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COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Colleton County officials have been notified of 2,405 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 114 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 91 deaths in Colleton County related to COVID-19.

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

"We appreciate our partners at Fetter Healthcare for providing the vaccination clinic being held today at the Colleton County Recreation Complex. We also thank Colleton County Parks and Recreation Director Chris Myers, and his staff, for assisting with providing the vaccination site," said Fire-Rescue Chief Barry McRoy. "Although we have seen continuous decreases in case numbers over the last several weeks, SC DHEC has indicated that our case numbers are still well above the levels needed to reduce the public health protective measures currently in place. This means that we must still wear a mask, stay six feet away from others, wash our hands, and avoid crowds. These protective measures still apply to those that have been vaccinated. While the vaccine is designed to prevent infection and serious illness from COVID-19, it may still be possible for a vaccinated individual to contract the virus and spread it to others," 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.

SCDHEC is now vaccinating individuals that are 65 years old and older, as well as individuals in phase 1a. If you have not previously registered in VAMS, you can register through SCDHEC's new scheduling system using the following link:

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

Walgreens (1326 N. Jefferies Blvd., Walterboro) is also providing vaccines for individuals aged 65 and older and phase 1a. You can register with Walgreens at the following URL: https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19

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).

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

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.