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Fetter Health Care Network & Colleton County Partner to Open Two Additional Free COVID-19 Testing Sites

Fetter Health Care Network and Colleton County have partnered to offer two additional free mobile COVID-19 screening and testing sites. The first will be on Monday, June 8th from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Cottageville Elementary School, 648 Pierce Road, Cottageville, SC. The second will be on Thursday, June 18th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bells Elementary School, 12088 Bells Highway, Ruffin, SC. Screening prior to arrival is highly encouraged for faster service.

The South Carolina Department of Mental Health and the South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services have Teamed Up to Offer a 24/7 Support Line

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a tremendous impact on individuals in South Carolina, and the SC Department of Mental Health and the SC Department of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services have teamed up to offer a 24/7 support line to address these challenges. Please call and speak with one of their experienced professionals today - they will offer guidance, support, and resources to help. The number for SC HOPES is 844-SC-HOPES.

Note: SC HOPES is not a crisis line. If you are experiencing an emergency, please call SCDMH's crisis line at 833-364-2274.

COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Colleton County officials have been notified of 122 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 45 current cases. 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, DHEC has also announced 14 deaths related to COVID-19 in Colleton County.

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

DHEC has provided demographic data on nursing homes and extended care facilities that have been impacted by COVID-19. This data shows that Pruitt Health Nursing Home in Walterboro has 20 confirmed COVID-19 resident cases, 5 confirmed COVID-19 staff cases and 5 confirmed COVID-19 resident deaths

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.

Individuals who have known COVID-19 exposure or are experiencing cough, fever and shortness of breath can request a screening at FetterCovid19Screening.org or by calling 1-800-365-7410. Residents are asked to wear face coverings and practice safe social distancing while at the mobile testing site.

Tests are given with no out-of-pocket cost to patients. Currently, all insurance providers in South Carolina are covering the full cost of COVID-19 testing. Patient insurance information will be processed during testing. No co-pays or deductibles are being charged. All patients will be served if qualified for the test.

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>

COUNTY OFFICES

For information regarding County office closures, please see previous press releases, which can be found at colletoncounty.org/coronavirus, or 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.

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 over two months now and will continue to monitor COVID-19.