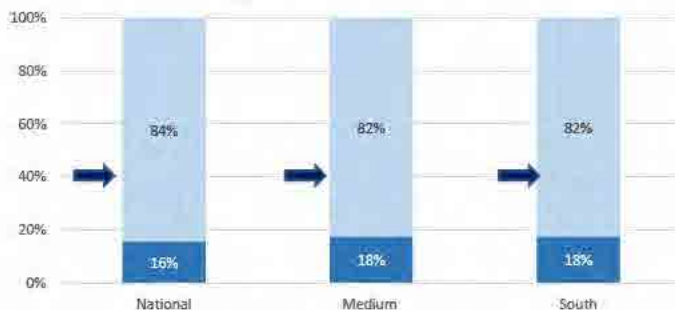
2. Epidemiologists per 100,000 population

South Carolina has a total of 42 epidemiologists, which represents 0.8 epidemiologists/100,000 population. This is lower than the rate of 1.0/100,000 for Southern states and all states combined and the rate of 1.5/100,000 for medium states.

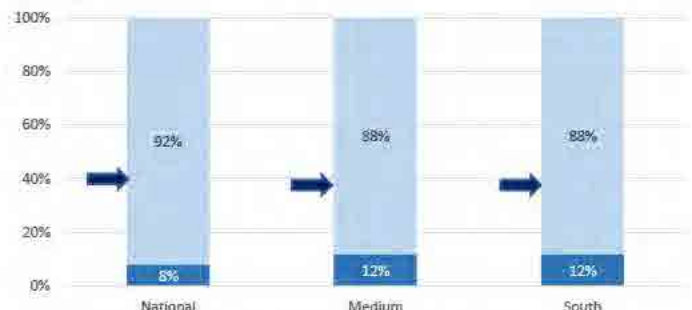
3. Essential Public Health Services capacity: the ability to lead activities, provide subject matter expertise, and apply for, receive, and manage resources to conduct the key activities

➔ South Carolina's response ■ None to minimal (<25%) ■ Partial (25-49%) ■ Substantial to full (>50%)

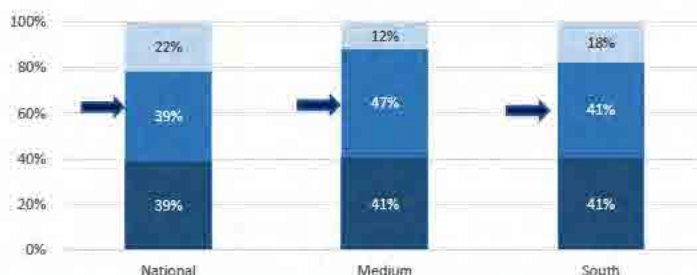
EPHS #1 Monitoring health status to identify and solve community health problems. South Carolina: Substantial (50-74%)



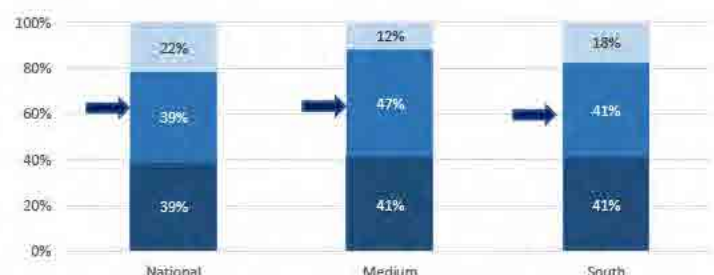
EPHS #2 Diagnosing and investigating health problems and health hazards in the community. South Carolina: Substantial (50-74%)



EPHS #10 Researching for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems. South Carolina: Partial (25-49%)



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South Carolina's capacity is similar to most states for all four EPHS

4. State salary range by career level

Category	Salary	Entry-level	Mid-level	Senior-level	State Epidemiologist
National	Low (mean, range)	\$46K (\$30K-\$70K)	\$70K (\$35K-\$84K)	\$64K (\$40K-\$117K)	\$118K (\$42K - \$219K)
	High (mean, range)	\$69K (\$35K-\$110K)	\$84K (\$49K-\$224K)	\$103K (\$65K-\$250K)	\$171K (\$84K-\$291K)
Medium	Low (mean, range)	\$43K (\$30K-\$52K)	\$49K (\$35K-\$82K)	\$58K (\$40K-\$84K)	\$127K (\$75K-\$178K)
	High (mean, range)	\$65K (\$35K-\$70K)	\$85K (\$49K-\$86K)	\$101K (\$72K-\$250K)	\$192K (\$110K-\$263K)
South	Low (mean, range)	\$43K (\$30K-\$61K)	\$49K (\$35K-\$76K)	\$61K (\$40K-\$88K)	\$117K (\$54K-\$178K)
	High (mean, range)	\$62K (\$35K-\$97K)	\$75K (\$49K-\$97K)	\$98K (\$72K-\$162K)	\$163K (\$84K-\$245K)
South Carolina	Low	\$40K ---	\$49K ---	\$59K ---	\$178K ---
	High	\$74K ---	\$90K ---	\$109K ---	\$178K ---

South Carolina salaries are comparable or higher than those of Southern, medium population states, and all states combined for the four career levels

5. Use of contractors and minimum educational attainment and years of experience required for positions in epidemiology with the health department

Characteristic	National	Medium	South	South Carolina
Uses contractors	59%	53%	53%	Yes
Minimum required educational level				
High school	8%	12%	6%	
Bachelor's degree	59%	65%	47%	X
Master's degree	33%	24%	47%	
Minimum required years of experience				
<1 year	49%	59%	47%	
1 year	16%	18%	12%	
2 years	25%	18%	41%	X
>2 years	10%	6%	0%	

Like the majority of states, South Carolina uses contractors. The minimum required level of education is similar to the majority of Southern states, medium population states, and all states, while the minimum years of experience required is higher.

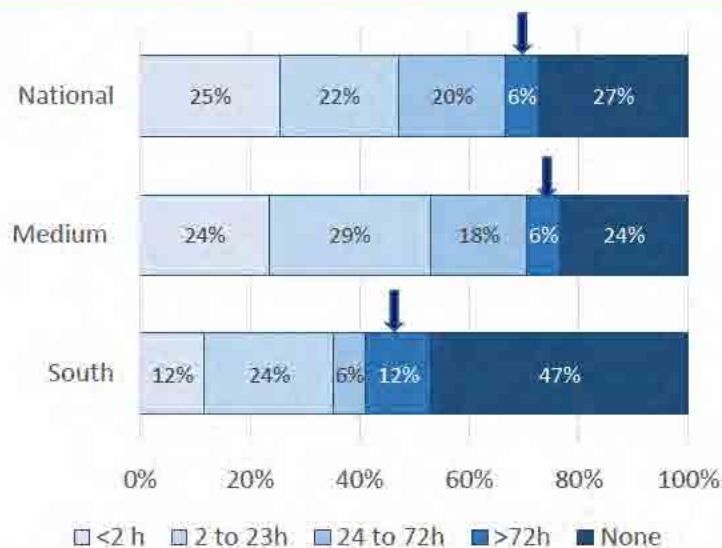
6. Ratio of total vacancies to intend-to-hire positions for civil service, contractor, and overall. intend-to-hire positions are those for which candidates are being actively recruited.

Employment mechanism	Ratio, vacancies : intend to hire			
	National	Medium states	South	South Carolina
Civil service	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.3
Contractors	1.0	1.1	1.0	----
Civil service + contractors	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3

South Carolina has 7.5 vacancies, and intends to fill 6. The ratio of vacancies: intend to hire is higher than the values for Southern states, medium population states and all states.

7. Access to peer reviewed literature: time required to obtain articles

↓ South Carolina's response



South Carolina has access to the literature after >72 hours, which is slower than the majority of medium population states and all states. It is also slower than many Southern states.

8. Utilization of outbreak management system

Like the majority of states, South Carolina uses an outbreak management system. A total of 59% of Southern states, 59% of medium population states, and 69% of all states use outbreak management systems.



THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

April 10, 2020

Dear Governors:

On behalf of President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, I want to extend my continued gratitude for your tireless efforts in our whole-of-America approach to respond to and mitigate the effects of COVID-19. I am asking for your **immediate action** to ensure your State is reporting key information to the Federal Government. Our whole-of-America approach requires this to get resources to the right place, at the right time.

Broad Healthcare Capacity Data Reporting

Since our call on April 6, more States are fully reporting on a daily basis key hospital capacity and ventilator use metrics; however, several States are not. Prudently achieving real-time supply chain and data management for healthcare within your State is a necessity. **I ask you to take action today to work with your emergency manager and FEMA Regional Administrator to improve your daily healthcare capacity data reporting.**

Personal Protective Equipment Reporting

States have received their full distribution of the Strategic National Stockpile. We are accelerating and expanding supplies through our control tower approach to expedite commercial distribution networks with an emphasis on hotspots. **Beginning today, we need to know your State's stockpile inventory and the PPE supplies your hospitals currently have to assist with our prioritization of supplies and equipment deliveries to areas most in need.** This should be updated daily to FEMA. We are also expanding domestic production to increase supplies long-term, and the airbridge efforts will continue to bring important supplies that will benefit every State and territory. **I ask you to take action today to work with your emergency manager and FEMA Regional Administrator to report this data daily.**

Hospital Utilization and Lab Data Reporting

Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Alex Azar is sending your hospital administrators guidance to streamline reporting daily hospital data on testing, capacity, supplies, utilization, and patient flows. **Beginning today, your hospitals need to be reporting this information daily to HHS.** HHS has worked to minimize the burden of data sharing and reduce duplication of efforts. States can waive hospitals from reporting directly to the Federal Government if the State takes over the Federal reporting responsibilities. Your State does not need to take any action unless you so choose. *Enclosed please find Secretary Azar's letter to hospital administrators.*

Thank you for your immediate action, and we will continue to be in close communication.

Sincerely,

Michael R. Pence
Vice President of the United States

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OTHER STATES

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SC DHEC announced [32 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 456 cases across 39 counties, with 9 deaths. The new confirmed cases come from private laboratories only – DHEC, like other state response agencies, is experiencing a reagent shortage and is awaiting more supplies. The United States now [leads the world](#) in confirmed coronavirus cases, with 85,612 cases and 1,301 deaths, as of this writing.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER said a statewide "stay at home" order will be issued only if it becomes necessary. He said: "I have great faith in the people of South Carolina. They follow rules. They're respectful. They're courteous. They're gentle. They're smart. They're resilient. And if you will notice the things we have asked them to do, they are doing and they are doing them very well."

SOUTH CAROLINA UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS rose [1600% last week](#), with 31,054 claims. Most impacted counties: Horry - 5,258 (17% of state total); Charleston - 4,183; Greenville - 3,265; Richland - 2,476; Spartanburg - 1,554.

CHARLESTON'S FIRST DAY under "stay home" order [saw little enforcement](#).

SOME SC TOURISM LEADERS are [advocating for visitor quarantines](#).

SC MANUFACTURERS [stepping up](#) in fight against coronavirus.

PRISMA HEALTH suspends COVID-19-related patient billing. Their new their "[VESper](#)" device, developed [in collaboration with UofSC](#), made national news. It was featured on FOX NEWS' Hannity last night.

MUSC making [protective masks](#) with 3D printers to bolster supply during coronavirus outbreak.

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THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES will vote on the CARES Act today. A number of [good breakdowns](#) of the stimulus bill have emerged.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is set to [issue guidelines](#) for classifying US counties by coronavirus risk in an effort to help local officials decide whether to increase or relax social distancing rules.

THE US DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY announced a 12-month delay in the REAL ID enforcement deadline. The new deadline for compliance is October 1, 2021.

THE US ARMY is asking retirees in health care fields to [come back for coronavirus fight](#).

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OTHER STATES

STATES ACROSS THE COUNTRY are [releasing inmates](#) to combat the coronavirus threat.

KENTUCKY: Democratic Gov. Andy Beshear announced that non-essential state employees were being reassigned to work at food banks. The state has 248 confirmed cases and 5 deaths.

FLORIDA: Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott issued orders requiring anyone traveling from New York, New Jersey or Connecticut to quarantine for 14 days. Florida has 2,355 confirmed cases and 28 deaths. Texas has 1,396 confirmed cases and 18 deaths.

TEXAS: The state created a supply chain "strike force" with the vice president of worldwide procurement at Dell Technologies and a former state representative who is also a physician. It has so far secured \$80 million worth of testing kits, protective equipment, ventilators and other medical supplies.



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SC RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 27

SC DHEC announced [86 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 539 cases across 39 counties. Four additional deaths were announced, bringing the total to 13. There is a significant backlog of samples at DHEC, which will be addressed over the weekend and which will likely artificially inflate numbers on Monday. The United States has more than 104,000 cases and 1,704 deaths as of this writing.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-14](#), requiring anyone coming to South Carolina from New York, New Jersey, Connecticut or the City of New Orleans, to self-quarantine for a period of no less than 14 days. The order does not apply to individuals employed by airlines and individuals performing or assisting with military, healthcare, or emergency response operations.

U.S. SENATORS LINDSEY GRAHAM AND TIM SCOTT joined Governor McMaster at a [press conference](#) to discuss the \$2.2. trillion COVID-19 relief bill. South Carolina is set to receive a minimum \$1.25 billion from a state and local government fund, while the majority of South Carolina residents will receive a \$1,200-per-person stimulus check.

ATTORNEY GENERAL ALAN WILSON'S OFFICE issued an [opinion](#) stating that "local government cannot exercise emergency powers delegated to the Governor by the General Assembly." Some municipalities, like Folly Beach, have [rolled back local orders](#).

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP approved a [Major Disaster Declaration](#) for the State of South Carolina, allowing local and state governments to receive federal aid in response to the growing COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITALS like Lexington Medical Center and Prisma Health are [seeking donations](#) of certain medical and cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment for clinicians and patients.

SC DHEC now lists coronavirus cases by [zip code](#).

SC DSS announced an [emergency supplement](#) for SNAP households. The emergency supplement will bring all households up to the maximum benefit amount, based on household size, regardless of income.

FEDERAL RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 27

THE US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES passed the CARES Act by voice vote. President Trump [signed it into law](#) Friday afternoon.

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP invoked the Defense Production Act to [compel GM](#) to make ventilators.

FEMA ADMINISTRATOR GAYNOR sent a [letter](#) to state emergency managers with a preparedness checklist and a CDC-issued [PPE Burn Rate Calculator](#).

FEMA [offered guidance](#) on ways the private sector can help in the coronavirus fight.

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.

The FDA also issued an Emergency Use Authorization for a [new coronavirus test](#) that takes just 15 minutes to complete. The test's maker, Abbott, says it plans to start delivering 50,000 tests per day starting next week.

THE EPA [suspended enforcement of environmental regulations](#) due to the pandemic. The policy does not provide leniency for intentional criminal violations of law.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OTHER STATES

NORTH CAROLINA: Governor Cooper issued a [statewide “stay at home” order](#) until April 29.

ELEVEN GOVERNORS have established or encouraged enhanced quarantine measures

- **11 Governors: AK, FL, GA, HI, IA, NE, NV, NY, RI, SC, TX**
- Governors DeSantis, Ricketts, and Abbott have ordered self-quarantine for anyone traveling from areas of the nation that see high cases of COVID-19. Governor Dunleavy mandated a two-week quarantine for anyone entering the state. Governor Reynolds and McMaster strongly encouraged travelers entering the state to self-quarantine upon arrival. Governors DeSantis and Kemp announced plans to establish specific quarantine zones. *NOTE: At least four Democrat governors have announced plans to provide enhanced quarantine procedures to protect their citizens: HI, NV, NY, and RI.*



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SC RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 28

SC DHEC announced [121 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 660 cases across 40 counties. Two additional deaths were announced, bringing the total to 15. United States has more than 123,000 cases and 2,229 deaths as of this writing. The death toll in the United States has [more than doubled](#) since Thursday.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-15](#):

- Extending the "state of emergency" in South Carolina and further authorizing the implementation of South Carolina's Emergency Operations Plan;
- Further authorizing DHEC to exercise emergency powers and restrict visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with the exception of end-of-life situations;
- Authorizing and directing correctional institutions to suspend visitation;
- Further ordering the activation of the South Carolina National Guard;
- Ordering SLED to initiate emergency registration processes for private security personnel;
- Extending price gouging prohibitions;
- Directing the continued closure of all public schools in the State of South Carolina and authorizing all state-supported colleges, universities and technical colleges to complete the Spring 2020 semester through virtual instruction;
- Directing 911 operators to ask any individual placing a call for service whether such individual or any member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms;
- Extending waivers for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles who are providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts;
- Further authorizing state and local law enforcement to do whatever is deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order, and providing penalties for failure to disperse on order of law enforcement.

SCDHHS announced the [latest](#) in a series of revisions to telephonic and telehealth services, providing additional provider reimbursement guidance for remote treatment of Medicaid patients.

SOUTH CAROLINA received a [second allotment](#) of medical equipment from the National Stockpile that included more than 100,000 surgical masks and more than 40,000 respirators masks meant to protect health care workers from the coronavirus.

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THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION issued a [travel advisory](#) for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut urging residents to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately.

THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA) [issued new guidance](#) on critical infrastructure workers.

FEDERAL LAWMAKERS are planning [new coronavirus stimulus](#) measures.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OTHER STATES

FLORIDA has [established checkpoints](#) for eastbound travelers to notify them of the quarantine requirements.

RHODE ISLAND established a [policy](#) allowing law enforcement officers to stop cars and collect information about motorists who have New York license plates. Governor Cuomo has threatened legal action.

MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATIONS have been approved for more states, including Kentucky, Massachusetts and Michigan.



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SC DHEC announced [113 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 773 cases across 40 counties. One additional death was announced, bringing the total to 16. The United States has more than 142,000 cases and 2,489 deaths as of this writing.

SC DHEC is now sharing [patient demographic information](#), including age and gender.

MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS in the [Grand Strand area](#) have issued orders prohibiting hotels and accommodations services from accepting visitors and new reservations until May.

THE SC HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION has a [running list](#) of drive-thru coronavirus testing locations. The list is being updated as more locations open.

P&C EDITORIAL: "[Here's something to do while stuck inside: Fill out the census](#)"

FEDERAL SUMMARY – MARCH 29

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is [extending social distancing guidelines](#) through the end of April.

THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION issued an [emergency use authorization](#) for hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine, allowing the drugs to be donated to the Strategic National Stockpile to be distributed and prescribed by doctors to hospitalized teen and adult patients with COVID-19, as appropriate, when a clinical trial is not available or feasible.

THE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE will hold a briefing at 5 p.m.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

CNN has a [running list](#) of coronavirus cases by state. Top five: 1) New York; 2) New Jersey; 3) Michigan; 4) Massachusetts; 5) Florida.

FAUCI: US could have [millions of coronavirus cases](#) and over 100,000 deaths.

BIRX: State and city leaders [need to know](#) where each hospital in their jurisdiction is located, where the surgical centers are, where “every piece of equipment is in the state” and how to move equipment around the state “based on need.”

LOUISIANA GOVERNOR EDWARDS [predicts](#) state will be out of ventilator capacity by April 4 or 5 and out of beds by April 10.

IN SPAIN, the [lockdown was expanded](#) on Sunday to bar nonessential work as the total number of deaths eclipsed 6,600, with the death toll at 840 on Sunday alone, a daily record. The confirmed cases sit at 78,799, the fourth most of any country.

ITALIAN OFFICIALS are hopeful that there is light at the end of the tunnel as just more than 5,200 new cases were reported on Sunday, [the lowest amount in four days](#). The total number of confirmed cases sits at 97,698.

NYT OPINION: “[Germany has relatively few deaths from coronavirus. Why?](#)”

As of Monday morning, there were 724,945 confirmed cases of the virus and 34,041 deaths worldwide. Nearly 153,000 individuals have recovered from COVID-19.



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SC SUMMARY – MARCH 30

SC DHEC announced [151 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 925 cases across 41 counties. Richland County has 40 new cases alone. Two additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 18. The United States has 164,359 cases and 3,173 deaths as of this writing.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-16](#):

- Ordering and directing that any and all public beach access points, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency
- Ordering and directing that any and all public piers, docks, wharfs, boat ramps, and boat landings providing public access to the public waters of this State, to include any adjacent or associated public parking lots or other public facilities, shall be closed to public access for recreational purposes for the duration of the State of Emergency
- Directing that the beaching or rafting of boats, whether on a sandbar, lakeshore, riverbank, or island, is prohibited for the duration of the State of Emergency. Vessels must remain underway at all times unless exigent circumstances exist. Anchoring to fish is allowed; however, rafting is prohibited under all circumstances. This 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.
- In accordance with article XIV, section 4 of the South Carolina Constitution, the Order does not enlarge or infringe upon the existing rights of individuals to access the navigable waters of this State or the rights of owners of private property adjacent to the public beaches or public waterways of this State.
- **Governor McMaster said:** "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. 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."

SOUTH CAROLINA is expected to receive \$1.9 billion from the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Department of Treasury said it will issue guidance later this week, and the funds are expected to be distributed no later than April 24.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION reports that 72% of state employees (53,272 people) are working from home; 28% of state employees (21,193 people) are physically reporting to work.

THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES will soon transition to a 100% appointment-based system. Customers will wait in their vehicles and doors will open every 15 minutes.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE is answering questions via govaffairs@dew.sc.gov.

CITIZENS MAY APPLY FOR SNAP/TANF BENEFITS online at SCMAPP.sc.gov. To submit an application or renewal via fax, send to (803) 734-2012. Applications or renewal forms can be mailed by calling 1-800-616-1309.

FEDERAL SUMMARY – MARCH 30

THE CARES ACT included \$350 million for a federal small business loan program called the Paycheck Protection Program. The program is designed to get cash in the hands of suffering small businesses quickly, with less red tape and fewer guardrails than the SBA's existing loan programs. It is designed to incentivize business owners to keep employees on payroll by offering them loan forgiveness. Self-employed individuals, independent contractors and sole-proprietors also are eligible. More information here: <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/paycheck-protection-program>.

CMS announced [sweeping regulatory changes](#) to respond to COVID-19 dealing with increasing hospital capacity, expanding the health care workforce, paperwork reduction, and telehealth.

FORD MOTORS AND GE will make as many as [50,000 ventilators](#) over the next 100 days.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is considering [hazard pay](#) for doctors and nurses on the front lines of the outbreak.

HHS ASSISTANT SECRETARY says [self-swab testing](#) will be implemented this week.

THE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE will hold a briefing at 5 p.m.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND D.C. issued [stay-at-home orders](#) for residents. Virginia's is expected to last until June 10.

GOV. RON DESANTIS issued a [stay-at-home order](#) for South Florida through mid-May.

CORONAVIRUS slowdown in Seattle [suggests containment strategies are working](#).

IN ITALY, [61 doctors have died](#) after contracting coronavirus. More than 8,300 health workers have tested positive there for COVID-19. [849 people died in Spain overnight](#).

THE OLYMPICS have been postponed until 2021.

As of Tuesday morning, there were 801,117 confirmed cases of the virus and 38,771 deaths worldwide. More than 172,000 individuals have recovered from COVID-19.



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SC RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 28

SC DHEC announced [121 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 660 cases across 40 counties. Two additional deaths were announced, bringing the total to 15. United States has more than 123,000 cases and 2,229 deaths as of this writing. The death toll in the United States has [more than doubled](#) since Thursday.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-15](#):

- Extending the "state of emergency" in South Carolina and further authorizing the implementation of South Carolina's Emergency Operations Plan;
- Further authorizing DHEC to exercise emergency powers and restrict visitation to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, with the exception of end-of-life situations;
- Authorizing and directing correctional institutions to suspend visitation;
- Further ordering the activation of the South Carolina National Guard;
- Ordering SLED to initiate emergency registration processes for private security personnel;
- Extending price gouging prohibitions;
- Directing the continued closure of all public schools in the State of South Carolina and authorizing all state-supported colleges, universities and technical colleges to complete the Spring 2020 semester through virtual instruction;
- Directing 911 operators to ask any individual placing a call for service whether such individual or any member of their household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is exhibiting symptoms;
- Extending waivers for commercial vehicles and operators of commercial vehicles who are providing direct assistance to supplement state and local efforts;
- Further authorizing state and local law enforcement to do whatever is deemed necessary to maintain peace and good order, and providing penalties for failure to disperse on order of law enforcement.

SCDHHS announced the [latest](#) in a series of revisions to telephonic and telehealth services, providing additional provider reimbursement guidance for remote treatment of Medicaid patients.

SOUTH CAROLINA received a [second allotment](#) of medical equipment from the National Stockpile that included more than 100,000 surgical masks and more than 40,000 respirators masks meant to protect health care workers from the coronavirus.

DSS continues to coordinate with the SC Hospital Association, first responders and other state agencies to make sure that adequate child care is available. There are 2,419 regulated child care facilities in South Carolina (including centers, churches, and family homes).

Date (Close of Business or Last Reported)	# Child Care Centers Closed	% of all Child Care Centers Closed*
March 17	575	24%
March 18	636	26%
March 19	828	34%
March 20	990	41%
March 23	1,053	44%
March 24	1,094	45%
March 25	1,115	46%
March 26	1,118	46%
March 27	1,135	47%

FEDERAL RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 28

THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION issued a [travel advisory](#) for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut urging residents to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately.

THE CYBERSECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AGENCY (CISA) [issued new guidance](#) on critical infrastructure workers.

FEDERAL LAWMAKERS are planning [new coronavirus stimulus](#) measures.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OTHER STATES

FLORIDA has [established checkpoints](#) for eastbound travelers to notify them of the quarantine requirements.

RHODE ISLAND established a [policy](#) allowing law enforcement officers to stop cars and collect information about motorists who have New York license plates. Governor Cuomo has threatened legal action.

MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATIONS have been approved for more states, including Kentucky, Massachusetts and Michigan.



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SC SUMMARY – MARCH 31

SC DHEC announced [158 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 1,083 cases across 42 counties. Four additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 22. The United States has 188,592 cases and 4,056 deaths as of this writing. 7,251 people have recovered.

As state epidemiologist Dr. Bell explained yesterday, these are absolute reported cases, and not a useful measure for making decisions about individual behavior. Actual cases – asymptomatic or otherwise – are likely higher.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-17](#), closing the following "non-essential" businesses for the duration of the State of Emergency:

- 1. Entertainment venues and facilities as follows:
 - (a) Night clubs
 - (b) Bowling alleys
 - (c) Arcades
 - (d) Concert venues
 - (e) Theaters, auditoriums, and performing arts centers
 - (f) Tourist attractions (including museums, aquariums, and planetariums)
 - (g) Racetracks
 - (h) Indoor children's play areas, with the exception of licensed childcare facilities
 - (i) Adult entertainment venues
 - (j) Bingo halls
 - (k) Venues operated by social clubs
- 2. Recreational and athletic facilities and activities as follows:
 - (a) Fitness and exercise centers and commercial gyms
 - (b) Spas and public or commercial swimming pools
 - (c) Group exercise facilities, to include yoga, barre, and spin studios or facilities
 - (d) Spectator sports
 - (e) Sports that involve interaction in close proximity to and within less than six (6) feet of another person

- (f) Activities that require the use of shared sporting apparatus and equipment
- (g) Activities on commercial or public playground equipment
- 3. Close-contact service providers as follows:
 - (a) Barber shops
 - (b) Hair salons
 - (c) Waxing salons
 - (d) Threading salons
 - (e) Nail salons and spas
 - (f) Body-art facilities and tattoo services
 - (g) Tanning salons
 - (h) Massage-therapy establishments and massage services

SCEMD issued a [wireless emergency alert](#) to cell phones throughout the state. The EMD website subsequently received 650 hits a second from unique users – ten times more traffic than any incident for which they have ever activated, including hurricanes. The message read as follows: “NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES TO CLOSE. PLEASE STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 SCEMD.ORG.”

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES issued [guidance](#) related to Governor McMaster’s Executive Order 2020-16. The executive order does **not** prohibit fishing but it does restrict access to public facilities for recreational purposes. The closure does not affect privately owned ramps and docks. Per the Governor’s executive order, [beaches are empty](#).

INMATES AT THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS are making [1,000 protective masks a day](#).

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL issued a [warning/advisory](#) about Coronavirus-related scams.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION issued [guidance](#) related to grades for K-12 students. Instead of reporting grades separately for the third and fourth quarter of the school year, K-12 students across the state will receive one grade for the entire spring semester. All school districts will report a numerical grade – rather than a “pass/fail” grade – for the semester to “maintain equity” for scholarship considerations.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, PAROLE AND PARDON SERVICES is [waiving supervision fees](#) through May 1.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES announced new child care closures:

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March 20	990	41%

March 23	1,053	44%
March 24	1,094	45%
March 25	1,115	46%
March 26	1,118	46%
March 27	1,135	47%
March 30	1,225	51%

P&C EDITORIAL: “[Stay Home, South Carolina. Together, we can get through the coronavirus pandemic.](#)”

FEDERAL SUMMARY – MARCH 31

THE WHITE HOUSE projects between [100,000 - 240,000 coronavirus deaths](#). President Trump has warned of a “painful two weeks” ahead.

THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE [posted](#) its worst quarter [ever](#).

THE CDC is reviewing its guidelines and [may recommend mask use](#). One-in-four may have [no symptoms](#). A second wave is possible in the [fall](#).

THE CDC also changed its [risk strata description](#). Infected may be contagious up to 48 hours before onset of symptoms.

THE FDA [authorized](#) a new two-minute test.

THE CORONAVIRUS TASK FORCE will hold a briefing at 5 p.m.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

KENTUCKY GOVERNOR BESHEAR asked Kentuckians [not to travel](#) out of state unless it’s for essential business or activities.

RESEARCHERS AT KING’S COLLEGE LONDON said that [loss of taste and smell](#) may be the best way to determine whether you have coronavirus. 60% of patients who tested positive in study reported this particular symptom.

ITALY’S new cases level off as Spain [suffers deadliest day](#).

As of Wednesday morning, there were 872,802 confirmed cases of the virus and 43,271 deaths worldwide. More than 184,000 individuals have recovered from COVID-19.



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SC SUMMARY – April 1

SC DHEC announced [210 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 1,293 cases across 43 counties. Richland County has 40 new cases alone. Four additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 22. The United States has 215,344 cases and 5,112 deaths as of this writing.

THE DSS HOTLINE for alleged child abuse or neglect cases, or abuse of vulnerable adults saw a [25% decrease](#) in calls from a month prior, and a 39% decrease compared to a year ago.

UOFSC will begin issuing [student refunds](#) for parking permits, meal plans and on-campus residential housing.

BOEING is expected to begin offering [early retirement and buyout packages](#) to its workforce as the plane maker comes to grips with the coronavirus pandemic's deepening toll on the global aviation industry.

FEDERAL SUMMARY – April 1

THE WHITE HOUSE [issued](#) new "30 Days to Slow the Spread" guidance.

THE IRS released guidance on stimulus payments, including details on who is eligible for payments, where they money will be sent, and clarifying questions regarding tax returns. Individuals earning up to \$75,000 and couples filing jointly earning up to \$150,000 are eligible for the full payment, which is \$1,200 for individuals and \$2,400 per couple. If one's income is above this amount, the payment is reduced by \$5 for each \$100 one makes above the threshold. Single filers making above \$99,000 will not be eligible, and couples filing jointly who have no children making more than \$198,000 are also ineligible.

Completed 2018 or 2019 tax returns serve as the basis for calculating payments. Treasury is developing a web-based portal for individuals to provide direct deposit information. Direct deposit will allow payments to be sent directly to bank accounts as opposed to checks via mail. More details on the economic impact payments can be found [here](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY AND SBA released initial guidance for \$350 billion "Paycheck Protection Program, which provides \$350 billion to help small businesses keep workers employed amid

the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. The initiative provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses through December 31, 2020 for SBA 7(a) loans. Treasury and SBA stated that banks will be able to start making the loans on Friday at an interest rate of 0.5 percent. SBA is preparing its own website for the program.

- Resources: [Treasury Resources](#), [SBA Resources](#), and
- Very helpful fact sheet: [US Chamber Small Business Guide and Checklist](#)

CARES also authorized an [Employee Retention Credit](#) (ERC), which encourages businesses to keep employees on payroll. The tax credit is refundable and is 50 percent of up to \$10,000 in wages paid by eligible employers impacted by the pandemic. In a release, Treasury outlined what businesses are eligible, what wages qualify, how eligible businesses receive the ERC, and where they can find more information related to the credit. In addition, the Senate Finance Committee released a [FAQ](#) on the ERC that answers additional questions related to the Treasury guidance.

DOJ released a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program solicitation. CESF will provide funding to assist eligible states, local units of government, and tribes in preventing, preparing for, and responding to the coronavirus. Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers. This is a formula grant; see the eligible allocations link on page 1. The posting closes on May 29, 2020.

- Resource: [Solicitation Link](#).

THE NATIONAL STOCKPILE of protective medical supplies and equipment distributed to states during the coronavirus pandemic is [nearly depleted](#), according to Department of Homeland Security officials.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

FLORIDA GOV. RON DESANTIS issued a “stay at home” order for the entire state.

KANSAS is using a GPS program to [track residents’ locations](#) through their cell phones in a bid to slow coronavirus cases, officials revealed during a press conference on Wednesday.

LOUISIANA AND GEORGIA have the six counties with the highest number of COVID-19 deaths in the country per capita, followed by New York County in seventh place, according to data presented by Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) at a news briefing Wednesday afternoon.

12 GOVERNORS have closed all non-essential businesses

- 12 Governors: R-AL, D-CT, D-DE, D-KY, D-ME, R-MD, R-MA, R-OK, D-PA, R-SC, R-TN, D-WI

35 GOVERNORS have provided guidance on definition of “essential” or “non-essential”

- 35 Governors: R-AL, D-AK, R-AZ, D-CA, D-CO, D-CT, D-DE, D-HI, R-ID, D-IL, R-IN, R-IA, D-KS, D-KY, D-LA, D-ME, R-MD, R-MA, D-MI, D-MN, R-MS, D-MT, R-NH, D-NJ, D-NM, D-NY, D-NC, R-OH, R-OK, D-OR, D-PA, D-RI, R-SC, R-TN, R-TX, R-VT, D-VA, D-WA, R-WV, D-WI

As of Thursday morning, there were 939,436 confirmed cases of the virus and 47,287 deaths worldwide. More than 202,000 individuals have recovered from COVID-19.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 2

SC DHEC announced [261 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 1,554 cases across all 46 counties. Five additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 31. The United States has 254,442 cases and 6,098 deaths as of this writing. 10,411 people in the United States have recovered.

These are absolute reported cases, and not a useful measure for making decisions about individual behavior. Actual cases – asymptomatic or otherwise – are likely higher. Everyone should **STAY HOME** to the maximum extent possible.

THE SC DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION is extending the license renewal deadline for licenses, registrations, and permits scheduled to renew during the months of April, May, June, July, and August. The new renewal deadline is extended to September 30, 2020.

Additionally, continuing education requirements may be obtained throughout the entirety of this extended renewal period. Affected licenses, registrations and permits involve the following boards:

- Barbers
- Cosmetology
- Contractors
- Dentistry
- Engineers and Surveyors
- Environmental Certification
- Funeral
- Long Term Health Care
- LP Gas
- Manufactured Housing

- Massage Therapy
- Nursing
- Pharmacy
- Real Estate Appraisers
- Real Estate Commission
- Residential Builders

Renewals will be open on their regularly-scheduled dates if licensees want to renew, but they are not required to do so. Renewing at the regularly-scheduled time may be preferable for those licensees who are required to provide proof of current licensure to other regulatory authorities or to employers. More information is available at LLR's [website](#).

GOVERNOR MCMASTER [directed DHEC](#) to publicly disclose the up-to-date numbers of confirmed COVID-19 cases by local zip code. In addition, they will provide the estimated number of residents who are likely infected and untested within that same zip code.

Governor McMaster said: "Providing this non-identifying information violates no state or federal privacy laws and is in the public's interest. It is my hope this disclosure will reinforce to South Carolinians the seriousness and dire necessity of staying home to prevent the spread of COVID-19."

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE released [new unemployment insurance claims data](#). In the week ending March 28, 2020, the advance figure for initial claims was 64,856, an increase of approximately 108.85% from the previous week's count of 31,054 and a 3,149.3% increase from the week ending March 14, 2020.

PER DEW: Important Information to Know About the Unemployment Insurance Process

1. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act has been signed into law, but these benefits are not yet available and the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce is awaiting further guidance from the U.S. Department of Labor for state-specific implementation. For those who have already filed an unemployment insurance claim, please continue to file your weekly claim. For those who are self-employed, independent contractors, nonprofit employees, and gig economy workers, or requesting an extension of benefits and are not currently filing weekly claims, please continue to visit our website at dew.sc.gov, as we will continue to provide additional information and guidance as it becomes available.

2. Please visit our [COVID-19 Resource Hub](#) and social media as we will be communicating how this legislation will affect our process as soon as we know more.

3. Due to the influx of unemployment claims being filed, the national system known as ICON hub, which all states use to validate social security numbers on claims in real time, is being overwhelmed with validation requests. We are required to validate social security numbers to avoid fraud and prevent identity theft. The Department of Labor is aware and is working to expand its database capacity.

4. The unemployment insurance claims process is 100 percent online. You do not have to visit an SC Works center to file for benefits. There is no “in-person” process.

5. Most of the questions our agency is receiving through our call center can be found on our website dew.sc.gov and our YouTube page SC DEW. Check the site in order to avoid the wait!

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA is [suspending in-person classes](#) through the summer. College of Charleston president Hsu is providing [weekly updates](#). Clemson has a [dedicated page](#) for COVID-19 updates with helpful information.

THE SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS HOME APPLIANCE plant in Newberry County has [shut down](#) after two employees tested positive.

P&C EDITORIAL: “[Mitigation seems to work, but hard times lie ahead for SC, US](#)”

FEDERAL SUMMARY – APRIL 2

THE WHITE HOUSE is [expected to recommend](#) mask usage for all Americans.

NATIONAL UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES will be released today. Over 10 million people applied for unemployment in March, including a record [6.65 million people](#) in the week that ended March 28. Payrolls declined by 701,000 in March.

SBA released guidance for its \$350 billion loan program. The initiative provides 100% federally guaranteed loans to small businesses through December 31, 2020 for SBA 7(a) loans. Banks can start making the loans now at the newly adjusted interest rate of 1 percent.

TREASURY announced that Social Security recipients who do not usually file tax returns [no longer need to file them](#) to get the stimulus payments from the last coronavirus relief package.

SPEAKER PELOSI announced a new bipartisan House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis to be chaired by [Majority Whip Jim Clyburn](#) to examine the Administration’s response to coronavirus.

FEDERAL PRISON AUTHORITIES [announced](#) inmates nationwide must be confined to their cells for 14 days to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

USA.GOV is cataloging [all U.S. government activities related to coronavirus](#). 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), Internal

Revenue Service (IRS), Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), and U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

Louisiana saw a [42% increase in cases](#) in one day, but Gov. John Bel Edwards pointed out the logjam in testing is finally breaking, which accounts for the increase.

California [appears to be flattening the curve](#), but testing is lagging behind other states.

China is [vastly understating](#) its coronavirus infection count, according to the CIA.

The global coronavirus death toll passed 50,000 and confirmed cases are nearly 1 million.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 3

SC DHEC announces [147 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 1,700 cases across all 46 counties. Three additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 34. The United States has 279,500 cases and 7,457 deaths as of this writing – an increase of more than 1,000 deaths since yesterday. 12,729 people in the United States have recovered.

These are absolute reported cases, and not a useful measure for making decisions about individual behavior. Actual cases – asymptomatic or otherwise – are likely higher. Everyone should **STAY HOME** to the maximum extent possible.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-18](#) and [Executive Order 2020-19](#).

Executive Order 2020-18 orders and directs that effective Monday, April 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., the following additional "non-essential" businesses, venues, facilities, services, and activities shall be closed to non-employees and shall not be open for access or use by the public:

- Furniture and home-furnishings stores;
- Clothing, shoe, and clothing-accessory stores;
- Jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores;
- Department stores, with the exception of hardware and home-improvement stores;
- Sporting goods stores;
- Book, craft, and music stores;
- Flea markets; and
- Florists and flower stores.

Executive Order 2020-19 orders and direct that effective Friday, April 3, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., any and all individuals, entities, or establishments engaged in the provision of short-term rentals, vacation rentals, or other lodging accommodations or operations in the State of South Carolina are prohibited from making or accepting new reservations or bookings from or for individuals

residing in or travelling from any country, state, municipality, or other geographic area subject to or identified in a CDC travel advisory or other CDC notice as a location with extensive community transmission of COVID-19, to include the Tri-State Area (consisting of the States of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut).

DHEC [released](#) data showing cases of coronavirus by zip code.

CHIEF JUSTICE BEATTY [issued a statement](#) reminding citizens that rent, mortgages should be paid during the coronavirus outbreak.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE paid [more than \\$10 million](#) in unemployment benefits from March 29 to April 2. The agency has not yet received technical guidance or start dates for CARES Act benefits.

FEDERAL SUMMARY – APRIL 3

THE CDC [recommended](#) that Americans voluntarily wear nonmedical masks while in public.

CMS AND CDC issued [new guidance](#) to state and local governments and nursing homes to help fight against COVID-19. According to surveys conducted the week of March 30, CMS found that 36 percent of facilities inspected in recent days did not follow proper hand washing guidelines, and 25 percent failed to demonstrate proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE).

CMS issued guidance [outlining options](#) for state Medicaid programs to use telehealth both to better serve rural areas and for treatment of substance use disorder (SUD). The guidance offers a roadmap for states and stakeholders interested in expanding the use of telehealth within Medicaid.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION will issue [direct payments](#) to hospitals from an industry bailout fund to cover the costs of treating uninsured Americans with coronavirus,

THE SBA AND TREASURY officially launched the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to provide liquidity to small businesses impacted by COVID-19. As of last night, banks had originated \$1.8 billion in PPP loans.

THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE forecasted a [9% unemployment rate](#) through 2021. The U.S. unemployment rate reached 4.4% in March.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 4-5

SC DHEC announced 349 additional cases of COVID-19 over the weekend, bringing South Carolina's total to 2,049 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 44. The United States has 336,851 cases and 9,620 deaths as of this writing. 17,977 people in the United States have recovered.

These are absolute reported cases, and not a useful measure for making decisions about individual behavior. Actual cases – asymptomatic or otherwise – are likely higher. Everyone should **STAY HOME** to the maximum extent possible.

DHEC currently has no testing delay. Bed capacity is holding steady at 52%.

MORE SC BANKS will begin issuing Paycheck Protection Program loans today.

DEW received federal guidance on enhanced unemployment checks (with \$600 weekly supplement). Adjusted checks should start going out in the next two weeks.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION prepared nearly 1.5 million meals between March 30 and April 3.

MILLIKEN has started making fabric [mask and gowns](#).

P&C EDITORIAL: "[A distinction without a difference. Stay home. Stay home. Stay home.](#)"

- "The actual difference between what people still may do in most of South Carolina versus most of the nation is ... practically nothing."

HICKS: "[Stay at home or not, South Carolina isn't the looniest southern state.](#)"

FREE TIMES: [Columbia stretches to deal with its homeless population during COVID-19.](#)

FEDERAL SUMMARY – APRIL 4-5

DEATH TOLLS are [expected to peak](#) in some cities this week.

- **SURGEON GENERAL:** “This is going to be the [hardest and saddest week](#) of most Americans’ lives.”
- **BIRX:** “[This is the moment](#) to not be going to the grocery store, not going to the pharmacy, but doing everything you can to keep your family and your friends safe.”

ONE-QUARTER of the US economy is now [offline](#).

THE SURGEON GENERAL released a video showing how to [make your own mask](#). Masks are now recommended for any situation in which social distancing may prove difficult.

FAUCI said it’s likely that coronavirus will be [seasonal](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR released [guidance](#) to implement the new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program (PUA) included in the CARES Act. PUA provides benefits (100% federally funded) to individuals not eligible for regular unemployment compensation or extended benefits under state or federal law, including those who have exhausted all rights to such benefits. Covered individuals under PUA also include dislocated self-employed individuals, part-time “gig workers”, and individuals lacking sufficient work history.

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR also released [guidance](#) for Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC) under the CARES Act. FPUC will provide a \$600 weekly supplement (100% federally funded) to individuals qualifying for regular unemployment insurance and individuals qualifying for assistance under new programs created by the CARES Act.

THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM is extending the 30-day grace period for policies with expiration dates between Feb. 13 and June 15 to 120 days. Specifically, the grace period extension means that policyholders will be allowed to renew their policies up to 120 days after the expiration date without facing a lapse in coverage.

THE FDA approved a Phase-3 clinical trial using a rheumatoid arthritis drug for treatment of severe COVID-19 pneumonia.

THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE is in the process of deploying all remaining personal protective equipment in its inventory. These shipments will be sent across the country with prioritization given to areas in greatest need. As of April 2, the SNS has delivered or is currently shipping: 11.6 million N95 respirators, 26.3 million surgical masks, 5.2 million face shields, 4.3 million surgical gowns, 22.4 million gloves, 144,000 coveralls, 7,640 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

U.S. POLICY RESOURCES (Per US Chamber of Commerce)

- [Detailed Summary of CARE Act](#)
- [Multistate Association by State Trackers](#) -includes: State/Local Activity Dashboard, Stay-at-Home Orders: What is Considered Essential Business?, Travel Restrictions Issued by States, State Legislation on COVID-19 & Twitter Lists of State Officials & Agencies
- [Small Business Financial Resources by State](#)

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

NEW HOT SPOTS have been [identified](#) in Washington, D.C., Pennsylvania and Colorado, while New York, Louisiana and Detroit continue to account for many of the 337,646 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States.

GOV. CUOMO (NY) [said](#) New York experienced a drop in new hospital admissions and a declining daily tally of deaths, which he called a “blip.” But if it holds, it could foreshadow relief in the Empire State from the ravages of the coronavirus, which has killed more than 4,000 people there

THE STATE OF WASHINGTON on Sunday [announced](#) that it will return more than 400 ventilators to the Strategic National Stockpile after determining that the machines could be better used in states facing more dire conditions. Washington had 7,498 known cases on Sunday, with 319 deaths

GEORGIA GOVERNOR KEMP [reopened beaches](#) one day after issues a “stay at home” order.

UK PRIME MINISTER JOHNSON [hospitalized](#) with coronavirus.

CHINA sees [new rise](#) in cases.

HOPE IN EUROPE after a [weekend](#) that saw Italy reporting its lowest death toll in two weeks and France its fewest dead in a week.

GLOBAL POLICY RESOURCES (Per US Chamber of Commerce):

- [U.S. Chamber Global Dashboard on COVID-19 Government Policies](#)
- [Overview of Country Tax Policy Measures in Response to COVID-19 Crisis \(OECD\)](#) [Excel File]
- [Tax Administration Responses to COVID-19: Measures Taken to Support Taxpayers \(OECD\)](#) [PDF]
- [IMF Policy Responses to COVID-19](#)

There are more than 1.2 million cases of coronavirus worldwide. More than 70,000 people have now died, and more than 270,000 have recovered.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 6

SC DHEC announced [183 additional cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina’s total to 2,232 cases across all 46 counties. Four additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 48. The United States has 367,650 cases and 10,943 deaths – over 1,000 new deaths since yesterday. 19,810 people in the United States have recovered.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-21](#). The “home or work” order requires all citizens of South Carolina to **STAY HOME** unless they are working, obtaining necessary goods or services, visiting family or engaging in outdoor recreation. This is a mandatory requirement, with criminal penalties (30 days in jail and/or \$100 fine for each day of violation). The order also includes social distancing requirements for businesses that remain open – they must operate at 20% capacity (maximum) or 5 people per 1,000 square feet. The order goes into effect today, Tuesday, at 5:00 p.m.

The order was issued based on the advice of health experts, an increasing rate of infection and an ongoing lack of compliance with social distancing recommendations.

The Governor also recommended that Easter services be held outdoors, via online streaming or that churches otherwise provide for social distancing.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY is expected to be in session tomorrow to pass a continuing resolution.

Governor McMaster said: “I am urging the General Assembly to come back to work on Wednesday, as has been planned, and get it done. We have cashiers going to work, we have police officers going to work, we have all kind of people going to work. There’s no excuse for the members of the General Assembly not to come to work on Wednesday and take care of this vital business.”

Speaker Lucas said: “Each expert’s answer to me has been that if the House must convene, the safest course of action is to meet as soon as possible since the risk from COVID-19 is likely to rise significantly over the course of the next 45-60 days across our state.”

DHEC PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR DAVIDSON recommended the use of homemade masks in situations where social distancing may be difficult, such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy. South Carolinians should not rush out and buy masks. A tutorial on how to make a homemade mask is available here:

<https://www.thestate.com/news/coronavirus/article241810986.html>.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD is working with SC hospitals to [plan for potential hospital surge scenarios](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION has waived all state licensure requirements for doctors, nurses, respiratory care practitioners and physician assistants licensed in another state. They have relaxed regulations to better allow providers to care for SC residents via telemedicine. More information on LLR’s efforts is available [here](#).

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE has added more than 150 new customer service representatives since the beginning of the COVID-19 outbreak and resulting unemployment surge.

THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING last week provided more than 77,500 meals to seniors and conducted more than 530 tele-assessments.

FEDERAL SUMMARY – APRIL 6

TREASURY SECRETARY MNUCHIN said that the Coronavirus Relief Fund \$150 billion allocation to state, territorial, and tribal governments is projected to be out around [April 24](#). Treasury is expected to release guidance to states 7-10 days ahead of distribution of funds.

SAMHSA announced [emergency grants](#) to help Americans dealing with substance use disorders and/or serious mental illness during the COVID-19 pandemic. States and territories can apply for the funding with states receiving up to \$2 million each and territories up to \$500,000. Applications are due on April 10, 2020.

THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS within the Department of Justice announced nearly [\\$70 million](#) in grant funding to help communities to help support reentry efforts for adults and juveniles. The announcement includes several funding opportunities that support a wide array of activities and services to help reentry programming.

THE CDC will provide [\\$186 million](#) to public health agencies to test and track COVID-19. The agency is also conducting antibody tests to find undetected coronavirus cases.

THE PENTAGON [announced](#) anyone on DOD properties and facilities must wear a cloth face mask if they are unable to maintain 6 feet of social distance.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

20 GOVERNORS have issued statewide stay-at-home orders containing enforcement and specific penalty language

- 20 Governors: R-AK, R-AZ, D-CA, D-CO, R-GA, D-HI, R-ID, R-MD, D-MI, D-MN, R-MS, D-NJ, D-NY, D-NC, R-OH, D-OR, R-SC, D-VA, D-WA, D-WI

THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT [ruled](#) on Monday that Gov. Tony Evers cannot order the state's primary election today postponed, as he attempted to do earlier Monday by executive order.

SOUTH KOREA [reported](#) fewer than 50 positive cases of COVID-19 for the first time since late February.

UK FOREIGN SECRETARY DOMINIC RAAB has been [deputized](#) to act on behalf of Prime Minister Boris Johnson, who is infected and in intensive care.

THE WHO [warned](#) more young people are dying from coronavirus.

There are more than 1.36 million cases of coronavirus worldwide. More than 76,000 people have now died, and more than 293,000 have recovered



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 7

SC DHEC announced [187 additional cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 2,417 cases across all 46 counties. Three additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 51. The United States has 400,549 cases and 12,85 deaths. 21,711 people in the United States have recovered.

DHEC [estimates](#) that there are likely more than 16,500 in the state infected with COVID-19. The agency has an extremely useful [testing and data web page](#) updated daily, which includes projections regarding peak resource usage, estimated death tolls and a heat map which demonstrates the spread of positive cases.

As of 4/8, DHEC projects:

- 16 days until peak resource usage on April 24, 2020
- A peak of 14 deaths/day on April 25, 2020
- 470 total COVID-19 deaths by August 4, 2020

URL: <https://scdhec.gov/index.php/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/testing-sc-data-covid-19>

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SC DNR issued [guidance](#) on hunting and fishing during the “home or work” order. Both activities are permitted, with some restrictions.

SCDOT is [prepping a former Midlands hotel](#) as a possible surge site for coronavirus cases.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA launched a [relief fund](#) for students affected by the coronavirus. To donate, either log on to USC’s donations website at <https://bit.ly/2xaWM7v> or make a check out to: Gift Processing, 1600 Hampton Street, Suite 736, Columbia, SC 29208.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY will meet today to pass a continuing resolution and a sine die resolution.

GOOD READ (Post & Courier): [A small South Carolina city became the state’s coronavirus epicenter. Why it happened there.](#)

FEDERAL SUMMARY – APRIL 7

PRESIDENT TRUMP issued his fifth Presidential Memorandum providing federal support for Governors' use of the National Guard in Title 32 to respond to COVID-19 for Arizona, Colorado, Kentucky, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, **South Carolina**, Virginia, Wisconsin and West Virginia. This brings the total number to 37 approved states and territories. The 100 percent Federal cost share for National Guard forces pursuant to last night’s memorandum is effective for orders of duty of a duration of 31 days or fewer.

CMS posted a [letter](#) to clinicians that outlines a summary of actions CMS has taken to ensure clinicians have maximum flexibility to reduce unnecessary barriers to providing patient care during the unprecedented outbreak of COVID-19. The agency also recently [updated recommendations](#) to postpone non-essential surgeries and other procedures to conserve critical healthcare resources and limit exposure of patients and staff to COVID-19.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT is [purchasing](#) the ID NOW COVID-19 rapid point-of-care test, developed by Abbott Diagnostics Scarborough Inc., for state, territorial and tribal public health labs.

THE EPA [identified](#) approximately 225,000 pieces of PPE that they will donate to state and local responders fighting COVID-19 across the country.

THE CDC [updated its information](#) on social distancing, isolation and quarantine.

SBA and Treasury released [FAQs](#) on the Paycheck Protection Program. Treasury is seeking \$250 billion to replenish the program’s funds.

THE ARMY is [suspending the arrival](#) of fresh recruits at boot camp for at least two weeks to help slow the spread of coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 9

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South Carolina's current hotspots are Charleston (313), Richland (417), Sumter (126), Greenville (254) – but there are cases in every county.

Hospital bed capacity is currently at 53.4% (6,215 occupied beds, 5,416 open beds).

DHEC also announced that all Women Infant and Children (WIC) nutrition services will be issued remotely. To apply for WIC, call 1-855-472-3432 to make an appointment.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE [reported](#) unemployment insurance claims for the week ending April 4. 85,018 people applied, an increase of approximately 31.09% from the previous week's count of 64,856 and a 4,159.42% increase from the week ending March 14, 2020 when only 1,996 initial claims were filed. The agency has processed 180,928 claims in the past three weeks as opposed to the prior three weeks when the agency processed a total of 5,862 initial claims.

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FEDERAL SUMMARY – APRIL 9

THE CDC issued [new guidelines](#) aimed at getting workers who have been exposed to the coronavirus in critical fields back to work faster. Under the old guidance, workers were told to stay at home for 14 days if they were exposed to someone who had tested positive for coronavirus. The new guidelines will allow critical workers who have been exposed go back to work as long as they are asymptomatic and follow conditions like taking their temperature before going to work, wearing a face mask at all times and practicing social distancing at work as much as possible.

DHHS awarded more than \$1.3 billion to 1,387 health centers as part of the response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Health centers may use the awards to help communities across the country detect coronavirus; prevent, diagnose, and treat COVID-19; and maintain or increase health capacity and staffing levels to address this public health emergency. The funding was included as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The list of award recipients is available [here](#). **South Carolina is receiving more than \$21 million.**

THE CDC released revised guidance for dental offices. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released revised guidance for dental settings. The update includes: a description of risk to dental healthcare personnel (DHCP) when providing emergency care during the COVID-19 pandemic; recommendations for contacting patients prior to emergency dental care; recommendations for providing emergency dental care to non-COVID-19 patients including engineering controls, work practices, and infection control considerations; potential exposure guidance; and contingency and crisis planning. The guidance is available [here](#).

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG AMERICANS have been killed by coronavirus, data [show](#). Preliminary data suggests the virus is infecting and killing black Americans at a [disproportionately higher rate](#).

THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES now says that coronavirus is [unlikely to recede](#) in the summer.

NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY for an additional [\\$250 billion](#) in small business relief.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

IN NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY, [7,772 people have lost their lives](#) to COVID-19, more than in the rest of the United States combined. And in New York, more people have tested positive for the infection than in any country outside the United States, including hard-hit Italy and Spain.

GERMANY has a plan to [reopen the economy](#).

WUHAN [ended](#) its 76-day lockdown.



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CONGRESS: Earlier this week, the Trump Administration sent Congress a supplemental spending request for \$250 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The intent was to move this increase by unanimous consent through the House and Senate, those efforts were not successful as there was a push by Senate Democrats to add an additional \$300 billion as follows: \$100 billion for hospitals, an increase in SNAP benefits and \$150 billion for state and local governments, to include revenue loss. On Monday, the Senate is scheduled to hold another pro forma session and may attempt another pass at achieving consent (60 votes) for the additional \$250 billion PPP funding.

TREASURY AND THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD announced new and expanded lending programs to provide up to \$2.3 trillion in financing, including a Main Street Business Lending program which will enable up to \$600 billion in new financing for businesses with up to 10,000 employees or \$2.5 billion in 2019 annual revenues.

They also announced a Municipal Liquidity Facility to support the flow of credit to American workers, businesses, states, counties, and cities impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF) will provide up to \$500 billion in direct financing to states, counties, and cities to help ensure they have the funds necessary to provide essential services to citizens and respond to the coronavirus pandemic. More [here](#).

HHS: 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 authorized by the FDA.

OSHA is [reminding employers](#) that it is illegal to retaliate against workers because they report unsafe and unhealthful working conditions during the coronavirus pandemic. Acts of retaliation can include terminations, demotions, denials of overtime or promotion, or reductions in pay or hours.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MODEL, often cited by U.S. and state officials, [now](#) estimates based on regular recalculations using the latest data that COVID-19 will kill 60,415 Americans by Aug. 4 — with the peak likely this weekend, when the model projects 2,212 people across the United States will die.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

NEW YORK: Hospitalizations have ebbed slightly, according to [statistics](#) shared on Thursday, but the death toll, considered a lagging indicator during any disease pandemic, continued to rise.

New cases entering hospitals numbered 200, but fatalities rose to a record high of 799 on Wednesday. More than 7,000 people have died in New York from COVID-19

LOUISIANA: Public health officials reported to the White House that 40 percent of coronavirus patients on ventilators in the state are now coming off mechanical breathing and surviving the disease. Typically, somewhere between 50-90% of those on ventilators will not survive. Hospitals in New York report that only 20% survive intubation and ventilation.

ITALY reported 4,204 new confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 610 new deaths on Thursday — both upticks from a day earlier. According to the [latest statistics](#), the death toll sits at 18,279 and there are 143,626 cases of the virus.

SPAIN: The daily death toll [decreased](#) to 683 people on Thursday, bringing the total to more than 15,000, while total cases increased by 5,756. Spain now has the third highest death toll after being overtaken by the U.S. As of this morning, Spain has 153,222 confirmed cases.

UK: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson was taken [out of the intensive care unit](#) but remains in a London hospital as he continues his recovery from the novel coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 10

SC DHEC announced [274 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina’s total to 3,065 cases across all 46 counties. Five additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 72. The United States has 503,177 cases and 18,761 deaths. Around 27,000 people in the United States have recovered. Globally, there are more than 1.7 million cases and over 103,000 deaths.

DHEC has developed an [innovative emergency procedure](#) for conducting virtual food safety checks during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Utilizing a variety of video conferencing services, DHEC inspectors can virtually evaluate retail food operations at establishments around the state, allowing the agency to continue its food safety oversight while also protecting public health by adhering to social distancing measures.

DHEC, in coordination with the S.C. Emergency Management Division and ESF-8 partners, DHEC has sent PPE surveys to facilities; these surveys are important as they are utilized by the federal government to determine PPE allocations and assess unmet needs.

- **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 released [two new interactive maps](#) with the latest confirmed and estimated COVID-19 cases by county and ZIP code. The [heat map](#) is now animated.

CARES ACT - South Carolina healthcare providers and systems will receive \$518,022,463 from the \$100 billion provided in the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. More information available here: <https://www.hhs.gov/provider-relief/index.html>.

CHIEF JUSTICE BEATTY announced the [suspension](#) of bench warrants for non-payment of child support and alimony.

SC COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES will get a [financial boost](#) totaling more than \$175 million from the coronavirus relief package.

HILTON HEAD [repeals](#) short-term rental ban to follow governor's order.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 10

FEDERAL DEPOSITS of stimulus checks are expected to start [within days](#).

NEW FEDERAL PROJECTIONS [indicate](#) that lifting physical distancing restrictions after just 30 days will lead to a dramatic infection spike this summer and death tolls that would rival doing nothing.

SOME PUBLIC HEALTH EXPERTS say the optimistic projections of an America that gets back to work by the beginning of May, or even later in the summer, are [more than misplaced](#). Rushing back to something approaching normal, they fear, would risk a second wave of the virus, one that would create a new tsunami of cases, deaths and economic damage.

FAUCI [expects](#) some degree of normalcy by November election

CDC DIRECTOR says we are [nearing the peak](#) of the initial wave of infection

ECONOMISTS at JPMorgan Chase foreseeing a [40 percent decline](#) in the nation's gross domestic product for the second quarter and a surge in April's unemployment rate to 20 percent with 25 million jobs lost. If the pandemic starts to fade by June — a big if — the group predicted 23 percent and 13 percent growth rates in the third and fourth quarters, respectively.

ONE-THIRD of US households [failed to pay rent](#) by April 5.

A CORONAVIRUS VACCINE could [take way longer than a year](#). Experts are warning that “a year to 18 months would be absolutely unprecedented.”

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

WISCONSIN is [monitoring](#) potential coronavirus infections that may have occurred among voters who cast ballots in elections held Tuesday. Because of the speed with which the virus spreads, cases contracted during voting won't be known for weeks.

NEW YORK continues to lead the nation in cases and deaths with 161,807 infections registered and 7,844 deaths. New Jersey is second in the nation with 54,588 cases and 1,932 deaths. Michigan takes third with 21,504 cases and 1,076 deaths.

A sampling of other current mortality levels include Louisiana at 702, Illinois at 529, Massachusetts at 503, Washington at 457, Pennsylvania at 418, Maryland at 171, Arizona at 97, Mississippi at 82, Puerto Rico at 39, District of Columbia at 38, Iowa at 31, and West Virginia at 5.

FLORIDA GOV. DESANTIS [signaled](#) that there was still a possibility that Florida schools could reopen in May after being closed since March due to the coronavirus outbreak. He said the state is looking at the evidence before they make a decision.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION is [looking into reports](#) of some COVID patients testing positive again.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 13

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As of April 12, DHEC's Public Health Laboratory has conducted 10,554 tests for COVID-19. Of these tests, 1,242 positive and 9,312 were negative. A total of 32,764 total tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state

DHEC's projections currently indicate that South Carolina may see almost 2,000 new cases per week by early May. The total number of cases is estimated to grow to 8,677 confirmed cases on May 2.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STATE AGENCIES are assessing the financial impact of yesterday's storm damage so the state can pursue a disaster declaration and receive federal support to help with the recovery.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE paid out [\\$53 million in unemployment benefits](#) on Sunday alone. That money went to some 64,000 South Carolinians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, DEW said. The funds will be available within 24 to 72 hours for claimants to use, depending on bank procedures, according to DEW.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE has [publicized](#) its business clarification lists.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES is receiving five times the usual number of applications for SNAP benefits. They received 1,000 applications for SNAP before noon yesterday.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL has received over 600 price gouging complaints and is working with law enforcement to address them. Please email any examples or documentation to pricegouging@scag.gov or call 803-737-3953 and leave a message if you have witnessed a likely violation.

COVID-19 will shrink South Carolina's state budget by at least [\\$1.2 billion](#). For FY 20-21, we had about \$2 billion in surplus revenue, which the Governor had directed to go to priorities like tax cuts, teacher pay and full-day 4K.

UNITED WAY OF SC manages the [211 response line](#) for our state. Top reported needs: 1) Food Pantries; 2) Rent Payment; 3) Utility Payment 4) Shelter.

P&C: About [two-thirds](#) of Charleston's tourism-related jobs have been lost due to coronavirus.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 13

PRESIDENT TRUMP announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of coronavirus. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more U.S. lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

80 MILLION AMERICANS will receive economic impact payments in their bank accounts this week ([HERE](#)).

TREASURY has launched a web portal to allow eligible state, local, and tribal governments to receive payments to help offset the costs of their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Once registered through this portal, States, territories, and the District of Columbia will receive promptly half of the funds allocated to them pursuant to the CARES Act. This will fast-track the availability of \$71 billion to meet immediate cash flow needs. The remaining balance of the payment amounts due to states, eligible local governments, and tribal governments will be paid no later than April 24, 2020.

Go to: [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES).

Eligible governments should expect the funds to arrive in the account they designate in as little as 24 hours after providing the required information in the web portal.

TREASURY released additional FAQs on the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

The Department of Treasury has also updated their CARES Act website to include specific sections on:

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Assistance for Small Businesses](#)
- [Assistance to State and Local Governments](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

USDA SEC. PERDUE unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic.

CMS together with the Departments of Labor and the Treasury, on April 11 [issued guidance](#) to ensure Americans with private health insurance have coverage of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and certain other related services, including antibody testing, at no cost.

THE FDA [issued](#) an emergency use authorization to decontaminate approximately 4 million N95 or N95-equivalent respirators per day in the U.S. for reuse by health care workers in hospital settings.

THE ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM needs to be refreshed, as does the Paycheck Protection Program. THE PPP, as it's known, was created for businesses suffering due to the coronavirus. Republicans are asking for \$251 billion in additional money before the end of the week.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is [moving to delay](#) some deadlines for the 2020 census due to coronavirus, including delivering data to states for congressional redistricting. The Census Bureau is requesting Congress allow a 120-day delay on some data-reporting deadlines, according to a joint statement Monday by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. The delay would accommodate social distancing guidelines for workers to prevent the spread of the disease.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE SHUTDOWNS are [disrupting the U.S. food supply chain](#), crimping availability of meat at retail stores and leaving farmers without outlets for their livestock. Dairy farmers are facing a [crash in milk prices](#). The Trump Administration is poised to invest [\\$15.5 billion](#) through the Department of Agriculture as part of a plan to bolster the nation's food supply chain against impacts of the pandemic.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE is maintaining a [COVID-19 page](#), which contains a number of memos on relevant issues, summaries of recent legislation, economic impact reports, etc.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

SOUTH DAKOTA has become a [hot spot](#) for coronavirus spread. Gov. Kristi Noem did not issue a "stay at home" order.

TEXAS is [partnering with Goldman Sachs](#) to provide \$50 million in loans to small businesses in Texas that have been affected by COVID-19.

OVER 2,100 U.S. CITIES [brace for budget shortfalls](#) due to coronavirus, with many planning cuts and layoffs, new survey finds.

FRANCE: President Macron [extended the national lockdown until May 11](#) and argued that the nation had more to do to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

UK: Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab is expected to announce on Thursday that the lockdown will be [extended until May 7](#).

INDIA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans to [extend the national lockdown](#) until May 3 at least, telling the nation of 1.3 billion the nation needs to make economic sacrifices to save lives

STOCK MARKETS around the world [rose on optimism](#) that economic activity may improve in the near future. Futures tied to the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.5%, suggesting U.S. stocks could gain ground later in the day. The pan-continental Stoxx Europe 600 advanced 1.2%. Asia-Pacific stock indexes also rose Tuesday. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed up 1.6%.



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THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND STATE AGENCIES are assessing the financial impact of yesterday's storm damage so the state can pursue a disaster declaration and receive federal support to help with the recovery.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE paid out [\\$53 million in unemployment benefits](#) on Sunday. That money went to some 64,000 South Carolinians impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, DEW said. The funds will be available within 24 to 72 hours for claimants to use, depending on bank procedures, according to DEW.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE has [publicized](#) its business clarification lists.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES is receiving five times the usual number of applications for SNAP benefits. They received 1,000 applications for SNAP before noon yesterday.

THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL has received over 600 price gouging complaints and is working with law enforcement to address them. Please email any examples or documentation to pricegouging@scag.gov or call 803-737-3953 and leave a message if you have witnessed a likely violation.

COVID-19 will shrink South Carolina's state budget by at least [\\$1.2 billion](#). For FY 20-21, we had about \$2 billion in surplus revenue, which the Governor had directed to go to priorities like tax cuts, teacher pay and full-day 4K.

UNITED WAY OF SC manages the [211 response line](#) for our state. Top reported needs: 1) Food Pantries; 2) Rent Payment; 3) Utility Payment 4) Shelter.

P&C: About [two-thirds](#) of Charleston's tourism-related jobs have been lost due to coronavirus.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 13

PRESIDENT TRUMP announced updated guidelines to continue slowing the spread of coronavirus. This 30-day window will be crucial: If every American does his or her part, the latest model suggests we could save 1 million or more lives. Please click here for more information: [30 Days to Slow the Spread \(Español\)](#)

80 MILLION AMERICANS will receive economic impact payments in their bank accounts this week ([HERE](#)).

TREASURY has launched a web portal to allow eligible state, local, and tribal governments to receive payments to help offset the costs of their response to the coronavirus pandemic. Once registered through this portal, States, territories, and the District of Columbia will receive promptly half of the funds allocated to them pursuant to the CARES Act. The remaining balance of the payment amounts due to states, eligible local governments, and tribal governments will be paid no later than April 24, 2020.

Go to: [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://treasury.gov/CARES).

Eligible governments should expect the funds to arrive in the account they designate in as little as 24 hours after providing the required information in the web portal.

TREASURY released additional FAQs on the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Paycheck Protection Program Loans: Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Treasury has also updated their CARES Act website to include specific sections on:

- [Assistance for American Workers and Families](#)
- [Assistance for Small Businesses](#)
- [Assistance to State and Local Governments](#)
- [Preserving Jobs for American Industry](#)

USDA SEC. PERDUE unveiled a one-stop-shop of federal programs that can be used by rural communities, organizations and individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. [The COVID-19 Federal Rural Resource Guide](#) is a first-of-its-kind resource for rural leaders looking for federal funding and partnership opportunities to help address this pandemic.

CMS, together with the Departments of Labor and the Treasury, [issued guidance](#) to ensure Americans with private health insurance have coverage of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and certain other related services, including antibody testing, at no cost.

THE FDA [issued](#) an emergency use authorization to decontaminate approximately 4 million N95 or N95-equivalent respirators per day in the U.S. for reuse by health care workers in hospital settings.

THE ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN PROGRAM needs to be refreshed, as does the Paycheck Protection Program. Republicans are asking for \$251 billion in additional money before the end of the week.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is [moving to delay](#) some deadlines for the 2020 census due to coronavirus, including delivering data to states for congressional redistricting. The Census Bureau is requesting Congress allow a 120-day delay on some data-reporting deadlines, according to a joint statement Monday by Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross and Census Bureau Director Steven Dillingham. The delay would accommodate social distancing guidelines for workers to prevent the spread of the disease.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE SHUTDOWNS are [disrupting the U.S. food supply chain](#), crimping availability of meat at retail stores and leaving farmers without outlets for their livestock. Dairy farmers are facing a [crash in milk prices](#). The Trump Administration is poised to invest [\\$15.5 billion](#) through the Department of Agriculture as part of a plan to bolster the nation's food supply chain against impacts of the pandemic.

THE CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE is maintaining a [COVID-19 page](#), which contains a number of memos on relevant issues, summaries of recent legislation, economic impact reports, etc.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

SOUTH DAKOTA has become a [hot spot](#) for coronavirus spread. Gov. Kristi Noem did not issue a "stay at home" order.

TEXAS is [partnering with Goldman Sachs](#) to provide \$50 million in loans to small businesses in Texas that have been affected by COVID-19.

OVER 2,100 U.S. CITIES [brace for budget shortfalls](#) due to coronavirus, with many planning cuts and layoffs, new survey finds.

FRANCE: President Macron [extended the national lockdown until May 11](#) and argued that the nation had more to do to combat the spread of the novel coronavirus.

UK: Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab is expected to announce on Thursday that the lockdown will be [extended until May 7](#).

INDIA: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced plans to [extend the national lockdown](#) until May 3 at least, telling the nation of 1.3 billion the nation needs to make economic sacrifices to save lives

STOCK MARKETS around the world [rose on optimism](#) that economic activity may improve in the near future. Futures tied to the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 1.5%, suggesting U.S. stocks could gain ground later in the day. The pan-continental Stoxx Europe 600 advanced 1.2%. Asia-Pacific stock indexes also rose Tuesday. The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index closed up 1.6%.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 14

DHEC announced [115 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,553 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 97. The United States has 614,246 confirmed cases and 26,064 confirmed deaths (a 17% rise from yesterday). Around 39,000 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 2 million cases and over 127,500 deaths.

As of yesterday, 5,545 hospital beds are available and 6,095 are utilized, which is a 52.4% statewide hospital bed utilization rate.

For telehealth options and the latest information about DHEC's COVID-19 response efforts, please visit scdhec.gov/COVID-19.

GOV. MCMASTER visited the Upstate yesterday to survey storm damage. Nine people were killed during Monday's storms. The Governor will seek an emergency declaration in the state to help damaged areas. "The spirit of the people is strong," he said.

In Hampton County, the Department of Transportation is sending in a surge of 100 employees and 17 work crews to impacted areas. As of 11:00 am yesterday, 97% of roads had reopened.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S projected COVID-19 peak is now April 30. The United States reached a peak around April 10.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE is staffing as quickly as possible to address the influx of coronavirus-related requests. 92 people were in training yesterday.

THE SC NATIONAL GUARD is assisting Oliver Gospel Mission with feeding the homeless.

SMALL BUSINESSES AND NON-PROFITS in South Carolina locked in over [\\$2.2 billion](#) in federal emergency loans through the Paycheck Protection Program since the beginning of April. More than 14,000 employers in South Carolina were approved for the financing between April 3 and April 14, according to new data released by the U.S. Small Business Administration on Tuesday. The PPP is set to run dry by the end of the week unless bipartisan steps are taken in Congress.

AFRICAN AMERICANS make up 27% of South Carolina's population and account for 41% of the positive coronavirus cases, [according to the latest data](#). DHEC is [working](#) with churches to help communicate prevention, and partnering with environmental justice advocates to raise awareness of the virus and better increasing the availability of public health data. The agency is also working with partners to prioritize counties and regions in South Carolina, particularly the state's rural areas, to deploy rapid COVID-19 testing machines that can read results within minutes.

SERVICE MEMBERS at Charleston Air Force Base are [preparing and training](#) for how to transport COVID-19 patients on C-17s without exposing fellow airmen and pilots to the novel coronavirus. The training comes as more Air Force reservists from South Carolina are being deployed in the fight against the coronavirus.

AIRPORTS across South Carolina will receive [more than \\$97 million](#) in federal grants through the CARES Act economic stimulus program.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 14

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION [placed a hold](#) on U.S. funding for the World Health Organization. U.S. international funding to the WHO is \$893 million during the current two-year funding period. The temporary freeze to permit "an investigation" will continue for two or three months.

THE PRESIDENT announced a [new economic advisory council](#) on Tuesday made up of representatives of a cross section of business sectors and industry groups.

A DRAFT PLAN created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Federal Emergency Management Agency [calls for a "phased" restart](#). The plan lays out three phases: first, preparing the nation to reopen with a national communication campaign and community readiness assessment until May 1. Then, the effort through May 15 would involve ramping up manufacturing of testing kits and personal protective equipment and increasing emergency funding. Then, staged reopenings would begin, depending on local conditions. The plan does not give dates for reopenings but specified 'not before May 1.'

FAUCI said ["we're not there yet"](#) when it comes to conditions nationwide to revive an idled American economy. Some [public health experts](#) say reopening the economy in most states where COVID-19 is still raging, even as hospital admissions begin to decline, requires national disease management focused on testing, contact tracing, quarantine and an army of public health workers to treat the inevitable flare-ups of the virus

EVIDENCE suggests COVID-19 [likely developed through nature](#), Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley said in response to questions about concerns that it may have escaped from a Chinese research lab studying coronaviruses present in cave-dwelling horseshoe bats.

THE SBA released a state-by-state data report on the “[Paycheck Protection Program](#).” The report outlines that 1,035,086 loans have been approved totaling over \$247 billion in funding as of April 13. The report also provides an industry breakdown for the loans. South Carolina figures--approved loans: 14,273; approved dollars: \$2,756,101,029.

THE US DEPT OF EDUCATION released the application and guidance for uses of funds for the \$3 billion [Governor’s Emergency Education Relief Fund](#), created by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. South Carolina will receive [\\$48,467,924](#) within three days after the Governor submits the certification and agreement. The flexible emergency block grant can be used to meet the current needs of students, schools (including charter schools and non-public schools), postsecondary institutions, and other education-related organizations.

FEMA issued [guidance](#) on the framework, policy details and requirements for determining the eligibility for FEMA reimbursement of states purchasing and distributing food to meet the immediate needs of those who do not have access to food as a result of COVID-19 and to protect the public from the spread of the virus. The policy applies to all emergency and major disaster declarations related to COVID-19 and eligible public assistance applicants and adheres to existing cost-share requirements.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

EIGHT GOVERNORS established an economic task force or economic plan for reopening state economies.

- 8 Governors: AK, CO, GA, MI, OH, UT, WA, WY

CALIFORNIA is looking at [staggered class times](#), other reforms for post-coronavirus schools.

THE EUROPEAN UNION warned its 27 nations against easing lockdown restrictions right away and urged them to be cautious in the return to day-to-day life over fears of a spike in the spread of the virus. While some nations are lifting some lockdown measures, the E.U. is pressing for members to make decisions in the name of health and not for business purposes. According to a draft of the [roadmap](#), the E.U. commission says the sudden decision to rollback restrictions will “unavoidably lead to a corresponding increase in new cases,” adding that the national actions “should be gradual.” As of this morning, Europe has eclipsed 1 million confirmed cases of the virus

CHINA [did not warn](#) the public of a likely pandemic from the new virus for six key days before Jan. 20. China’s controls on information, bureaucratic hurdles and a reluctance to send bad news up the chain of command muffled early warnings.

THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND’S top economist, Gita Gopinath, on Tuesday projected as part of a new report that “this year the global economy [will experience its worst recession since the Great Depression](#), surpassing that seen during the global financial crisis a decade ago.” The IMF expects the global economy to contract by 3 percent this year because of the coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 15

DHEC announced [105 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 3,656 cases across all 46 counties. Ten additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 107. The United States has 644,348 confirmed cases and 28,554 confirmed deaths. Around 48,708 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 2 million cases and over 134,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER 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.

SCDHEC will provide hospitals and medical facilities with rapid coronavirus testing machines this week. However, high use of the machines won't be available immediately due to demand of materials used for testing.

UOFSC will decide how to conduct fall classes [before June 15](#), President Robert Caslen said Wednesday. That will include whether fall classes will need to be held, at least in part, online, and when there will be "acceptable risk" to bring students back to campus.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 15

THE IRS has [this tracking feature](#) to help find out when you will receive your stimulus check.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY, with the support of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), has [announced a temporary final rule](#) to change certain H-2A requirements to help U.S. agricultural employers avoid disruptions in lawful agricultural-related employment, protect the nation's food supply chain, and lessen impacts from the coronavirus (COVID-19) public health emergency. Under this temporary final rule, an H-2A

petitioner with a valid temporary labor certification who is concerned that workers will be unable to enter the country due to travel restrictions can start employing certain foreign workers who are currently in H-2A status in the United States immediately after United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) receives the H-2A petition.

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USDA has opened a second application window for funding under the [Distance Learning and Telemedicine](#) (DLT) grant program.

SBA's Paycheck Protection Program ran out of funds Wednesday night.

THE CDC is now counting "[probable](#)" cases of coronavirus among its tabulations, according to the agency's website. The inclusion of such cases will add thousands to the total number of patients and deaths by including people who didn't have a positive test but showed signs of having the virus.

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE [relieved symptoms](#) of the virus, but didn't rid patients of the disease a small, recently released study shows.

U.S. RETAIL SALES [plunged](#) 8.7 percent in March, the biggest decline in the nation's history.

BIG BANKS report their profit was nearly halved last month. Leading U.S. banks — Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Bank of America and PNC — reporting quarterly earnings on Wednesday said they're stocking away money to prepare for a wave of loan defaults by consumers and businesses over the coming months. (Washington Post)

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

NORTH CAROLINA: Number of cases [passes 5,380](#).

GEORGIA: More than [15,000](#) cases.

CUOMO said Wednesday that his state is moving to a "[new normal](#)" as he outlined a gradual reopening of businesses, saying the crisis won't be over until a vaccine is made available. "Where we're going, it's not a reopening in that we're going to reopen what was. We're going to a different place."

- [NYT](#): "I'm an E.R. doctor in New York. None of us will ever be the same."

CHINA [criticized](#) President Trump's move to temporarily halt funding to the World Health Organization and pledged to support the global health body. Bill Gates called defunding the WHO "as dangerous as it sounds."

GERMANY: The German government on Wednesday [issued](#) a bleak assessment of the effects of the coronavirus, saying that the economy was headed for a steep recession and a surge in joblessness. Economic output in Europe's largest economy will plunge almost 10 percent from April through June, the German Economy Ministry said. A partial reopening of shops is set to take place next week, with schools reopening on May 4. Social distancing restrictions will remain in place at least through May 3, Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Wednesday

THE PEACE CORPS, which places volunteers in more than 60 countries across the globe, [evacuated](#) all of its 7,300 volunteers because of the coronavirus.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 17-18

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COVID-19 contact tracing has [launched](#) in Massachusetts. What is contact tracing?
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IN NEW YORK, couples can now [get married](#) over Zoom.

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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 19

DHEC announced 136 [new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 4,377 cases across all 46 counties. One additional death was reported, bringing the total death toll to 120. The United States has 764,265 confirmed cases and 40,565 confirmed deaths. Around 71,012 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.42 million cases and around 166,000 deaths.

There have been more than 100 positive tests every day in South Carolina since March 28. The daily death count has been trending downward since April 9, when 16 deaths were reported.

THE INSTITUTE OF HEALTH METRICS AND EVALUATION'S COVID-19 projections model [now predicts that the peak of new cases in South Carolina was on April 15 and the peak in deaths was April 9](#). Previous estimates had been for the end-of-April/beginning-of-May timeframe. The model suggests that social distancing measures may be relaxed around the beginning of June.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER will lift restrictions on certain retail stores this week. Any store that reopens must abide by previous directives, limiting occupancy to five customers per 1,000 square feet. The directive will not allow inside dining at restaurants or lift the governor's "home or work" order.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND WORKFORCE has created a video going into detail about unemployment benefits for the self-employed, as well as a shortened FAQ sheet for 1099, Self Employed, Contractors and Gig Workers. The bottom link is the latest version of the full FAQ sheet.

Links:

- [Unemployment for the Self Employed and More](#)

- [FAQ for The Self Employed](#)
- [Full FAQ Sheet](#)

P&C EDITORIAL: [“Coronavirus will reorder civic priorities across the Charleston region.”](#)

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 19

PRESIDENT TRUMP said on Sunday that the official U.S. death toll from COVID-19 is likely to be closer to 60,000 cases than the 100,000 to 240,000 projected by the White House in March.

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. HHS has a comprehensive [Novel Coronavirus Resources](#) page that highlights technical resources and information for the medical community and emergency responders.

Best practices are organized around five themes:

- *Helping People*, which includes best practices on topics such as crisis counseling resources and anticipating and attending to civil rights;
- *Government Operations* best practices such as public information and continuity of operations considerations;
- *Private Sector and Infrastructure*, which includes best practices for commercial trucking and food stores;
- *Recovery Planning and Implementation*, to include the newly released FEMA Disaster Financial Management Guide and economic recovery considerations; and
- *Medical Supplies and Equipment*, including best practices for the preservation of personal protective equipment while ensuring workers are protected.

Please visit www.coronavirus.gov for current health-related guidance and information on COVID-19.

AS OF APRIL 18, FEMA, HHS, and the private sector combined have coordinated the delivery of or are currently shipping: 55.8 million N95 respirators, 77.1 million surgical masks, 6.1 million face shields, 11.4 million surgical gowns, 564 million gloves, 10,998 ventilators and 8,450 federal medical station beds.

CMS announced [new regulatory requirements](#) that nursing homes must inform residents, their families and representatives of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. In addition, CMS will now require nursing homes to report cases of COVID-19 directly to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC will provide a reporting tool to nursing homes that will support federal efforts to collect nationwide data.

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.

CONGRESS this week will [likely vote on and pass](#) a package to refresh the Paycheck Protection Program. Likely will include: \$100 billion for hospitals, \$310 billion for Paycheck Protection Program and \$60 billion for separate emergency lending program for small business.

THE NATIONAL RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION is calling for Congress to create a dedicated recovery fund for the restaurant industry. According to the group, 8 million restaurant employees have been laid off or furloughed. The industry lost \$30 billion in revenue in March and is on track to lose an additional \$50 billion by the end of April.

SOME LAWMAKERS are [pushing to assist](#) local newspapers and broadcasters.

US OIL PRICES hit [20-year low](#).

THE NEXT 45 DAYS may be the most [critical in U.S. financial history](#).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

MASSACHUSETTS: A [growing number of children](#) are being hospitalized with COVID-19.

TEXAS, VERMONT AND MONTANA will join South Carolina in [easing some mitigation restrictions](#) this week.

SPAIN: Spanish health officials [reported an increase of 410 deaths on Sunday](#), the lowest single-day rise in the death toll in nearly a month.

SOUTH KOREA: South Korea started to [loosen restrictions](#) on social distancing for churches and sporting events on Sunday, allowing the Korean Baseball League and other sporting associations to go on without spectators.

SWEDEN: In one of the few nations that has not issued a lockdown and has maintained a relaxed set of restrictions, Sweden's top epidemiologist said today that the country is [seeing "a sort of plateau" in cases](#). As of this morning, Sweden has 14,385 confirmed cases and 1,540 deaths



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 21

DHEC announced [172 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 4,608 cases across all 46 counties. Eleven additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 135. The United States has 819,175 confirmed cases and 45,343 confirmed deaths. Around 82,973 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.6 million cases and around 179,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER and Superintendent of Education Moly Spearman will make an announcement today, Wednesday, April 22 at 11:00 AM. The press conference will be streamed live on SCETV's website at scetv.org.

PRT: State Parks will be open on a limited basis beginning May 1. Hours of operations and capacities will be limited until further notice. Carrying capacity at each State Park will be adjusted below normal capacity to facilitate social distancing. These capacities will be posted on the State Parks website and at each park's entrance. State Parks Visitor Centers will open on May 11 and retail stores/spaces will open on May 15.

Until further notice, playgrounds, group rental facilities, tours and programs (including Hunting Island Lighthouse) will remain closed.

On March 24, SCPRT cancelled existing reservations for overnight accommodations through April 30, 2020 and implemented a freeze on new reservations until May 7, 2020. SCPRT currently has pre-existing camping and cabin reservations beginning May 1. SCPRT will extend the freeze on new reservations through May 11 to allow sufficient time to re-hire staff and implement routines with new cleaning protocols for campground comfort stations, motel rooms, camper cabins and traditional cabins.

SCDC: Two inmates at Kirkland Correctional have [tested positive](#) for COVID-19.

FEMA has provided \$14,798,278.76 in federal cost-share funding to SCEMD for coronavirus response under the Stafford Act.

CORONAVIRUS in sewage at Columbia's wastewater treatment plant [may help determine](#) how much more extensive the virus might be in South Carolina — and whether the disease could flare up again later this year.

SC GROCERY STORES have special senior hours. List available here:
<https://www.thestate.com/news/coronavirus/article241328996.html>

SENATOR GRAHAM, Congressman Rice and Congressman Norman [agree](#) with South Carolina Gov. Henry McMaster's executive order that allows some stores and beaches to reopen with strict social distancing measures.

THE STATE: ["McMaster gets the balance right in mapping SC's path from our COVID-19 nightmare."](#)

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 21

CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS unveiled a [\\$482 billion relief package](#) focused on aid to small businesses suffering under the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as money for hospitals and expanded testing capacity. "Coronavirus 3.5" includes:

- \$75 Billion for Hospitals
- \$25 Billion for Testing Capabilities
- \$60 Billion for EIDL loans
- \$310 Billion for PPP (\$60 billion set aside for small lenders)

The bill allows agricultural enterprises with not more than 500 employees to receive EIDL grants and loans and creates a set-aside for Insured Depository Institutions, Credit Unions, and Community Financial Institutions for the PPP.

The Senate approved the bill yesterday by voice vote. Banks have warned the new interim small business relief deal in Congress may run out of funds again in only a couple days.

"Phase 4" is likely to include relief for state and local governments.

THE BIG SEVEN, a group of organizations representing state and local governments at the federal level, [called](#) on Congress to "immediately provide robust, flexible relief" to state, territorial and local governments as part an interim relief package for the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Governors Association, Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, U.S. Conference of Mayors and the International City/County Management Association reaffirmed their unity and their partnership with the federal government to protect households and residents from the ill effects of the pandemic.

U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION Betsy DeVos announced today an additional \$6.2 billion is now available to higher education institutions to ensure learning continues. The CARES Act allows institutions to use up to one half of the total funds received to cover any costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus. The funding for these “Recipient Institutional Costs” is separate from the funding previously made available for “Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students.” In order to access the funds, higher education institutions must submit a Certification and Agreement for Recipient Institutional Costs, which can be found [here](#).

THE FDA has authorized the first diagnostic test with a home collection option for COVID-19. Specifically, the FDA re-issued the emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) COVID-19 RT-PCR Test to permit testing of samples self-collected by patients at home using LabCorp’s Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 Test home collection kit. The entire announcement can be found [here](#).

HHS [announced](#) \$955 million in grants from the Administration for Community Living to support older adults and people with disabilities through home-delivered meals, home and community-based services, respite care, and more. Funding is made available under the CARES Act. The majority of these funds (\$905 million) are being awarded to [states, territories, and tribes](#) for subsequent allocation to local service providers. South Carolina received \$14,147,372.

OMB AND OPM released a [memo](#) for heads of executive departments and agencies on aligning federal agency operations with the national guidelines for “Opening Up America Again.” The memo noted the federal guidelines “allow objective assessments of epidemiological status and overall preparedness by states to follow a phased approach for individuals and employers to resume normal activities.”

NIH developed [Treatment Guidelines](#) to inform clinicians how to care for patients with COVID-19. The recommendations in these Guidelines are based on scientific evidence and expert opinion. Each recommendation includes two ratings: a letter (A, B, or C) that indicates the strength of the recommendation and a Roman numeral (I, II, or III) that indicates the quality of the evidence that supports the recommendation.

THE FEDERAL HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY [capped at four months](#) the period of time mortgage companies are required to make monthly payments on behalf of borrowers in arrears.

CDC warned Tuesday that a second wave of the novel coronavirus will be far more dire because it is likely to coincide with the start of flu season.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM BARR said the Justice Department will consider taking legal action against governors who continue to impose stringent rules for dealing with the coronavirus that infringe on constitutional rights even after the crisis subsides in their states.

CNBC: [List](#) of largest public companies taking payroll loans meant for small businesses.