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Coronavirus

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Jasper County Emergency Services continues its diligent work in response to COVID-19 and maintaining daily contacts with our partner agencies.

As of today, The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control reports 5735 citizens infected throughout the state, resulting in 192 deaths. Nineteen cases have been confirmed within Jasper County. With one death as reported in an earlier release. We continue encouraging our citizens and visitors to social distancing. According to CDC Guidelines limit activities to three or less in a group.

We remain under a Local State of Emergency. All Local government offices, including the County Courthouse and Probate Judge remain closed to the public. Business with your County Department staff can still be conducted by telephone, email, or website. If you have any questions about County Department operations, please contact them by phone regarding their status. All Department contact information is located on the County's website; www.jaspercountysc.gov. Collection site hours have been changed to 7 AM to 5 PM. The Swap Shop remains closed.

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program has expanded its food choices due to the availability of traditional items. The wavier for applicants and participants is still in effect. To apply for WIC, please call 1-855-4-SCDHEC. More information can be found at <https://scdhec.gov/health/wic-nutrition-program>.

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest small business loans. These loans are for small businesses impacted by economic impacts associated with COVID-19. Information can be obtained by calling 800-659-2955 or going to <https://www.scommerce.com/sba-assistance-during-covid-19>

The Governor has rescinded the executive order that closed the public boat ramps, docks, and piers. Furthermore, the executive order that closed retail stores has been lifted. All open businesses are reminded of the state mandate to limit persons in the business to 5 per 1,000sq ft or 20% of the occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal, whichever is a lesser number. Also, as a reminder, please take the following steps:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, at least every hour
- Disinfect commonly touched areas frequently, and we recommend to clean doorknobs, registers, counters, credit card machines even at the gas pumps every hour
- Avoid contact with others, and we encourage customer use credit card machines to limit employee exposure. Please ensure that these machines are disinfected often
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Keep windows and doors open as much as possible versus using HVAC systems

More information on non-essential businesses can be found at <https://www.scommerce.com/covid-19-non-essential-business-guidelines>

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