



Georgetown County, South Carolina

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County continues to closely monitor COVID-19 spread

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — As Georgetown County government continues to monitor the spread of the COVID-19 virus in the State of South Carolina and beyond, it is taking precautionary measures internally to deal with potential impacts and encourages area businesses and households to do so as well.

Georgetown County's Emergency Management Division is in close contact with local, regional and state partners to ensure appropriate coordination and communication remains ongoing. Local government does not have an arm specializing in health services, so the county is following the lead of state and national official agencies, including the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

As of the time of this release, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Georgetown County. The county is not at this time closing any of its public facilities or canceling events.

All individuals are encouraged to continue practicing the basic precautionary measures recommended by SCDHEC and the CDC, including:

- Washing hands frequently;
- Coughing and sneezing into a barrier, such as your elbow or a tissue;
- Avoiding touching of the eyes, nose and mouth;
- Avoiding contact with those who are sick; and
- Staying at home if you are sick.

In an effort to protect the public and our employees, the county has stepped up cleaning and sanitation measures in its facilities, and has implemented a temporary emergency measure asking anyone diagnosed with a contagious virus, such as the flu, to avoid county buildings. This measure also authorizes employees to require anyone presenting symptoms consistent with such to leave the premises immediately.

Additionally, the county is continuing to review existing emergency plans for pandemic response, as well as plans and procedures to ensure the continuity of public safety and government operations should impacts from COVID-19 require modified operations.

County officials will continue to monitor the situation and implement plans as the situation warrants. Residents should keep in mind that this is a situation that could change rapidly and are advised to monitor alerts and advisories from official sources.

Anyone with questions regarding COVID-19, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/> or <https://scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19> or call the SCDHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432.

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