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COLLETON COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

Governor Henry McMaster and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced last week that all South Carolinians aged 16 and older will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine beginning March 31, 2021.

There will be a Fetter vaccination clinic at Jane Edwards Elementary (1960 Jane Edwards Road, Edisto Island, SC 29438) on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

Walgreens (1326 N. Jefferies Blvd., Walterboro) is providing vaccines for individuals aged 16 and older. You can register with Walgreens at the following URL: <https://www.walgreens.com/findcare/vaccination/covid-19>.

CVS (555 Robertson Blvd., Walterboro) is providing vaccines for individuals aged 16 and older. You can register with Walgreens at the following URL: <https://www.cvs.com/vaccine/intake/store/cvd-schedule?icid=coronavirus-lp-vaccine-sd-statetool>

Walterboro Pharmacy LLC (1315 N. Jefferies Blvd., Walterboro) is providing vaccines. You can register by calling (843)782-4050.

Walterboro Family Care (457 Spruce St., Walterboro) is providing vaccines. You can register with Walterboro Family Care by calling their office at 843-781-7428. They will register you in VAMS (which requires an email address) and then VAMS will email you a registration link that you can use to register for the Walterboro Family Care vaccination site (or any other vaccination sites statewide).

SCDHEC will hold another vaccination clinic at the Colleton Health department on April 7th from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. Register at <https://cvas.dhec.sc.gov/>.

You can continue to track vaccination sites at <https://www.scdhec.gov/vaxlocator>.

More information regarding the COVID-19 vaccine can be found by following the link below.

<https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>

Colleton County officials have been notified of 2,553 total cases of COVID-19 in Colleton County, with 58 current cases. These cases of COVID-19 are in the 29082, 29435, 29474, 29475, 29481, 29488, 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 104 deaths in Colleton County related to COVID-19.

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

"As the supply of vaccines continues to increase, we encourage all Colleton citizens to follow the CDC and SCDHEC recommendations. Don't wait, vaccinate! Both the CDC and FDA concur that all three vaccines currently available are safe and effective in preventing serious illness, hospitalization and death from COVID-19," said Fire-Rescue Chief Barry McRoy. "While the number of cases has declined nationally, statewide, and in our county, it is important to remember that according to the CDC, COVID-19 was the third leading cause of death in the United States in 2020 behind only heart disease and cancer. Getting vaccinated can not only protect you, but may also protect people around you, particularly those with an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Remember, don't wait, vaccinate," McRoy added.

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 SCHOOL DISTRICT UPDATE

The Colleton County School Board of Trustees voted 6-1 during a special board meeting on March 30 to expand in-person learning for Colleton County School District students to five days of instruction starting May 3, 2021.

DHEC COVID-19 VACCINE SURVEY

Now that more South Carolinians are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, DHEC is conducting a community survey.

This survey is voluntary and will help DHEC better gauge current vaccine interest levels across the state and best determine how to shape their future outreach efforts.

To participate in the survey, please follow the link below. The survey will remain open from March 19, 2021 to midnight on April 2, 2021.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SCCOVIDVAX>

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.