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COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Colleton County officials have been notified of 2,302 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 221 current cases. These cases of COVID-19 are in the 29082, 29435, 29438, 29446, 29452, 29474, 29475, 29481, 29488, 29493, 29929 and 29945 ZIP codes. 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.

Unfortunately, there have been a total of 76 deaths in Colleton County related to COVID-19.

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

"Although we are finally seeing decreasing case numbers from the spike after the holidays, our current case counts are roughly equivalent to what we experienced during the peak last summer," said Fire-Rescue Chief Barry McRoy. "Now is not the time to let our guard down. We must continue to take all the steps we can to protect our community from this deadly disease. These steps include wearing a mask, staying six feet away from others, washing your hands frequently, and avoiding crowds. Finally, when it is your turn, get vaccinated," Chief McRoy added.

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 continues to follow the guidance issued by DHEC for the Phase 1A (frontline healthcare workers) vaccination rollout. Phase 1B will begin in the coming weeks. More information can be found by following the link below.

<https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>

Beginning next week, individuals can use the link below to schedule vaccination appointments at DHEC's vaccine clinics.

<https://cvas.dhec.sc.gov/health/covidvaccinescheduling>

Walgreens in Walterboro is also offering vaccinations for Phase 1a. More information can be found by following the link below.

www.walgreens.com/covid19vac

Beginning Monday, February 8th, any South Carolina resident aged 65 or older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions, can begin scheduling their appointments to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Colleton Medical Center

Colleton Medical Center will not be vaccinating the general public at this time. Due to limited supplies, they will continue to prioritize the vaccination of healthcare workers within the community. SCDHEC has provided a map of vaccination sites as well as a link to make an appointment (scdhec.gov/vaxlocator).

GOVERNOR MCMASTER'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

If you have questions regarding Governor McMaster's executive orders and how they relate to your business, please contact the South Carolina Department of Commerce by email at covid19sc@sccommerce.com or by phone at 803-734-2873.

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>

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 since the beginning of the pandemic and will continue to monitor COVID-19.