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#### COLLETON COUNTY DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Colleton County residents are urged to follow the guidance of Governor McMaster and the recommendations of the CDC. Daily prevention measures to protect your health and safety include: social distancing, staying home if you're sick, wash your hands often, cover your cough and regularly and effectively clean commonly touched surfaces. Additional information can be accessed at colletoncounty.org/coronavirus.

According to SCDHEC, the number of COVID-19 confirmed cases in Colleton County remains at one.

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### Solid Waste

The Solid Waste Green Pond Convenience Site will be open from 1:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. All other Solid Waste Convenience Sites are operating on their regular schedules.

### Clerk of Court

The Clerk of Court's Office will not be fulfilling passport requests until further notice.

### **Animal Services**

Animal Services will be closed to walk in traffic. Adoptions of pets can be done by appointment only. Owner surrenders of pets have been suspended until further notice. Animal Control will continue to provide field services for injured/ill stray animal pick up, cruelty/neglect complaints, bite complaints, and dangerous animal complaints. For more information, please call 843-893-2651 or email lclark@colletoncounty.org.

For additional information regarding County office closures, please see the 3-17-2020 press release at <a href="https://www.colletoncounty.org/Data/Sites/1/media/covid-19/colleton-county-covid-19-update-3-17-2020.pdf">https://www.colletoncounty.org/Data/Sites/1/media/covid-19/colleton-county-covid-19-update-3-17-2020.pdf</a>. This information can also be found by using the email addresses

and phone numbers on the County's website at <a href="https://colletoncounty.org/department-services">https://colletoncounty.org/department-services</a>. If you do not have access to the County's website, please call 843-549-5221.

# SUMMARY OF GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS

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

# 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 <u>South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC)</u> is the lead agency. DHEC officials are working closely with our federal partners at the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</u>.

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 <a href="https://www.scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19">https://www.scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19</a>
- John Hopkins Center Global Tracker –
   https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40

  299423467b48e9ecf6
- CDC <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html</a>
- WHO <a href="https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019">https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019</a>
- Colleton County Government <a href="https://www.colletoncounty.org/Coronavirus">https://www.colletoncounty.org/Coronavirus</a>

Should you have any questions, please visit Colleton County Fire-Rescue's Emergency Management Division webpage at <a href="www.colletonfire.com">www.colletonfire.com</a>. 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.