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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.

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.

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."](#)

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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.

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GOVERNOR MCMASTER and Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette will host the first meeting of accelerateSC, the coordinated COVID-19 economic advisory team, today at 2:00 p.m. More information on accelerateSC is available here: <https://governor.sc.gov/executive-branch/acceleratesc>.

****South Carolina is requesting donations of Personal Protective Equipment to assist in emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specific needs include double gloves, gowns, face shields, and N95 respirator masks. Pre-sorted, palletized items are preferred. Donations can be coordinated by calling 803-737-8518.****

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DHEC announced [160 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 4,761 cases across all 46 counties. Five additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 140. A total of 43,111 total tests by both DHEC's Public Health Laboratory and private labs have been conducted in the state.

The United States has 849,092 confirmed cases and 47,681 confirmed deaths. Around 82,973 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.66 million cases and around 185,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER and Superintendent Molly Spearman announced the closure of public K-12 institutions for the rest of the school year. Video available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eGHQcRv9XKg>.

PARKS, RECREATION AND TOURISM: 545 hotels have reopened across the state. Occupancy remains at about 18-20%.

COLUMBIA'S William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA Medical Center and the University of South Carolina contributed to a [recent study](#) indicating that use of hydroxychloroquine, either with or

without azithromycin, does not reduce the risk of mechanical ventilation in patients hospitalized with Covid-19.

BROADBAND access problems in SC [highlighted by coronavirus](#).

CHARLESTON [passed an ordinance](#) requiring that businesses post occupancy limits at their entrances and have an employee keep track of how many people are in the store. Businesses will be required to have signage or floor markers indicating 6-foot distances, especially in areas that lines form. Aisles are to be designated for one-way movement. Business owners will be required to make a list of frequently-touched surfaces that need routine disinfecting and a logbook of when that is done. They will also be required to monitor employees for symptoms and have non-punitive policies so employees don't feel pressure to come to work if they feel ill.

P&C EDITORIAL: [How seniors can make June primaries safer for all SC voters](#). (Spoilers: by requesting an absentee ballot.)

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 22

TREASURY announced the second part of the Coronavirus Relief Fund guidance detailing how state/local governments can disburse the funding.

- Link to guidance: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Guidance-for-State-Territorial-Local-and-Tribal-Governments.pdf>
- Link to FAQ on website: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Coronavirus-Relief-Fund-Frequently-Asked-Questions.pdf>

Notable Details:

- Funds may not be used to fill shortfalls in government revenue to cover expenditures that would not otherwise qualify under the statute.
- States can transfer funds to a local government.
- The CARES Act requires that payments be used only to cover costs that were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020.
 - A cost meets this requirement if either (a) the cost cannot lawfully be funded using a line item, allotment, or allocation within that budget or (b) the cost is for a substantially different use from any expected use of funds in such a line item, allotment, or allocation.
 - Costs incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020. A cost is “incurred” when the responsible unit of government has expended funds to cover the cost.
- Nonexclusive examples of eligible expenditures (full list provided in guidance)
 - Medical expenses.

- Public health expenses.
- Payroll expenses for public safety, public health, health care, human services, and similar employees whose services are substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to the COVID19 public health emergency.
- Expenses of actions to facilitate compliance with COVID-19-related public health measures.
- Expenses associated with the provision of economic support in connection with the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Treasury [announced](#) initial Coronavirus Relief Fund guidance detailing how state and local governments can access the funding last week. South Carolina received half of the Coronavirus Relief Fund allocation (\$999,234,432) last Thursday, and Treasury indicated that the total amount of \$1.098 billion would be deposited by Friday of this week.

PRESIDENT TRUMP issued a [proclamation](#) on Wednesday that suspends the issuance of green cards to some immigrants. The restrictions apply only to aliens who are outside the United States as of April 23, do not have a valid immigrant visa and do not have an official travel document other than a visa that permits entry to the United States. The proclamation includes a list of exceptions, including for those currently in the country, people who have valid immigrant visas, those seeking entry to work as physicians and nurses, and the spouses and unmarried children of U.S. citizens.

The President said he plans to [reopen national parks](#) soon. He criticized Gov. Kemp's decision reopen hair, nail and tattoo salons and massage parlors in Georgia.

THE HOUSE is set to pass the \$483 billion interim coronavirus package later today that will replenish the small-business lending program and increase funding for hospitals and states to increase testing, sending the bill to President Trump's desk for his signature.

HHS [announced](#) that \$100 billion is being distributed to healthcare providers, including hospitals battling this disease. \$50 billion of the Provider Relief Fund is allocated for general distribution to Medicare facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, based on eligible providers' 2018 net patient revenue. More targeted allocations include \$10 billion for hospitals in areas that have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, \$10 billion for rural health clinics and hospitals, and \$400 million for Indian Health Service facilities.

HHS through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) awarded nearly \$165 million to combat the COVID-19 pandemic in rural communities. Additionally, HRSA launched a new telehealth website, to assist patients and providers navigate the telehealth landscape, particularly as use increases in this pandemic. South Carolina Office of Rural Health received \$1,180,438. Resources: [Press Release](#), [Awards](#) and [Telehealth Website](#).

FDA updated information and continues to urge recovered patients to [donate plasma](#).

TODAY'S JOBLESS CLAIMS REPORT from the Labor Department will show [that another 4.5 million people likely lost their jobs last week](#), bringing the total number of newly

unemployed since March to more than 26 million, wiping out all the jobs gained since the Great Recession.

FAUCI: "We will have coronavirus in the fall. I am convinced of that."

CELEBRITY CHEFS versus insurers in [business interruption insurance fight](#).

WSJ: [Bail out the states?](#)

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TEXAS: Governor Abbott promises far-reaching [announcement](#) on reopening Texas businesses, including restaurants, hair salons by this Friday.

MARYLAND: Gov. Larry Hogan (R), chairman of the National Governors Association, says his state is [prepared to announce a plan](#) on Friday to begin lifting coronavirus restrictions

MISSISSIPPI: The state's attorney general, Lynn Fitch, on Wednesday said she is [preparing to sue China](#) over losses caused by COVID-19, which originated in Wuhan in November or December and became a pandemic.

MASSACHUSETTS: Harvard University [announced on Wednesday](#) it will return \$9 million in federal assistance it received through the higher education aid package. Princeton and Stanford announced similar decisions.

CHINA has a [new outbreak](#) in Harbin, the provincial capital of Heilongjiang and a city of 10 million people.

SPAIN has the second highest number of recorded cases (208,389) and deaths (21,717) in the world. The national lockdown was extended until May 9. The country is now allowing [supervised walks](#) for children under 14.



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PRESIDENT TRUMP is [expected to sign](#) the new coronavirus relief package, which replenishes PPP and EIDL, later today. The House passed the bill yesterday. Text available [here](#). The bill would provide an immediate \$321 billion infusion for the Paycheck Protection Program. The package would also provide another \$60 billion in economic disaster loans for small businesses, \$75 billion in emergency relief for hospitals and \$25 billion to ramp up coronavirus testing.

THE HOUSE voted to establish a new committee to monitor implementation of nearly \$3 trillion in coronavirus relief measures. The measure passed on a party line vote of 212-182. Speaker Pelosi reiterated she intends to name House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn to lead the new select committee.

PENCE: 4.93 MILLION COVID-19 tests have been administered nationwide.

4.4 MILLION Americans [filed for jobless claims](#) last week, bringing the total number of unemployed to 26 MILLION.

- BIGGEST INCREASES: Colorado, New York, Missouri, Florida and North Carolina.
- Bloomberg published a [chart](#), which puts things in historical perspective.

THE CDC has tripled the number of coronavirus symptoms, available here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

HHS AND CDC have [extended](#) the deadline for hospitals to submit data that will inform how \$10 billion is distributed to areas of high impact from COVID-19. The deadline for hospitals to submit this information is now 3:00 PM Eastern Time, Saturday, April 25. Hospitals have received emails from HHS regarding how to submit the four necessary pieces of information: their Taxpayer Identification Number, their National Provider Identifier, their number of ICU beds as of April 10, and their number of COVID-19 admissions from January 1 to April 10.

CDC released information on [COVID-19 in Racial and Ethnic Minority Groups](#). To date, the effects of COVID-19 on the health of racial and ethnic minority groups is still emerging; however, current data suggest a disproportionate burden of illness and death among racial and ethnic minority groups.

CDC updated their information for [people who need to take extra precautions](#). People at higher risk for severe illness include older adults, people with asthma, people with HIV, and people with other underlying medical conditions and people with disabilities, pregnant and breastfeeding women, people experiencing homelessness, and racial and ethnic minority groups. The webpage also includes additional information on how to prevent illness, symptoms and testing and what to do if you are sick.

THE SBA released a summary of lenders participating in the “[Paycheck Protection Program](#),” which helps 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. Resources: [PPP State-by-State Lenders](#). [SBA Program Website](#).

U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION Betsy DeVos [announced](#) that more than \$13.2 billion in emergency relief funds are available to state and local education agencies to support continued learning for K-12 students whose educations have been disrupted by the coronavirus. [South Carolina received \\$216,311,158](#). The grants will flow directly to state education agencies and be sub-granted to school districts. Districts will have the flexibility to use funds for immediate needs, such as tools and resources for distance education, ensuring student health and safety, and developing and implementing plans for the next school year.

THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT is asking/telling publicly traded companies to repay loans they received this month from a program intended to aid small businesses hurt by the coronavirus pandemic. They have [two weeks](#) to do so.

FEMA has published "[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Pandemic: Addressing PPE Needs in Non-Healthcare Setting](#)." This guidance summarizes how organizations should consider and manage their personal protective equipment (PPE) needs while ensuring the protection of workers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response, including how to preserve limited supplies of PPE, how to consider need during periods of shortages, and how to acquire and request PPE (i.e., in the face of critical shortages and whereas normal supply chain allocation cannot meet operational requirements).

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MEAT SHORTAGES starting next month could be the latest development in the pandemic's scrambling of the supply chain. Shoppers could see pork products disappear from shelves first, but beef and poultry are also at risk.

But for now, we have plenty of food. The Agriculture Department's monthly tally of meat in warehouse freezers showed total pounds of beef — about 502 million — were up 2 percent. Poultry in storage went up 4 percent, to 1.3 billion pounds. The amount of chicken in storage dipped slightly to about 921 million pounds. Pork stocks, however, have declined by 4 percent to approximately 621 million pounds.

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DHEC announced 585 new cases of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 5,490 cases across all 46 counties. 25 additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 174.

- Friday, April 24: 168 new cases, with 8 additional deaths.
- Saturday, April 25: 180 new cases, with 9 additional deaths.
- Sunday, April 26: 237 new cases, with 8 additional deaths.

The total number of cases in the U.S. is 987,322 with 55,415 deaths. A total of 118,781 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 3 million cases, with 207,265 confirmed deaths.

ACCELERATESC's "Governance" sub-group will meet today at 2:00 p.m. The group will identify challenges faced by state and local governments, educational institutions, emergency services and first responders to proceed with economic revitalization. The meeting will be streamed at www.scetv.org.

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BOEING delivered [1.5 million masks](#) to Prisma health care workers with its Dreamlifter plane.

SC MANUFACTURERS reopening, also [busy protecting the public](#).

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P&C: [We shut down South Carolina because of the coronavirus. What's next?](#)

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TODAY: SC Air National Guard to [perform flyover](#) for healthcare workers at 11:00 am.

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THE SBA [will resume accepting PPP loan applications](#) on Monday, April 27 at 10:30 AM EDT from approved lenders on behalf of any eligible borrower. Additionally, updated guidance, FAQs, and a list of participating lenders can be found at www.sba.gov/paycheckprotection.

THE SBA [clarified that public hospitals](#) are eligible for the Paycheck Protection Program loans. According to reports, about a third of rural hospitals are municipal-owned entities that usually are blocked from receiving federal small business loans. Now, this financial lifeline is open to them.

HRSA launched a new COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal (coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com), allowing health care providers who have conducted COVID-19 testing or provided treatment for uninsured COVID-19 patients on or after February 4, 2020 to request claims reimbursement.

CDC released their [COVIDView Weekly Summary](#). The key points from this week include: (1) the percentage of laboratory specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 remained similar to, or decreased, compared to last week; (2) visits to outpatient providers and emergency departments (EDs) for illnesses with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 continued to decline and are below baseline in many areas of the country.

MEAT SHORTAGES starting next month could be the latest development in the pandemic's scrambling of the supply chain. Shoppers could see pork products disappear from shelves first, but beef and poultry are also at risk. Tyson Foods [said](#) “the food supply chain is breaking” in a New York Times op-ed yesterday.

The Agriculture Department's monthly tally of meat in warehouse freezers showed total pounds of beef — about 502 million — were up 2 percent. Poultry in storage went up 4 percent, to 1.3 billion pounds. The amount of chicken in storage dipped slightly to about 921 million pounds. Pork stocks, however, have declined by 4 percent to approximately 621 million pounds.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE: The economy is [likely to shrink](#) 12% in the second quarter — a 40% drop if it were to persist for a year—and the jobless rate will average 14%. Job losses will come to 27 million in the second and third quarters. The federal budget deficit is expected to reach \$3.7 trillion by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, the CBO said, up from about \$1 trillion in the 12 months through March

CONTROVERSIAL IDEA to speed coronavirus vaccine [gains ground](#).

USMCA to [enter into force](#) July 1 after United States takes final procedural steps.

MNUCHIN: 'You're going to see the economy really bounce back in July, August, September'

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

FOUR STATES (Alaska, Georgia, Oklahoma and South Carolina) have begun to reopen businesses, while eight more will lift stay-at-home orders by Thursday. Those are Alabama, Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana and Maine.

COLORADO is entering a [“safer at home” phase](#) where officials recommend residents stay home but do not require them to do so.

NEW JERSEY: [Several weeks away](#) from phase one reopening.

SOME GOVERNORS [take issue](#) with state bankruptcy idea. Pelosi expects the next coronavirus-related bill to include up to \$700 billion for cities and states, including those that have been ravaged by the pandemic.

INDIA is [reopening stores](#), but the relaxation does not apply to hundreds of quarantined towns and other hotspots that have been hit hardest by the outbreak

GLOBAL DEATH TOLL could be [60% higher than reported](#).



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 27

DHEC announced [142 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 5,613 cases across all 46 counties. Three additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 177.

As of today, the United States now has more than 1 million cases, with around 57,000 deaths. A total of 139,162 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are more than 3.08 million cases, with more than 212,000 confirmed deaths. At least [one study](#) suggests that the global death toll could be 60% higher than officially reported.

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.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-29](#), which declares a state of emergency throughout the state and allows for the state's response to COVID-19 to continue.

By law, the governor can declare a state of emergency for up to 15 days. His most recent executive order declaring a state of emergency was issued on April 12 and expired yesterday. The governor has now issued four executive orders declaring unique states of emergency based on the changing threats and challenges presented by the virus.

All existing executive orders issued by the governor will remain in effect with the new state of emergency, unless or until they are otherwise rescinded. While the state of emergency can last for 15 days, the governor can, at any time, rescind individual orders he has issued to respond to the virus' impact to the state and he will do so in accordance with the advice and recommendations of the state's public health experts.

ACCELERATESC's "Governance" sub-group met yesterday. The group, chaired by Greenville mayor Knox White, was tasked with identifying challenges faced by state and local governments, educational institutions, emergency services and first responders. Notable points:

- All stakeholder groups are likely facing budgetary shortfalls – due to declining tax revenues in counties and municipalities, for example – but the total impact remains unclear.
- Potential local government solutions include suspending fees and late payment penalties, reducing taxes on businesses, flexibility on accommodations and hospitality tax revenue and passing previous year’s budgets with the option to amend once the full impact becomes clear.
- Regulatory flexibility was a central theme, including for law enforcement (re-hiring/promoting retirees in the absence of new recruits) and higher education (scholarship testing requirements).
- There was a substantial discussion on the need for rural broadband expansion for healthcare and E-learning.

ACCELERATESC’s “Protection” sub-group will meet today at 2:00 p.m. The group will identify protective protocols for practical implementation in the workplace and in public, testing and contact tracing, supplies of personal protective equipment, and long-term mitigation efforts to ensure economic revitalization. The meeting will be streamed at www.scetv.org.

SCDMV will expand operations beginning Monday, May 4, by reopening its 66 branches. Customers must have appointments to visit the SCDMV. Appointments can be made at SCDMVonline.com.

DSS: Childcare center closures have stabilized with 53% of licensed facilities closed.

CORRECTIONS: 43 staff members and nine inmates have test positive for COVID-19. Approximately 5,000 people work at the Department of Corrections, and there are 17,828 inmates in South Carolina. The agency’s response plan is available [here](#).

FOLLY BEACH, others [continue](#) beach closures.

BOEING will [reopen](#) its Dreamliner plant this week.

CLEMSON [cancels](#) in-person summer sports and camps.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 27

THE WHITE HOUSE [announced](#) a blueprint to enhance the public-private partnership for coronavirus testing. The partners include Walgreens, Walmart, CVS, Rite Aid, Kroger, Thermo Fisher, U.S. Cotton, LabCorp, Quest Diagnostics, and the American Clinical Laboratory Association. Included in the plans is also a blueprint to expand state testing. The Trump administration claims to have enough tests for 2 percent of the population.

DR. ANTHONY FAUCI [said](#) the United States should “at least double” coronavirus testing in the next few weeks before easing into reopening the economy.

CDC is recommending [social distancing for pets](#) (as in, keeping them away from other animals).

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [announced](#) an expansion of the scope and duration of the Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF). The facility, which was announced on April 9, will offer up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities to help manage cash flow stresses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Resources: [FAQ](#), [Municipal Liquidity Facility Term Sheet](#)

THE U.S. SECRETARY OF EDUCATION Betsy DeVos announced more than \$300 million in discretionary grant funds for states to create “learning opportunities” for K-12 and postsecondary learners in response to the COVID-19 national emergency. The CARES Act provides \$307.5 million for these discretionary grants, which the Department will divide between two competitions: \$180 million for the Rethink K-12 School Models Grant and \$127.5 million for the Reimagining Workforce Preparation Grant. The grants include the possibility of “microgrants” directly to families to spend on educational services, statewide virtual learning programs, and “new, field-initiated models” to provide remote education. For additional information about how to apply, click [here](#).

THE SBA is now accepting PPP loan applications. SBA released an [Interim Final Rule](#) on the program. Program guidance and related information can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

THE FEDERAL RESERVE is [allowing](#) banks to eliminate limits and fees on monthly withdrawals from savings accounts.

MCCONNELL is [calling for changes](#) in the next relief bill to provide liability protection to health care workers, businesses and employees from lawsuits tied to inevitable new coronavirus outbreaks as the economy reopens.

- “We probably will do another bill. What I’m saying is, it won’t just be about money. The next pandemic coming will be the lawsuit pandemic in the wake of this one. So we need to prevent that now when we have the opportunity to do it.”
- On more funding: “I’m open to additional assistance. It’s not just going to be a check, though, you get my point? We’re not writing a check to send down to states to allow them to, in effect, finance mistakes they’ve made unrelated to the coronavirus.”

EXPERTS believe an effective COVID-19 vaccine could take longer than a year to 18 months to develop, approve and produce in mass quantities. [The New York Times reports](#) that Oxford University, however, has a potentially promising head start. Chinese scientists [predict](#) the virus will not be eradicated.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

A MAJORITY OF STATES are now [making moves](#) to reopen.

GEORGIA/TENNESSEE: Masks and temperature checks are [new normal](#) at open restaurants.

CALIFORNIA is [stepping up enforcement](#) after big crowds hit the beaches.

UK: British Prime Minister Boris Johnson [called upon Britons](#) to remain patient and argued that it is too soon to loosen restrictions as it could cause a second spike of the coronavirus across the country.

- “I refuse to throw away all the effort and the sacrifice of the British people and to risk a second major outbreak and huge loss of life and the overwhelming of the [health system].”

ITALY: The Italian health ministry [reported](#) 1,739 new confirmed cases on Monday, the lowest single-day total of cases since March 10

RUSSIA surpassed 87,000 cases. Putin will [address the nation](#) today.



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 28

DHEC announced [123 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 5,735 cases across all 46 counties. Fifteen additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 192.

The United States has 1.04 million cases, with more than 59,000 deaths. 142,238 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.2 million cases, with more than 218,000 confirmed deaths.

DHEC released an [updated list](#) of COVID-19 deaths associated with nursing homes and assisted living facilities.

ACCELERATESC's "Protection" sub-group met yesterday. The group was tasked with identifying protective strategies and protocols for practical statewide implementation to address issues associated with COVID-19 in the workplace and social settings, including appropriate supply of personal protective gear and medical equipment, surge capacity for medical treatment facilities, and steps to mitigate/avoid future outbreaks as the state accelerates economic revitalization. Video of the meeting is available [here](#).

'HERO' SERUM [offers hope](#) for doctors, patients fighting coronavirus in South Carolina.

BMW [sets reopening date](#) for manufacturing plant.

EARLY ABSENTEE VOTING to open in [all 46 counties](#) on Monday.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 28

PRESIDENT TRUMP, utilizing authority under the Defense Production Act, signed [an Executive Order](#) (EO) declaring meat processing plants to be "critical infrastructure" in an effort

to ensure that facilities around the country remained open to prevent shortages of pork, chicken and other meat products as a result of the Corona virus.

THE WHITE HOUSE favored [model](#), the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME), raised its coronavirus death estimate to more than 74,000 by August 4.

WHITE HOUSE ADVISER Kevin Hassett [said](#) another coronavirus aid bill could spur U.S. growth for the rest of the year.

ATTORNEY GENERAL William Barr told federal prosecutors to "[be on the lookout](#)" for pandemic restrictions violating the Constitution.

THE CDC issued information for individuals who are [sick](#); for women who are [breastfeeding](#); on infection control in [dental](#) settings; and for [law enforcement agencies and personnel](#).

THE CDC issued draft [guidance](#) on how organizations should reopen.

FDA released information on [medical device EUAs](#) and guidance for the [food and agricultural sector](#) and for [mammography facilities](#).

THE U.S. CAPITOL'S closure to the public was extended through May 16.

PFIZER: Coronavirus vaccine could be ready for emergency use by the fall.

APPLE AND GOOGLE are [collaborating](#) on an app-based system for contact tracing that uses Bluetooth to determine if users have recently been in close proximity to someone with the coronavirus.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

TEXAS Gov. Greg Abbott will let his state's [stay-at-home order expire](#) later this week. Restaurants, malls, movie theaters, and more can open if they limit visitors to 25 percent capacity.

ALABAMA: Gov. Kay Ivey said Tuesday she will allow retailers, some businesses and state beaches to reopen on Thursday.

NEW YORK CITY'S death toll reached [six times](#) its normal level, far more than the coronavirus count suggests.

OKLAHOMA Gov. Kevin Stitt (R) asked Trump to declare the pandemic an "[act of God](#)" to protect oil and gas producers from "actions to cancel leases... as a result of production stoppage."

LEBANON: Protests are [breaking out](#) in Lebanon due to economic woes related to the coronavirus shutdowns.

NEW ZEALAND lifted some restrictions on movement and [claimed victory](#) against the virus's spread.

ITALY has plans to [ease lockdown restrictions](#) starting May 4.

RUSSIA: President Vladimir Putin extended the country's lockdown for [two more weeks](#) but said to prepare for a gradual lifting of curbs from May 12.

CHINA'S factories have [begun to reopen](#), but there is a consumer confidence problem.



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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.

ACCELERATESC'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:

1. 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.
2. 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 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 1063 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 [FAQ document](#) with information for children was updated as well.

THE NATIONAL GOVERNORS ASSOCIATION [sent](#) a coalition letter to Congress urging the inclusion of direct funding to states, territories and localities, specifically for addressing cybersecurity and IT infrastructure needs due to the global impact of coronavirus.

HHS said providers can submit information to receive additional Provider Relief Fund payments. The portal for submitting this information is hhs.gov/providerrelief. Payments will go out on a rolling basis as eligible providers submit and verify the required information.

AMERICANS are moving around a lot, according to [new electronic data](#).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

THE CENTER ON BUDGET AND POLICY PRIORITIES [found](#) the COVID-19 pandemic could cost state governments \$650 billion over the next three years.

NEW YORK: Gov. **Andrew Cuomo** said on Wednesday that the state, which has nearly half of all COVID-19 cases in the country, will proceed with caution toward a May 15 reopening of nonessential businesses in some regions.

CALIFORNIA: Gov. Newsom may [close beaches](#) today, a decision previously left to counties. All L.A. County residents, even those without symptoms, can now get tested for COVID-19

MARYLAND: Gov. **Larry Hogan** on Wednesday ordered [universal](#) COVID-19 tests in nursing homes following hundreds of deaths

Five Governors Have Allowed or Announced Plans to Allow Stay-at-Home Orders to Expire without Renewal

1. Gov. Kay Ivey (R-AL): **April 30**
2. Gov. Jared Polis (D-CO): **April 26**
3. Gov. Steve Bullock (D-MT): **April 26**
4. Gov. Bill Lee (R-TN): **April 30**
5. Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX): **April 30**

Three Governors Have Eased Gathering Restrictions to allow Larger Groups to Congregate while maintaining Proper Social Distancing

1. Gov. Mike Dunleavy (R-AK): 20 people – **April 24**
2. Gov. Mike Parson (R-MO): no limit – **May 4**
3. Gov. Gary Herbert (R-UT): 20 people – **May 1**

Fourteen Governors Have Authorized Certain Non-Essential Businesses to Reopen with Proper Social Distancing and Safety Measures

1. Gov. Kay Ivey (R-AL): retail businesses – **April 30**
2. Gov. Mike Dunleavy (R-AK): public facing, non-public facing, & retail businesses – **April 24**
3. Gov. Jared Polis (D-CO): retail businesses – **May 1**
4. Gov. David Ige (D-HI): florists – **May 1**
5. Gov. Eric Holcomb (R-IN): nurseries, garden centers, & pet grooming services – **April 20**
6. Gov. Kim Reynolds (R-IA): retail businesses, malls, farmers markets, & auctions – **May 1**
7. Gov. John Bel Edwards (D-LA): mall curbside delivery – **May 1**

8. Gov. Janet Mills (D-ME): auto dealerships & car washes – **May 1**
9. Gov. Tate Reeves (R-MS): retail curbside or home delivery – **April 27**
10. Gov. Steve Bullock (D-MT): retail businesses – **April 27**
11. Gov. Mike DeWine (R-OH): retail businesses, consumer businesses, & service businesses (not including personal services) – **May 12**
12. Gov. Henry McMaster (R-SC): furniture stores, clothing stores, jewelry stores, luggage stores, leather goods stores, department stores, sporting goods stores, book stores, craft stores, music stores, flea markets, & florists – **April 20**
13. Gov. Bill Lee (R-TN): retail stores & malls – **May 1**
14. Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX): retail curbside or home delivery – **April 24**
15. Gov. Gary Herbert (R-UT): retail businesses – **May 1**
16. Gov. Phil Scott (R-VT): outdoor businesses & single-person low contact businesses – **April 20**
17. Gov. Jim Justice (R-WV): small businesses with 10 or fewer employees – **May 4**
18. Gov. Tony Evers (D-WI): retail curbside delivery – **April 29**

Fifteen Governors Have Authorized State Parks, Outdoor Recreational Areas, or Beaches to Reopen with Proper Social Distancing and Safety Measures

1. Gov. Kay Ivey (R-AL): beaches – **April 30**
2. Gov. Mike Dunleavy (R-AK): fishing areas – **April 24**
3. Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR): state parks – **May 1**
4. Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-FL): beaches – **April 17**
5. Gov. J.B. Pritzker (D-IL): fishing areas, boating areas, & state parks – **May 1**
6. Gov. Janet Mills (D-ME): hunting areas, fishing areas, & state parks – **May 1**
7. Gov. Tate Reeves (R-MS): fishing & boating areas – **April 20**
8. Gov. Kevin Stitt (R-OK): state parks – **April 24**
9. Gov. Tom Wolf (D-PA): golf courses, marinas, fishing areas – **May 1**
10. Gov. Henry McMaster (R-SC): beaches, piers, wharfs, docks, and boat ramps – **April 21**
11. Gov. Bill Lee (R-TN): state parks – **April 24**
12. Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX): state parks – **April 20**
13. Gov. Gary Herbert (R-UT): state parks – **April 17**
14. Gov. Jay Inslee (D-WA): state parks, fishing areas, hunting areas, golf courses – **May 5**
15. Gov. Tony Evers (D-WI): state parks, fishing areas – **May 1**

Eleven Governors Authorized Restaurants to Reopen for Dine-In Services with Proper Social Distancing and Safety Measures

1. Gov. Mike Dunleavy (R-AK): **April 24**
2. Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R-AR): **May 11**
3. Gov. Brian Kemp (R-GA): **April 27**
4. Gov. Kim Reynolds (R-IA): **May 1**
5. Gov. Steve Bullock (D-MT): **May 4**
6. Gov. Pete Ricketts (R-NE): **May 4**
7. Gov. Kevin Stitt (R-OK): **May 1**
8. Gov. Bill Lee (R-TN): **April 27**
9. Gov. Greg Abbott (R-TX): **May 1**
10. Gov. Gary Herbert (R-UT): **May 1**
11. Gov. Jim Justice (R-WV): **May 4**



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 20

DHEC announced [64 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina’s total to 4,439 cases across all 46 counties. Four additional deaths was reported, bringing the total death toll to 124. The United States has 792,938 confirmed cases and 42,518 confirmed deaths. Around 72,389 people in the United States are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 2.5 million cases and around 171,000 deaths.

DHEC projects South Carolina to see 750 new COVID-19 cases per week through early May, and a total of 6,953 cases by May 9.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER 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. Gov. McMaster and Lt. Governor Pamela Evette will lead the first meeting of accelerateSC on Thursday of this week.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER 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.

The 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 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 today, 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.

DR. BELL: "Our current data does show us that social distancing and staying at home is working and that must continue. And we realize that what we're asking is not easy, but it still must continue some time into the future until we have greater assurance that we're on downward side of the curve and for a more prolonged period of time."

THE SC DEPT. OF AGING has delivered 91,980 meals to seniors, performed 23,298 well checks, and 569 telephone assessments since the

DSS continues to receive a high volume of SNAP applications, with 859 received by noon yesterday.

PPE loans are set to be paid out by SC banks by April 26. The US had \$350 billion initial amount with \$3.8 billion approved in SC.

A recent survey revealed that 80% of South Carolina's 92 breweries and brewpubs would be forced to close if the state extended the order to keep bars + dining rooms closed for another 90 days. On average sales are down 70% + many have been forced to cease production.

Nephron Pharmaceuticals has received approval from the FDA to add an additional production line. The additional line will help keep up with the increase in demand for the local sterile respiratory medication manufacturer, from shipping 80 million doses of inhalation medications a month to 193 million in March.

SC AQUARIUM and museums across the US push Congress for [emergency funding to stay afloat](#).

HICKS: [Protesters are prolonging this pandemic and don't seem to care](#).

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 20

PRESIDENT TRUMP said he will [temporarily halt immigration](#) into the United States.

WSJ: “Administration officials said the order wouldn't make substantial changes to current U.S. policy. Even without an executive order, the administration has already all but ceased nearly every form of immigration. Most visa processing has been halted, meaning almost no one can apply for a visa to visit or move to the U.S.” Exceptions are expected for migrant and health care workers.

CONGRESSIONAL NEGOTIATORS are [close to finalizing an agreement](#) on Coronavirus Phase 4. As of Monday night, the \$470 billion package is expected to include \$370 billion to replenish the small-business loan program, with \$75 billion going to hospitals, and \$25 billion set aside for testing.

AP: Publicly-traded firms [got \\$300 million](#) in small-business loans.

THE DEPARTMENT OF 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).

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

GEORGIA: Gov. Kemp is allowing certain businesses – including gyms, barber shops, tattoo parlors and bowling alleys – to [reopen on Friday](#). Reopened businesses will have to follow social distancing guidelines, screen workers for fever and respiratory illnesses, and take other steps to minimize the risk of transmitting the virus. Kemp also announced that theaters and dine-in restaurants will be allowed to reopen on April 27.

MARYLAND: Gov. Hogan purchased 500,000 test kits [from South Korea](#).

TEXAS [reopened some state parks](#) yesterday.

THE UNITED STATES, Mexico and Canada are [extending nonessential travel restrictions](#) between borders for another 30 days.

ITALY saw its first-ever decline in the number of currently infected patients and a precipitous drop in confirmed cases from Sunday (3,047) to Monday (2,256) and announced it will begin reopening this week through May 4 in phases.

IN FRANCE, deaths surpassed 20,000. Spain is moving carefully toward restoring economic activity, while Britain and France have signaled that they will not relax restrictions until next month. The restrictions on Spain's children are set to be loosened starting April 27, though the government has not given details on the changes. [Responses in Europe are not coordinated.](#)



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SC SUMMARY – APRIL 30

DHEC announced [220 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina's total to 6,095 cases across all 46 counties. Twelve additional deaths were reported on April 28, bringing the total death toll to 244.

DHEC also conducted a [cross-analysis](#) of death certificates, confirming 29 additional deaths from COVID-19 that were not previously reported.

The United States has 1.1 million cases, with more than 63,000 deaths. Over 155,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.3 million cases, with more than 234,000 confirmed deaths.

ACCELERATESC's "Resources" sub-group met yesterday. The group was tasked with identifying processes and appropriate metrics for disbursing federal funds and ensuring transparency of all disbursed funds in consultation with appropriate stakeholders. Video of the meeting is available [here](#).

DEW: In the claim week ending April 25, 65,159 people filed an initial claim. This is a decrease of 7,957 initial claims from the week prior. This is the 2nd decrease recorded since mid-March. In the last six weeks, the total number of initial claims received is 406,889. The agency has paid more than \$585 million in a combination of state UI benefits and CARES Act programs, FPUC (\$600) & PUA.

DARLINGTON RACEWAY will [help kick off](#) NASCAR's return.

SC BAN ON EVICTIONS ends today, but Chief Justice Beatty has [extended it](#) for another two weeks. Additionally, the CARES Act halted evictions from properties that are financed by federal mortgages and subsidies until Aug. 24.

PRISMA HEALTH [announced](#) seven new one-day community testing sites.

ACCELERATE-ED: Summer classes, split school days, make-ups [among options](#) for schools.

A “CONSUMER INSIGHTS” POLL from Chernoff Newman [indicates](#) that one in five households in the state feel their stress level has reached the point of “meltdown” amid the coronavirus crisis.

U.S. SENATOR Tim Scott [praises](#) Governor McMaster’s ‘slow progress’ to reopen SC.

HICKS: [Barbershop protests will not age well, sort of like haircuts](#).

P&C: [Another COVID-19 milestone reminds us not to slack off precautions](#).

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – APRIL 30

THE WHITE HOUSE’S 30-day social distancing guidelines [expired](#) today. President Trump said he will not extend them.

U.S. SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION Elaine Chao [announced](#) the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will award \$1.187 billion in airport safety and infrastructure grants to 439 airports in 50 states. This includes \$731 million through the Airport Improvement Program and \$455 million in supplemental discretionary grants. [South Carolina received \\$14,690,930](#).

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [announced](#) expanding the scope and eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program, including lowering the minimum loan size and expanding the credit options. Under the expanded scope, the program creates a third loan option with increased risk sharing by lenders for borrowers with greater leverage; lowers the minimum loan size for certain loans to \$500,000; and expands the pool of businesses eligible to borrow. A start date for the program has yet to be announced. [Term Sheet](#).

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [announced](#) expanded access to its Paycheck Protection Program Liquidity Facility (PPPLF) to additional lenders and expanded the collateral that can be pledged. The changes will facilitate lending to small businesses via the Small Business Administration’s “[Paycheck Protection Program](#),” which helps small businesses keep workers employed amid the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn. [Term Sheet](#) [Treasury FAQ](#). [SBA Program Website](#).

THE PENTAGON is spending over [\\$75 million](#) to ramp up production of coronavirus testing swabs.

THE WHITE HOUSE [announced](#) actions taken and new initiatives to keep America’s seniors safe, including actions related to expansions of telehealth, nursing home reporting, and protecting seniors from fraud and abuse.

CMS [announced](#) the new independent Commission to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home response to COVID-19. FEMA will start providing [shipments of PPE](#) to

15,400 Medicaid and Medicare-certified nursing homes across the country on May 1. The CDC also released [guidance](#) for retirement communities and independent living facilities.

ASPR has [released](#) a concept of operations for nursing home infection prevention and control. Residents and staff of nursing homes are particularly vulnerable to the ongoing outbreak of COVID-19. This Concept of Operations (ConOps) document provides an overview of recommendations and resources for nursing homes that can help reduce the impact of COVID-19 on residents and staff.

CDC released new webpages with reopening information and resources for [people experiencing homelessness](#); [community and faith-based organizations](#); [communities, schools, workplaces and events](#); [institutes of higher education](#); [correction and detention facilities](#); [schools and childcare programs](#); [businesses and workplace](#); [shared and congregant housing](#); [parks and recreation](#); and [tribal communities](#). The information includes decision tools, community mitigation strategies, prevention and support, communication resources, and information for specific populations.

CDC has [released](#) information and resources on available CDC staff to assist with opening up America. CDC is using a multi-pronged approach to help enhance and complement the efforts of state, tribal, local, and territorial staff. This initiative will help health departments with the staffing resources they need for their programs to get and keep America open.

CMS issued new [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) clarifying requirements and considerations for hospitals and other providers related to the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) during the COVID-19 pandemic. The FAQs address questions around patient presentation to the emergency department, EMTALA applicability across facility types, qualified medical professionals, medical screening exams, patient transfer and stabilization, telehealth, and other topics.

3.8 MILLION Americans filed unemployment claims last week.

SPEAKER PELOSI said that House Democrats support [nearly \\$1 trillion](#) in federal aid for states and cities in Congress's next legislative effort to help the nation weather the COVID-19 crisis. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said that any legislation also must include provisions giving liability protection to businesses and other entities.

CONGRESSMAN CLYBURN, along with 10 members of the Rural Broadband Task Force and Energy & Commerce Committee, [announced](#) the House Democratic Plan to Connect All Americans to Affordable Broadband Internet.

ANTHONY FAUCI [said](#) he believes it is “doable” as an “aspirational goal” by January to have millions of doses of an as-yet undiscovered COVID-19 vaccine, which would be roughly a year from the first human infections discovered in China.

COVID-19 occurred in nature and is not genetically modified, [according to the Director of National Intelligence](#). An investigation is ongoing and it remains unknown if the pathogen

accidentally emerged from a Wuhan lab. The lab has denied that COVID-19 is genetically linked to any of the coronaviruses it has isolated and studied.

THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION is preparing [potential retaliatory actions](#) against China for their gross negligence in causing the outbreak.

NEW REPORT: The coronavirus pandemic is likely to [last as long as two years](#) and won't be controlled until about two-thirds of the world's population is immune.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

DC: The greater Washington region reported [nearly 2,000 new novel coronavirus](#) cases Thursday, with the District recording its worst day for fatalities.

TEXAS: Gov. Greg Abbott (R) [overrode](#) local coronavirus lockdown orders and Texas will begin the process of reopening restaurants and other stores today.

MICHIGAN: A judge sided with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in a lawsuit over the state's shelter-in-place order. [Yesterday](#), hundreds of protestors, some armed, demonstrated inside Michigan's state capitol.

UK: Prime Minister Boris Johnson said that his country is "[past the peak](#)" of the COVID-19 epidemic there. He plans to outline Great Britain's lockdown exit strategy next week.

SOUTH KOREA reported no new domestic coronavirus infections for the first time since February 18.

DENMARK [said](#) its coronavirus spread has not accelerated since reopening began.

THE CZECH REPUBLIC [said](#) it has contained the coronavirus spread and will start reopening carefully.



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SC SUMMARY – MAY 1

DHEC announced [160 new cases](#) of COVID-19, bringing South Carolina’s total to 6,258 cases across all 46 counties. Twelve additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 256.

The United States has 1.13 million cases, with more than 65,700 deaths. Over 161,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.42 million cases, with more than 239,000 confirmed deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER [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.

In addition, the Governor lifted Executive Order 2020-19, which prohibited short-term rentals from visitors from CDC “hotspots.” He also lifted Executive Order 2020-14, which required individuals entering the state from the same “hotspots” to self-quarantine for two weeks. CDC guidance identifying “hotspots” throughout the country has lapsed and was not renewed.

Governor McMaster and state epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell strongly urge 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.

McMaster: “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. 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.”

Guidelines and frequently asked questions for restaurants choosing to reopen are available [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](#).

All other executive orders remain in effect, including closures of “close contact” businesses like barber shops and salons.

PRESIDENT TRUMP declared that a major disaster exists in the State of South Carolina and ordered Federal aid to supplement State, tribal, and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, tornadoes, and straight-line winds from April 12 to April 13, 2020.

The President’s action makes Federal funding available to affected individuals in the counties of Aiken, Colleton, Hampton, Marlboro, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens.

This assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster.

Federal funding also is available to State and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe storms, tornadoes, and straight-line winds in the counties of Barnwell, Colleton, Georgetown, Hampton, Oconee, Orangeburg, and Pickens.

Finally, Federal funding is available on a cost-sharing basis for hazard mitigation measures statewide.

Residents and business owners who sustained losses in the designated counties can begin applying for assistance tomorrow by registering online at <http://www.DisasterAssistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA(3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued a proclamation for a statewide day of prayer on Sunday.

CHARLESTON, Mt. Pleasant, county parks [reopen Friday](#). People are expected to keep moving.

LEXINGTON MEDICAL outpatient surgery centers to [reopen](#) with COVID-19 precautions.

P&C EDITORIAL: SC should move [quickly but cautiously](#) on COVID-19 contact tracing

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – MAY 1

HHS [announced](#) the release of \$22 billion to support areas highly impacted by COVID-19, as well as the hospitals and clinics serving rural communities. The \$22 billion funding represents the next tranches of disbursement from the Provider Relief Fund, authorized by the CARES

Act. South Carolina [received](#) \$140,650,120 for 180 rural acute care general hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals, Rural Health Clinics, and Community Health Centers located in rural areas.

CMS [announced](#) \$81 million in CARES Act funding directed towards nursing homes through State Survey Agencies (SAs).

FDA [issued](#) an emergency use authorization for remdesivir to treat patients with confirmed or suspected coronavirus infections.

FDA released FAQs on the use of disinfectants to prevent or treat COVID-19, ventilators, and pets. The guidance is available [here](#).

BARDA expanded an [existing partnership with Hologic, Inc.](#), headquartered in Marlborough, Massachusetts, to accelerate development of the new Aptima® molecular assay to detect the SARS-CoV-2 virus in respiratory specimens. The SARS-CoV-2 diagnostic tests developed by Hologic, Inc. will increase testing capacity and expand access to testing in the U.S.

ASTHO and National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD) [announced](#) the launch of a free, on-demand training for entry-level COVID-19 contact tracers.

CDC updated their webpage on [contact tracing](#). The webpage covers key concepts of contact tracing, resources from CDC, and resources from other organizations including federal agencies and private sector, non-governmental organizations and academia.

CDC [said](#) three percent of workers in meat processing plants tested positive for the coronavirus.

CDC released new webpages with reopening information and resources for [first responders and law enforcement](#) and [transportation and delivery](#) workers. The information includes decision tools, community mitigation strategies, prevention and support, communication resources, and information for specific populations.

FEMA released a [document](#) with planning considerations for organizations in reconstituting operations during the COVID-19 pandemic.

IRS issued guidance on the deductibility of expenses for businesses with PPP loans. The notice is available [here](#).

OSHA is [conducting](#) hundreds of coronavirus-related workplace investigations.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

STATES rushing to reopen received a [warning](#) from Dr. Anthony Fauci that they are “making a really significant risk.”

THE WHO extended its declaration of a global public health emergency.

IRELAND'S prime minister unveiled a [plan](#) to slowly lift coronavirus-related lockdown restrictions.

AUSTRALIA will [consider](#) next Friday whether to ease coronavirus containment measures.



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SC SUMMARY – MAY 2-3

DHEC announced 367 [new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 6,626 cases across all 46 counties. Nineteen additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 275.

The United States has around 1.2 million cases, with more than 68,500 deaths. Over 178,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.6 million cases, with more than 248,000 confirmed deaths.

RESIDENTS who suffered damage in seven counties due to severe storms on April 13, 2020 are now eligible to apply for FEMA disaster assistance. Visit <http://disasterassistance.gov> and <http://scemd.org> for details.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER's "Work-or-Home" order lifts today. Restaurants may now provide outdoor dining service in addition to take out, curbside and delivery services. Residents should continue to exercise social distancing and follow CDC and DHEC guidelines.

DEW is reporting three straight weeks of decline in unemployment claims following a high of 88,000 new claims three weeks ago. Numbers are still around five times higher than the peak of the Great Recession.

SC COURTS are continuing their efforts to respond to the ongoing pandemic. Last week, the Supreme Court [allowed](#) for attorneys and parties to participate in real estate transactions by way of video conferences. Previously, the Court issued orders limiting the number of people in courtrooms and allowing virtual hearings where possible. Jury trials are continued and non-jury trials are being conducted by limiting the persons present to the parties, counsel and necessary witnesses. The Supreme Court has also issued revised or new consent forms for video/audio conferencing in the Circuit, Family, Probate and Summary Courts to allow for the use of remote communication technology for hearings during this public health emergency.

SENIOR RESOURCES is [expanding its operation](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic to serve free meals to senior citizens in 16 South Carolina counties, the organization announced on Sunday. The Emergency Senior Nutrition Program, which provides five free meals a week, will broaden its reach for five weeks to include the counties of Anderson, Clarendon, Lexington, Richland, Barnwell, Calhoun, Edgefield, Fairfield, Greenville, Horry, Kershaw, McCormick, Newberry, Oconee, Orangeburg and Williamsburg.

THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON, which leads all of South Carolina's Catholic churches, announced Saturday that it will [resume public Masses](#) on May 11.

THE STATE has a [write-up](#) on South Carolina's contact tracing efforts.

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – MAY 2-3

DHS produced a [four-page intelligence report](#) on May 1 saying that Chinese leaders "intentionally concealed the severity" of the pandemic in order to hoard supplies.

PRESIDENT TRUMP predicted the United States will have a coronavirus vaccine in 2020. Oxford researchers [say](#) they hope to get a "signal" by June about the potential effectiveness of their COVID-19 vaccine. "I think we've got reason to believe that the efficacy, the efficacy of the vaccine in terms of generating strong antibody responses, is probably going to be OK. The real question is whether the safety profile's going to be fine. So that's actually the main focus of the clinical studies."

THE SENATE will return to Capitol Hill today as lawmakers start work on the CARES 2 package.

THE SBA, as of May 1, had approved over 960,000 loans for a total of nearly \$90 billion from more than 5,300 lenders. This total is in addition to the first tranche of PPP loans, where over \$340 billion went out to over 1.6 million small businesses. South Carolina small businesses have received nearly 23,000 loans totaling \$3.8 billion. The most updated Paycheck Protection Program, Round 2, numbers can be found [here](#).

HHS Office of Minority Health (OMH) [announced](#) a [competitive funding](#) opportunity to invest up to \$40 million for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver important COVID-19-related information to racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic. The information network will strengthen efforts to link communities to COVID-19 testing, healthcare and social services and to best share and implement effective response, recovery and resilience strategies.

DOJ [weighed in](#) with a federal court in favor of a Chincoteague, Va., church that filed suit after its pastor received a criminal citation for holding a religious service last month with 16 people in attendance — exceeding a 10-person limit set by Virginia Governor Northam.

DOL released [guidance](#) that provides states with an overview of the Short Time Compensation (STC) program provisions in the CARES act, and provide direction regarding the 100 percent federal reimbursement of state STC payments. Under the guidance, the STC program (also known as “worksharing” or “shared work”) serves as a lay-off aversion program in which an employer, under a state-approved plan, reduces the hours for a group of workers and these workers in turn receive a reduced unemployment benefit payment. Under current law, South Carolina does not have a Short Time Compensation program.

THE FDA has posted a video, [12 Tips for Grocery Shopping During the Pandemic](#), to advise consumers.

WHITE HOUSE coronavirus response coordinator Deborah Birx on Sunday called protests and congregations of people “[devastatingly worrisome](#).”

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

COLORADO, Arkansas, Florida, South Carolina, West Virginia and Puerto Rico will ease more COVID-19 restrictions today, following [similar moves in 17 states](#) as of Friday.

NEW YORK: Gov. Andrew Cuomo said on Sunday that his state is [working in cooperation](#) with six other East Coast states to source and buy necessary medical supplies to cut down on competition among states to find supply chains

LOCKDOWNS ease around the world, but Russia, India, the United Kingdom are [still struggling](#).



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SC SUMMARY – MAY 4

DHEC announced [135 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 6,757 cases across all 46 counties. Eight additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 283.

The United States has around 1.21 million cases, with more than 69,925 deaths. Over 188,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.66 million cases, with more than 252,000 confirmed deaths.

DHEC is partnering with Care South Carolina to host a [free COVID-19 mobile testing clinic](#) in Darlington County. The event will be held at the St. David's Academy, 116 St. David's Street, Society Hill, SC 29593 on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The mobile clinic will offer drive-thru testing. Prescreening is not required, and the cost is free to patients. Patients will be contacted within 48-72 hours with the results of their test.

DHEC released ["percent positive" data](#) – the number of positive tests in a given day, divided by all the tests performed statewide. The lower that figure, the better.

COMMERCE reports that around 28,000 SBA loans were made to companies in SC last week, for a total \$1.8B. The average loan is \$65,556. SC ranked 26th in the nation for loans.

PRT reported that state parks saw a significant number of people over the weekend, with 17 out of 47 reaching full capacity.

DEW has, to date, made \$113.6 million in payments:

- \$30 million UI
- \$81 million federal \$600/wk.
- \$2.6M PUA for self employed

ISLAND ISOLATION: Sullivan's Island [moves checkpoint times](#) to 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Isle of Palms [votes to remove checkpoints](#) by Wednesday, Folly Beach [alters 24-hour roadblock](#) to 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

SUMTER woman arrested for ["licking spree."](#)

THE STATE: [Coronavirus shuts down meat packing plants across the US. What about SC?](#)

P&C: [SC colleges plan for fall semester, brainstorm ways to resume classes amid pandemic.](#)

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – MAY 4

THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY updated its Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) regarding the use of the CARES Act's Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), adding to its April 22nd document [Treasury FAQ](#).

THE SBA [announced](#) that agricultural businesses are now [eligible](#) for SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance programs. [SBA's EIDL portal](#) reopened as a result of funding authorized by Congress through the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act. SBA will begin accepting new EIDL applications on a limited basis only.

CDC updated their [guidance](#) on evaluating and testing persons for COVID-19. The changes include updated recommendations for testing, specimen collection, and reporting patients and reporting positive test results, and specification of testing priorities.

FEMA has released additional details in a [fact sheet on PPE shipments to nursing homes](#). Announced last week, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation. Shipments are expected to begin in the first week of May and a second shipment will occur in June.

THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH [announced](#) a competitive funding opportunity to invest up to \$40 million for the development and coordination of a strategic network of national, state, territorial, tribal and local organizations to deliver important COVID-19-related information to racial and ethnic minority, rural and socially vulnerable communities hardest hit by the pandemic. Applications are due by 6:00 PM Eastern Time on Monday, May 11.

FEMA announced approval of 30 states, including South Carolina, for its [Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training program](#). The program helps fund state-provided crisis counseling services to residents struggling with stress and anxiety as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. FEMA's Crisis Counseling program helps people and communities to recover from the effects of natural or man-made disasters through short-term interventions that provide emotional support, crisis counseling, and connection to familial and community support systems.

FEMA announced [\\$200 million in supplemental funding allocations](#) to local jurisdictions across the country to supplement local service organizations that provide critical resources to people

with economic emergencies, which include our hungry and homeless populations. A state-by-state list of the eligible jurisdictions and allocation amounts is available on the [EFSP Website](#).

NIH announced on April 29 their [Rapid Acceleration of Diagnostics \(RADx\) program](#) which will include a national competition in the style of “shark tank” with participants vying for a portion of the \$500 million fund. NIH aims to have the resulting tests deployed by the end of summer or early Fall after validation, clinical tests, and manufacturing scale up. See the phased plan below.

FEMA announced that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac have created online multifamily property lookup [tools](#) to help renters find out if they are protected from evictions during the COVID-19 national health emergency,

FDA issued [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. [FDA Fact Sheet](#): “Antibody Test Oversight & Use for COVID-19” (May 4, 2020)

FAUCI: “I don't think there's a chance that this virus is just going to disappear. It's going to be around, and if given the opportunity, it will resurge.” As such, [Fauci says](#) the U.S. should also focus this summer on properly reinforcing the nation's health care system, ensuring the availability of hospital beds, ventilators, and personal protective equipment for health care workers.

MNUCHIN: International travel [may not resume until 2021](#).

A NEW STUDY by scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory finds that a [mutated, more contagious](#) strain of coronavirus has emerged.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

CALIFORNIA is the first state to [borrow from the federal government](#) to make unemployment payments. The Golden State borrowed \$348 million in federal funds after receiving approval to tap up to \$10 billion for this purpose through the end of July. The U.S. government also has approved loans of up to \$12.6 billion for Illinois and up to \$1.1 billion for Connecticut through the end of July to replenish state unemployment-insurance funds, though the two states hadn't yet started borrowing by the end of April.

VIRGINIA: Governor Northam (D) said [conditions are in place](#) to allow the state to consider reopening dine-in restaurants and some other establishments under social distancing requirements. Hospitals are reporting excess bed capacity and adequate levels of personal protective gear, he said, and there appears to be slower growth in the rate of new infections.

NEW YORK: [15 children hospitalized](#) in NYC with mysterious syndrome possibly linked to COVID-19.

WORLD LEADERS [pledge \\$8 billion](#) to fight COVID-19 but U.S. steers clear.

U.K. COVID-19 death toll rises above 32,000, [highest in Europe](#).

SOUTH KOREA: South Korea reported its [lowest single-day increase of cases](#) (three new infections) in more than two months today as sports make their return to the country.

WHO: No evidence from U.S. on Wuhan lab as coronavirus origin

NYT: [Coronavirus and the Sweden “Herd Immunity” Myth](#).

DISCOVER: [Is “herd immunity” our best weapon against COVID-19?](#)



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Please visit accelerate.sc.gov for COVID-19 related inquiries.

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SC SUMMARY – MAY 5

DHEC announced [93 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina's total to 6,841 cases across all 46 counties. Thirteen additional deaths were reported, bringing the total death toll to 296.

The United States has around 1.24 million cases, with more than 72,000 deaths. Over 200,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 3.74 million cases, with more than 258,000 confirmed deaths.

Yesterday, 464 residents were tested for COVID-19 at a free mobile clinic in Darlington County, through a partnership between DHEC and Care South Carolina.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER and Lieutenant Governor Pamela Evette hosted a meeting of [AccelerateSC](#), in which the five sub-groups presented initial findings and recommendations for safely revitalizing the state. Highlights:

- **Response:** Presented survey results from the SC Chamber of Commerce highlighting current challenges for businesses, potential changes to business strategy, challenges to resuming normal operations. Provided update on development of industry-specific best practices guidelines for reopening.
- **Protection:** Presented recommendations on the safe return of residents to workplaces and other public settings, protective measures, increasing testing and contact tracing, use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and development of long-term mitigation efforts.
- **Resources:** Described various pots of federal funding available for SC recovery efforts, made recommendations for development of statewide broadband plan to enhance rural health care and education delivery.

- **Governance:** Presented recommendations to enhance local government flexibility, including budget extensions, front-loading of Local Government Fund payments, extension of State Revolving Loan Fund payments, suspension of employer pension contributions and flexibility in expenditure of hospitality and accommodations tax revenue. Presented recommendations for educational institutions, including financial flexibility for Department of Education, retirement incentives, leave forgiveness, flexibility in scholarship requirements.
- **Information:** Unveiled accelerate.sc.gov, an ombudsman-style, one-stop shop for COVID-19 related inquiries.

To view the meeting in full, visit scetv.org.

DMV: All 66 locations are now open for business (M, W, F). Moving toward 5-day/week operation.

TRUMP taps SC's [Tim Scott](#) to guide African American outreach.

FOLLY BEACH's golf cart parade [resulted in citations](#) for organizers.

APPLICATIONS for food stamps [twice as high](#) as normal.

PUBLIX employees at 7 SC stores [test positive](#) for COVID-19.

CHARLESTON airport passenger volume [down 96%](#) in April.

SC DOCTORS have [moved away](#) from using hydroxychloroquine to treat patients after higher-than-average morbidity rates. Midlands hospitals are studying the efficacy of [remdesivir](#).

WORKPLACE INSPECTORS are [investigating 99 coronavirus-related complaints](#). Complaints include concerns about an inadequate amount of personal protective equipment and individuals continuing to work even though they had symptoms for the virus.

A HERD IMMUNITY EXPERIMENT is [occurring in Five Points](#).

FEDERAL/NATIONAL SUMMARY – MAY 5

THE WHITE HOUSE is looking to [wind down](#) coronavirus task force.

THE U.S. TREASURY [expects](#) to borrow \$4.5 trillion this fiscal year, as stimulus spending soars.

FDA authorized the first serology, or antibody, [test](#) where the results of a new independent validation effort by the U.S. Government provided the scientific evidence used to support the authorization.

CDC updated their list of [resources available to bolster staffing](#) to help support states, tribes and locations to get and keep America open.

CDC updated their guidance on [evaluating and testing persons](#) for COVID-19 to include expanded priorities for testing. The updated guidance continues to prioritize hospitalized patients, healthcare workers with symptoms, and residents in congregate living with symptoms.

CMS posted additional FAQs to aid state Medicaid and CHIP agencies in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The new FAQs cover Emergency Preparedness and Response; Eligibility and Enrollment Flexibilities; Benefit Flexibilities; Cost-Sharing Flexibilities; Financing Flexibilities; Managed Care Flexibilities; Information Technology; and Data Reporting. The FAQs are available [here](#). A standalone document that has only the new information is available [here](#).

FEMA is [coordinating](#) two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of PPE to over 15,000 nursing homes across the country. Shipments are expected to begin this week, with the first directed to metropolitan-area priority sites (e.g. New York City, Chicago, D.C.) and second shipment in June. Each facility will receive items such as surgical masks, gloves, goggles, and gowns and quantities will be dependent on staffing size of the facility. FEMA [released](#) additional details of this effort in a fact sheet.

DR. FAUCI will [testify](#) before the Senate HELP Committee next Tuesday.

SPEAKER PELOSI is expected to introduce legislation in the coming days that would include at least [\\$800 billion](#) for state and local governments. McConnell is calling for a pause in spending.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

NINE STATES have told the Department of Labor they [plan to ask for \\$36 billion](#) in federal advances to cover the cost of unemployment payouts. Illinois tops the list with an \$11 billion request in May and June. California, the first state to borrow, plans to seek the next-highest amount over the same two months: \$8 billion. Texas will ask for advances totaling \$6.4 billion in May, June and July and New York will ask for \$4.4 billion in the same three months. Connecticut, Hawaii, Massachusetts, Ohio and West Virginia have also signaled an intent to borrow between May and July to fund their unemployment systems. Some of the states, like Illinois and California, only requested advances for May and June.

NY: The New York City Health Department on Monday [issued a bulletin](#) asking doctors to report any cases of a COVID-19 related syndrome emerging over the past two weeks in children.

CALIFORNIA: Governor Newsom [announced](#) California will begin easing coronavirus-related closures this week.

IOWA, Kansas and New Mexico are seeing [ominous infection trends](#) as new outbreaks emerge due to people resuming pre-COVID patterns of behavior.

TEXAS: [Double black swan](#) event dragging down rest of U.S.

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- [May 8](#) – 238 cases, 4 deaths.
- [May 9](#) – 168 cases, 10 deaths.
- [May 10](#) – 113 cases, 1 death.

The United States has around 1.37 million cases, with nearly 80,000 deaths. Over 240,000 people are confirmed to have recovered. Globally, there are 4.17 million cases, with more than 283,000 confirmed deaths. 1.47 million people are confirmed to have recovered.

DHEC is partnering with community organizations to host [free COVID-19 mobile and popup testing clinics](#) across the state. DHEC has launched a new COVID-19 mobile testing clinic [webpage](#) to share information about upcoming testing events.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER issued [Executive Order 2020-33](#), rescheduling elections postponed pursuant to Executive Orders 2020-09 and 2020-29 for Tuesday, July 14, 2020. Governor McMaster also issued [Executive Order 2020-34](#), authorizing limited indoor dining services and rescinding boat restrictions.

- **Restaurants:** Limited indoor, on-premises customer dining is authorized effective Monday, May 11, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. Restaurants that elect to provide limited indoor, on-premises customer dining services should consider and incorporate industry guidelines regarding the same, such as those prepared and published by the [South Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association](#), in addition to undertaking and

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83 NURSING HOMES, assisted living facilities in SC [listed](#) with confirmed cases or deaths related to COVID-19 among residents, staff. Nursing home deaths constitute [1/3 of SC's death toll](#).

CHARLESTON COUNTY sues Folly Beach over coronavirus roadblocks. *Correction from 5/8:* Sullivan's Island remains restricted from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The ordinance is set to expire tomorrow, May 12.

STATE BUDGET LOSSES are [accumulating](#) due to COVID-19 outbreak.

SC ELECTION OFFICIALS [prepare](#) safety precautions for June primaries: expect long lines.

BOEING Dreamlifter aircrafts to [deliver medical supplies](#) to MUSC healthcare workers

THE STATE: ["Hey, SC, we're not in the clear with COVID-19. This is no time to let our guard down."](#)

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PRESIDENT TRUMP announced he would be extending the National Guard Title 32 through June 24 to respond to COVID-19. Through this order, the federal government will fund 100 percent of the cost for T-32 National Guard orders through June 24.

THE SBA has provided \$21.3B so far in economic disaster assistance to small businesses - \$9.8B in Advances and \$11.5B in Loans. South Carolina numbers: \$129,315,700 in Economic Injury Disaster (954) Loans and \$131,579,000 for 40,305 Advances.

HHS [announced](#) the allocation plan for the drug remdesivir. The allocation is from a donation by Gilead Sciences, Inc. to the United States which was finalized on May 3, 2020. The donated doses of the treatment, which received an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, will be used to treat hospitalized COVID-19 patients in areas of the country hardest hit by the pandemic.

THE FDA [authorized](#) the first diagnostic test with the option of using home-collected saliva samples for COVID-19 testing.

FDA issued two documents designed to assist retail food establishments that might have been closed or partially closed during the COVID-19 pandemic in preparing to reopen. The [checklist](#) and [infographic](#) documents are designed to help businesses that prepare food to serve or sell to the public directly, such as restaurants, bakeries, bars and carry-outs, protect employee and public health as they reopen for business.

THE RED CROSS joined the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's effort to support the collection and distribution of convalescent plasma, a potentially life-saving treatment for critically ill coronavirus patients. Individuals who have contracted the novel coronavirus and have fully recovered have developed antibodies to the virus; these antibodies may help patients seriously ill with COVID-19 in their recovery.

SENATE HELP COMMITTEE: Anthony Fauci, FDA Director Stephen Hahn, CDC Director Robert Redfield, and Adm. Brett Giroir will testify remotely, on Tuesday.

MNUCHIN said on Sunday that actual unemployment could be at [25 percent](#), or Great Depression levels.

DHS and the FBI are preparing to accuse Beijing of [attempting to steal U.S. vaccine research](#) via hacking. A draft public warning to China asserts the government is seeking “valuable intellectual property and public health data through illicit means related to vaccines, treatments and testing.”

MOODY’s chief economist, Mark Zandi, [said](#): “If we get a second wave, it will be a depression. We may not shut down again, but certainly it will scare people and spook people and weigh on the economy.”

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

MOODY’s: [List](#) of U.S. cities best positioned to bounce back from the coronavirus pandemic.

NEW YORK: Gov. Cuomo issued an executive order [extending the legal authority](#) for “NY ON PAUSE” through June 6. Restrictions will remain in effect until regions reach certain benchmarks. The list of benchmarks that would have to be met before a given region would be allowed to reopen include a 14-day drop in total net hospitalizations on a three-day rolling average, several requirements for hospitals, regular testing, and at least 30 “contact tracers” per 100,000 residents in the area. Gov. Cuomo said all nursing home staff must now be tested twice a week because of continued outbreaks in those facilities.

GEORGIA: Of the 20 counties with the highest death rates in America, [six are in rural southwest Georgia](#).

VIRGINIA: Elected leaders in Northern Virginia’s five largest jurisdictions — representing nearly 2.4 million residents — told Governor Northam (D) they are [unwilling to lift restrictions](#)

in place since late March, which the governor plans to do in a limited capacity Friday in hopes of reviving the state's ailing economy.

UK: Prime Minister Johnson released a “conditional plan” to reopen the United Kingdom on Sunday that would allow for some children to return to school by June 1 and some public spaces to reopen by July.

GERMANY's coronavirus spread appears to be [picking up speed again](#), official data showed Sunday, just days after Chancellor Angela Merkel said the country could gradually return to normal. The Robert Koch Institute for public health said Germany's closely watched reproduction rate (R0) had climbed to 1.1, meaning 10 people with COVID-19 infect on average 11 others.

SOUTH KOREAN President Moon Jae-in warned of a [second wave](#) of COVID-19 infections as the nation reported its largest single-day total of reported cases in a month.



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DHEC met its goal of hiring [1,000 contact tracers](#) by May 31, retaining 1,400 new people through contracts with private staffing companies for a total of 1,800. DHEC currently has 14 mobile testing clinics scheduled across the state, with more planned in the coming days. To find a mobile testing clinic near you, visit DHEC's [mobile testing clinic webpage](#). Yesterday, DHEC began the first of three phases of testing for 40,000 residents and workers in South Carolina nursing homes.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER announced that close contact service providers, fitness and exercise centers, commercial gyms, and public or commercial pools will be able to open in a limited capacity on Monday, May 18. Close contact service providers include the following businesses: 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. Commercial gyms will include group exercise facilities such as yoga studios, barre classes, and others. The "Response" component of accelerateSC, with advice and recommendations from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), have developed [general guidelines for close contact service providers](#), along with specific guidelines for [cosmetology establishments](#), [gyms and fitness centers](#), and [public or commercial pools](#).

Governor McMaster also announced that state government workers would return to their offices no later than June 3. Agencies are now working on protocols to ensure their safe return.

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23 HEALTH CARE CENTERS were awarded over [\\$8.8 million](#) towards expanding its COVID-19 testing thanks to a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

THE BLOOD CONNECTION in Greenville is giving [free antibody tests](#) to anyone who donates blood.

SULLIVAN'S ISLAND reopening Tuesday, Folly Beach on Friday. [Some restrictions remain](#).

SC LAWMAKERS return today to [adopt emergency measures](#) aimed at funding the state's fight against the coronavirus and keep government operating. The proposed continuing resolution would send \$155 million of surplus dollars to a COVID-19 reserve account and \$1.5 million to the Department of Administration to oversee state and federal spending for coronavirus. The continuing resolution also includes up to \$15 million to ensure poll workers and voters are safe in the upcoming elections. And it sends another \$25 million to the Medical University of South Carolina to assist with statewide testing.

CARS, CARGO [dip](#) as Charleston port deals with COVID-19 shutdowns.

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HHS officials and the Administration announced a plan to help states test 2% of their population in May. The federal government is providing states with testing resources to meet this goal including \$11 billion from the CARES Act and 12.9 million swabs which will be disseminated to states, territories and tribes. The money will be distributed to states based on a formula that considers the prevalence of the coronavirus in states and their overall populations. [Fact Sheet](#).

PRESIDENT TRUMP announced that the federal government will spend \$3 billion to buy dairy, meat, and produce from U.S. farmers, ranchers, and specialty growers; the goods will be provided to support food lines and kitchens and the [Farmers to Families Food Box Program](#).

WHITE HOUSE officials working in the West Wing are being asked to wear masks to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, according to a memo distributed to staffers on Monday.

THE ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES [released](#) \$900 million in supplemental funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2020. The funding, appropriated under the CARES Act, is used to help "prevent, prepare for, or respond to" home energy needs surrounding the national emergency. The funding was disbursed to states, territories, and tribes. [South Carolina received \\$18,291,931](#).

ACF announced that \$45 million has been appropriated for the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) formula grants under the FVPSA for States, Tribes and State Domestic Violence Coalitions to provide temporary housing assistance, and supportive services to victims of family, domestic and dating violence in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. In order to receive the FVPSA CARES Act funding, FVPSA state administrators, Tribes, and state domestic violence coalitions must submit a brief statement within 30 days of receiving funding. South Carolina received \$614,384.

HUD announced the allocation of a third wave in CARES Act coronavirus relief funding totaling \$1 billion through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. To date, HUD has provided over \$3 billion in CDBG funding nationwide to help communities acutely combat coronavirus and alleviate economic hardship. The State of South Carolina is receiving \$14,823,500 in this allocation.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE [released](#) additional guidance and terms for the Municipal Liquidity Facility (MLF), which will offer up to \$500 billion in lending to states and municipalities to help manage cash flow stresses caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Eligible issuers will be required to complete a Notice of Interest (NOI) on a form that will be made available on the New York Fed's [website](#) for the MLF. [Term Sheet](#) and [FAQ](#).

CDC released information on [When to Wear Gloves](#). For the general public, CDC recommends wearing gloves when you are cleaning or caring for someone who is sick. In most other situations, like running errands, wearing gloves is not necessary.

CDC released information on [Funeral Guidance for Individuals and Families](#). To help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in communities, changes need to be made to the way funerals, visitations, and memorials to the deceased are held.

THE CDC extended a "No Sail Order" for cruises until July 24 due to cruises' unique aspects that can cause coronavirus outbreaks.

CMS released additional waivers for the health care community and updated a [video](#) regarding expanded Medicare telehealth services. The fact sheet with the additional waivers is available [here](#).

CMS published [information](#) for pharmacies and other suppliers that wish to enroll in Medicare temporarily as independent clinical diagnostic laboratories to help address the need for COVID-19 testing.

FDA granted emergency use authorization for Abbott Laboratories' new coronavirus antibody test. Abbott said it plans to ship nearly 30 million tests this month and will have the capacity to ship 60 million tests in June. The tests can indicate whether a person has had COVID-19 and was either asymptomatic or recovered.

FBI and DHS [plan](#) to issue a warning accusing China of trying to hack U.S. coronavirus research.

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TREASURY SECRETARY Steven Mnuchin [said](#) he was willing to work with Congress to relax restrictions on SBA loans.

SBA PPP: Small firms have [joined](#) the rush to return PPP loans after rules revisions from Treasury and SBA.

OTHER STATES/INTERNATIONAL

ILLINOIS: Gov. J.B. Pritzker (D) and staff members are [under stay-at-home orders](#) after a senior aide who was asymptomatic tested positive for COVID-19 late last week.

MICHIGAN: Factories in Michigan [resumed production](#) on Monday, enabling automakers to bring back workers.

NEVADA Gov. Steve Sisolak [declared](#) a state of fiscal emergency in response to the pandemic.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Gov. Sununu explains in an [interview with The Hill](#) how it stocked up on so much personal protective equipment that it ended up giving a massive donation to the federal government.

NEW YORK: Parts of New York State can start [reopening](#) on Friday if they hit seven specific criteria mandated by Gov. Andrew Cuomo.

NEW YORK CITY: CDC found New York City's coronavirus [death toll](#) may be much higher than the official tally.

INTERNATIONAL: European countries, including France on Monday, embraced gradual reopening with varied guidelines and strategies. The Associated Press published an [update](#).

RUSSIA: President Vladimir Putin on Monday in a national speech [ordered COVID-19 restrictions eased](#), despite rising infections in Russia that have exceeded the tallies in Italy and the United Kingdom.

SPAIN: COVID-19 cases [continue to decline](#) in Spain. Roughly half of the country's 47 million people have shifted to looser restrictions and can resume socializing, shop in small stores and sit outdoors at restaurants. Its most populous cities, Madrid and Barcelona, remain under lockdown.

CHINA: Wuhan [reported](#) its first cluster of five coronavirus infections since a lockdown was lifted a month ago.

NYT: [Washington, the Nation's Capital, Moves to Reopen. Washington, the City, Is Not Ready.](#)