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Jasper County Offices Re-Opening

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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, there have been Fifty (50) confirmed cases within Jasper County, and two (2) deaths. The cases in Jasper County have increased over the last few weeks. With this increase in cases, we continue to encourage our citizens and visitors to follow CDC guidelines and practice social distancing and wearing masks whenever possible.

Jasper County is actively monitoring the status of State Offices and will reopen in phases, in conjunction with the State offices. Phase One of our re-opening will occur on Monday, June 15th with some modifications to County Office operations. We continue to recommend that you conduct County business remotely as much as possible, either by phone, mail or email as most routine services can be provided by those methods. When we re-open on the 15th, we will follow CDC recommendations and will limit the number of persons allowed to enter County office buildings and we will provide services only on the first floor. Please call ahead to determine what services we are able to provide remotely or what services or transactions you can schedule with an appointment with the appropriate departments so that they will be able to accommodate your needs at the first floor help desk. The Jasper County transfer facilities will also be returning to their normal hours of operation as of June 15th.

Before coming to an appointment, please reschedule if you are not feeling well, have a cough, feel feverish or nauseous. Please do not bring other family members or friends to the appointment if they are not required for the meeting. Please wear a mask, bandana, or other face covering. We will be checking temperatures prior to entry, and have obtained a limited number of masks for those who do not have their own. Social distancing will be followed. Please utilize the provided hand sanitizer prior to interacting with County staff at the help desk. We would ask for your patience with any inconvenience encountered at the Government Center as we work to ensure your safety as well as that of our employees.

Jasper County Parks will also begin re-opening on June 15th on a limited basis. Trails will re-open, but the Community Centers, and the banquet rooms will remain closed. Playgrounds and Basketball courts will be open to the public to use "At Your Own Risk" with limited cleaning. Ball fields will be open to small groups. There will be limited access to the restrooms and lobby at Sgt. Jasper Park. More detailed information can be found on the Parks and Recreation website at <https://www.jaspercountysc.gov/departments/departments-i-w/parks-recreation>

As more relaxation of restrictions are announced by the Governor, County offices will begin transitioning to further full service operations. Our focus is on keeping the citizens of Jasper County as well as our employees safe.

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