



Florence County EMD

**Situation Report
No. 10
COVID-19
as of 17:00,
March 26, 2020**

Florence County Emergency Operations Center Status:

Florence County EOC remains at OPCON 2 (Enhanced Awareness) and continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation. We continue to promote good handwashing and respiratory hygiene among our employees and the public.

State of Emergency

The Emergency Support Functions key notes:

ESF-5:

- On Thursday, March 19, 2020, Florence County Council approved the attached Official Emergency Proclamation declaring a State of Emergency in Florence County.
- Effective noon on Thursday, March 19, 2020, Florence County will restrict access to all county facilities. See attached press release for details.

ESF-8:

- **As of Thursday, March 26, 2020, there are two (2) confirmed death from COVID-19 in Florence County, and five (5) confirmed positive cases of COVID-19.**

Per DHEC, additionally projections for new cases of COVID-19 in the state through May 2 are also included in today's web update. This data projects 2,657 cumulative case by April 2 and 8,053 cases by May 2, however, projected data is estimated and may change significantly due to various factors.

As of Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster and South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman today released the following joint statement announcing that South Carolina's schools will remain closed for the duration of the month of April: "At this time, students, parents, and families should plan for South Carolina's schools to remain closed through the month of April. Our dedicated teachers and school administrators have done a tremendous job in making it possible for our students to learn at home. We understand that the prospect of schools remaining closed for an extended period of time places stress and strain on parents and children. Rest assured, if there is any way to safely open our schools earlier, we will do that, but schools must remain closed to protect the health and safety of South Carolinians."



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- The Governor declared a public health threat posed by COVID-19 in Executive Order 2020-08 dated March 13, 2020 and ordered all public schools, college and university's closed through March 31, 2020.
 - **On March 26, 2020 DHEC reports 456 cases and 9 deaths in South Carolina. Contact investigations show there is a possibility for community spread.**
 - Presumptive positives will go to the CDC for confirmation.
 - McLeod Health is now offering FREE virtual screenings for the Coronavirus in South Carolina through McLeod TeleHealth. If you are experiencing fever, sore throat, cough, or shortness of breath, you can connect through video with a trained medical professional anytime from anywhere using a computer, smartphone or tablet. To access this free service, enter the code COVID19 when you sign-up.
 - MUSC Virtual Care visits and Prisma Health Virtual Care visits are free. Use the promo code "COVID19." Additional healthcare facilities may offer free virtual care soon.
 - <https://campaigns.muschealth.org/virtual-care/index.html>
 - <https://www.palmettohealth.org/medical-services/other-services/smartexam>
 - Lab Corps and Quest can now test for COVID-19 in addition to DHEC.
 - SC Department of Health and Environmental Control
- Website: <https://www.scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- Center of Disease Control and Prevention
- Website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>



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ESF-13:

- The Governor has authorized state and correctional institutions and local detention facilities to suspend visitation processes and procedures.

ESF-15:

Please see below for links to additional outreach materials for your use:

[What you need to know about COVID-19](#)

[COVID-19 Quick Facts](#)

[What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?](#)

[Stop the Spread of Germs](#)

Social Media Graphics

[How is coronavirus spread?](#)

[What are the symptoms?](#)

[Who is at the risks?](#)

[How is it prevented?](#)

For Governor's Henry McMaster latest COVID-19 Press Conference

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d0lkbTaYYCc>

Daily prevention measures South Carolinians can take to protect the health and safety of everyone include:

- Social distancing when all possible
- staying home if you're sick and contacting your health care provider
- washing your hands often
- covering your cough,
- Regularly and effective cleaning commonly touched surfaces