



# Georgetown County, South Carolina

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## **NEWS RELEASE – COVID-19 #4**

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### **Georgetown County Council meeting to be conducted virtually**

GEORGETOWN COUNTY — Due to the State of Emergency in Georgetown County surrounding the Coronavirus pandemic, Georgetown County Council’s March 24 meeting will be conducted virtually.

The county will use teleconferencing software to connect council members and staff for the 5:30 p.m. meeting, which will be live streamed from the County’s Facebook page ([Facebook.com/GTCountySC](https://www.facebook.com/GTCountySC)). The meeting agenda and supplemental materials will be posted at [gtcounty.org](http://gtcounty.org) on Friday before the as usual, giving members of the public an opportunity to review items up for discussion. However, this will be an extremely streamlined agenda, said Interim Administrator Wesley Bryant. Council is expected to take an official vote on the Emergency Declaration issued on March 16 and vote on the employment contract for the new County Administrator, Angela Christian. Christian is scheduled to start work March 30.

All other items originally scheduled for the March 24 meeting will be postponed. Staff and Council are hopeful the virus situation will improve enough that meetings can return to their normal format before Council’s scheduled April 14 meeting.

“While the virtual format isn’t ideal, we’re experiencing something unprecedented right now, and we’re all having to find creative ways to continue our daily lives and to serve the public while protecting the health and safety of our community,” Bryant said. “We’re using technology to lead by example and follow directives regarding social distancing while trying to keep meetings as accessible to the public and as transparent as possible.”

The county also used teleconferencing for a Capital Project Sales Tax Commission meeting earlier this week. The system worked very successfully, allowing participation by commission members, staff, members of the media and the public from remote locations.

Georgetown County has cancelled all other upcoming board and commission meetings until further notice. The county has also closed the majority of its facilities to the public, though staff continues to work, conducting business via phone and email, and catching up on maintenance and other duties.

For more information, visit [www.gtcounty.org](http://www.gtcounty.org).

All individuals are encouraged to continue practicing social distancing, as well as 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.

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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