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COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Colleton County officials have been notified of 2,180 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 280 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 68 deaths in Colleton County related to COVID-19.

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

“The emergence of the COVID-19 South African variant in South Carolina is concerning. Although public health officials have determined the South African COVID-19 variant does not place a higher risk of severe illness or death on individuals, they have determined that it is much more transmissible. We must redouble our efforts to protect ourselves and our community. These efforts include wearing our masks, staying at least six feet apart from others, avoiding large crowds, washing our hands, getting tested often, and when we can, getting vaccinated. These are the best protective actions we can take to limit the spread of the virus, whether it is the original strain, the South African variant, the United Kingdom variant, or other variants,” said Colleton County 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 District will expand in-person learning opportunities for Colleton County School District students to four days of in-person instruction, starting February 4, 2021. Parents who requested that their children be placed in the four day in-person instruction model on the December phone survey will send their children to their schools for a full instructional day starting February 4, 2021 unless those children have been placed on a waiting list by school administration. If your child is on a waiting list, your school will contact you. More information can be found on the school district's website at <http://colleton.k12.sc.us>.

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 and will continue to monitor COVID-19.