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COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Colleton County officials have been notified of 2,073 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 380 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 63 deaths in Colleton County related to COVID-19.

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

“Although both SCDHEC and SCEMD project, in the coming weeks, a leveling off of the increases we have seen over the last two months, they are not projecting a decrease. Last week, we added an average of over 4,000 cases each day in the state, and in Colleton County, we witnessed a 100% increase in cases over the previous week. In the last month, these increases in cases have created significant burdens for our ambulances and hospital as well as our long-term care facilities. Many of us have pandemic fatigue. However, we must redouble our efforts by staying home when sick, washing hands frequently, practicing physical distancing, avoiding large gatherings, wearing a mask, and when it is our turn, get vaccinated. Everyone plays a role in improving our situation and these small steps can make a big difference for our future,” said Fire-Rescue Deputy Chief, Dr. David Greene.

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.

Colleton County continues to follow the guidance issued by DHEC for the Phase 1A (frontline healthcare workers) vaccination rollout. Phase 1B will begin in the coming weeks. More information can be found by following the link below.

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

Walgreens in Walterboro is also offering vaccinations for Phase 1a. More information can be found by following the link below.

www.walgreens.com/covid19vac

Colleton Medical Center

Colleton Medical Center will not be vaccinating the general public at this time. Due to limited supplies, they will continue to prioritize the vaccination of healthcare workers within the community. SCDHEC has provided a map of vaccination sites as well as a link to make an appointment (scdhec.gov/vaxlocator).

Colleton County School District

The Colleton County School Board of Trustees voted unanimously, during their regular meeting on January 19th, to extend virtual learning for Colleton County School District students through February 4th and will not report to their schools.

Information on changes to bus routes and meal delivery schedules will be released as soon as possible on the CCSD website (colleton.k12.sc.us), and through mass emails and phone dialers.

All CCSD teachers and support staff will continue to report to their regular work locations during the virtual learning period.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please call the CCSD Office at (843) 782-4510.

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 will continue to monitor COVID-19.