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### **DHEC OFFERING FREE COVID-19 TESTING AT COLLETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON TUESDAYS**

DHEC is offering free COVID 19 testing at the Colleton Health Department every Tuesday from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Testing at the health department is by appointment only. Anyone interested in receiving testing at the health department can schedule an appointment by calling 855-472-3432.

### **Colleton County COVID-19 Update**

Colleton County officials have been notified of 833 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 109 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 33 deaths related to COVID-19 in Colleton County.

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

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](http://colletoncounty.org/coronavirus).

### **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.

### 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>

### REMINDERS AND HELPFUL LINKS

The chain of command 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](http://www.colletonfire.com). Colleton County Fire-Rescue's Emergency Management Division and all of our Emergency Support Function partners have been collaborating for over five months now and will continue to monitor COVID-19.