COLLETON COUNTY

SOUTH CAROLINA

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COLLETON COUNTY CONFIRMS FIRST CASE OF COVID-19

This morning, at 9:30 AM, DHEC notified Colleton County officials of the first case of COVID-19 in a Colleton County resident. While DHEC has notified the County of a confirmed case of COVID-19, DHEC is limited in the information that they can provide.

Colleton County residents are urged to follow the guidance of Governor McMaster and the recommendations of the CDC.

For information regarding County office closures, please see the 3-17-2020 press release at colletoncounty.org/coronavirus. This information can also be found by using the email addresses and phone numbers on the County's website at colletoncounty.org/department-services. If you do not have access to the County's website, please call 843-549-5221.

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.