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FIRE DANGER STATEMENT AND POSSIBLE SEVERE WEATHER FOR SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

The National Weather Service in Charleston has extended their Fire Danger Statement into Friday evening due to low relative humidity and critically low fuel moistures that will result in an increased fire danger. Severe Thunderstorms are also possible Saturday afternoon and night. The main hazards are damaging winds, large hail, and perhaps isolated tornadoes. There is also a moderate risk of rip currents on Saturday.

FEMA FUNERAL ASSISTANCE

On Monday, FEMA began processing applications for funeral assistance. FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after Jan. 20, 2020 under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

FEMA Funeral Assistance Contact Information

844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

Monday - Friday

9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern Time

Documentation needed to support an application for assistance will be:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. FEMA is not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

If an individual is applying with FEMA for federal funeral assistance for COVID-19 but the death certificate does not reference COVID-19, the process in South Carolina to request revision is:

- If an applicant received a death certificate that does not include COVID-19, the applicant should contact the medical certifier on the death certificate if they want to try to have the death certificate revised.
- If the applicant cannot reach the medical certifier, he/she can contact the county coroner for the county in which the death occurred.
- DHEC vital records maintains the records (certifying officials submit information directly in an online system) but cannot change death certificates.

COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Governor Henry McMaster and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced that all South Carolinians aged 16 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine beginning March 31, 2021.

There will be a Palmetto Palace Vaccination clinic at Neyles Community Center (445 Featherbed Road, Walterboro, SC 29488) on May 22, 2021 from 8:00 AM until 3:00 PM, with the second shot scheduled for June 19th.

CVS (555 Robertson Blvd., Walterboro) is providing vaccines for individuals aged 16 and older. You can register with CVS at the following URL: <https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/cvd-schedule?icid=coronavirus-lp-vaccine-sd-statetool>

Lowcountry Urgent Care (1515 Bells Hwy, Walterboro) is providing vaccines. You can register by calling their facility at 843-538-6240.

Walterboro Family Care (457 Spruce St., Walterboro) is providing vaccines. You can register with Walterboro Family Care by calling their office at 843-781-7428. They will register you in VAMS (which requires an email address) and then VAMS will email you a registration link that you can use to register for the Walterboro Family Care vaccination site (or any other vaccination sites statewide).

Walmart (2110 Bells Hwy, Walterboro) is offering vaccines. You can register at the following URL: <https://www.walmart.com/cp/1228302>

A federally supported mass COVID-19 vaccination site has opened at the Columbia Place Mall (7201 Two Notch Rd, Columbia). They will be providing 7,000 doses per week until mid-June. Register for the Columbia clinic at the following URL: <https://register.vams.cdc.gov/?jurisdiction=SC>

You can continue to track vaccination sites at <https://www.scdhec.gov/vaxlocator>.

More information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine can be found by following the link below.

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

You can find COVID-19 Testing Locations at the following URL: <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-testing-locations>

Colleton County officials have been notified of 2,615 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 70 current cases. These cases of COVID-19 are in the 29082, 29435, 29446, 29452, 29474, 29475, 29481, 29488 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 107 confirmed deaths in Colleton County related to COVID-19.

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

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.

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.