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TWO CASES OF COVID-19 IN COLLETON COUNTY

This afternoon, DHEC notified Colleton County officials of one additional cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County. This brings the County's total to two cases. While DHEC has notified the County that these cases of COVID-19 are in the 29488 ZIP code, DHEC is limited in the information that they can provide. The ZIP code data for the state is available on DHEC's COVID-19 webpage, specifically on the Testing & SC Data page, underneath the county map. This can be found by following the link below.

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

It's important to know that there are likely many more people in the community who have this virus and have never been tested. Also, DHEC isn't notified when individuals are no longer infectious (i.e., they are well), and as a result, these numbers likely include people who have recovered and no longer pose a risk to others.

Colleton County residents are urged to follow the guidance of Governor McMaster and the recommendations of the CDC. This information can be accessed at colletoncounty.org/coronavirus.

COLLETON COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

The following County buildings will remained closed to walk-in traffic until further notice: J.P. Harrelson, Old Jail, all Library branches, Recreation Center, The Restaurant at Dogwood Hills, Voter Registration, Jefferson Howell, Walterboro-Colleton Chamber of Commerce Economic Development, Museum, Farmers Market & Commercial Kitchen, Colleton Civic Center, Animal Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse and Veteran's Affairs.

For additional information regarding County office closures, please see the 3-17-2020 press release at <https://www.colletoncounty.org/Data/Sites/1/media/covid-19/colleton-county-covid-19-update-3-17-2020.pdf>. This information can also be found by using the email addresses and phone numbers on the County's website at <https://colletoncounty.org/department-services>. If you do not have access to the County's website, please call 843-549-5221.

SUMMARY OF GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Governor Henry McMaster's Executive Orders related to the COVID-19 Pandemic can be accessed by following the link below.

<https://governor.sc.gov/executive-branch/executive-orders>

REMINDERS AND HELPFUL LINKS

The chain of command and direction and control during a public health emergency is different than what is exercised during a natural or human-made disaster. The [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control \(DHEC\)](#) is the lead agency. DHEC officials are working closely with our federal partners at the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#).

If you are concerned about the coronavirus (COVID-19) or experiencing respiratory or flu-like symptoms such as fever and/or cough, MUSC recommends you speak to an online virtual care provider. Virtual COVID-19 screenings are free. Just use the code COVID19 when you follow the link below and log in to MUSC's Telehealth service. No appointment is necessary, and this service also covers other conditions, such as allergy/hay fever, sinus infection, pink eye, sore throat, or the common cold. You can also call 843-261-5940 for more information.

<https://campaigns.muschealth.org/virtual-care/index.html>

For more information, please visit the links below.

- SCDHEC - <https://www.scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- John Hopkins Center Global Tracker – <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>
- CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- WHO - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- Colleton County Government – <https://www.colletoncounty.org/Coronavirus>

Should you have any questions, please visit Colleton County Fire-Rescue's Emergency Management Division webpage at www.colletonfire.com. Colleton County Fire-Rescue's Emergency Management Division and all of our Emergency Support Function partners have been collaborating for several days now and will continue to monitor COVID-19.