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South Carolina Announces Latest COVID-19 Update (June 12, 2020)

COLUMBIA, S.C. — The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) today announced 770 new cases of the novel coronavirus COVID-19 and 5 additional deaths.

This brings the total number of people confirmed to have COVID-19 in South Carolina to 17,170 and those who have died to 593.

All five deaths occurred in elderly individuals from Aiken (1), Charleston (1), Lexington (1), Orangeburg (1), and Richland (1) counties.

The number of new cases by county are listed below.

Aiken (5), Anderson (11), Bamberg (1), Beaufort (33), Berkeley (9), Calhoun (3), Charleston (54), Cherokee (8), Chester (1) Chesterfield (9), Clarendon (6), Colleton (12), Darlington (4), Dillon (5), Dorchester (9), Edgefield (1), Fairfield (1), Florence (20), Georgetown (15), Greenville (142), Greenwood (24), Horry (88), Jasper (2), Kershaw (16), Lancaster (2), Laurens (11), Lee (1), Lexington (61), Marion (3), Marlboro (6), Newberry (3), Oconee (3), Orangeburg (11), Pickens (20), Richland (73), Saluda (2), Spartanburg (44), Sumter (23), Union (1), Williamsburg (5), York (22)

Testing in South Carolina
As of yesterday, a total of 272,128 tests, have been conducted in the state. See a detailed breakdown of tests in South Carolina on the **Data and Projections webpage.** DHEC's Public Health Laboratory is operating extended hours and is testing specimens seven days a week. The Public Health Laboratory's current timeframe for providing results to health care providers is 24-48 hours.

Percent Positive Test Trends among Reported COVID-19 Cases
The total number of individuals tested yesterday statewide was 5,357 (not including antibody tests) and the percent positive was 14.4%. When the percent positive is low, it may indicate that more widespread testing is being performed and the percent positive may more accurately reflect how much disease is present in the community.

More than 90 Mobile Testing Clinics Scheduled Statewide
As part of our ongoing efforts to increase testing in underserved and rural communities across the state, DHEC is working with community partners to set up mobile testing clinics that bring testing to these communities. Currently, there are 93 mobile testing events scheduled through July 17 with new testing events added regularly. Find a mobile testing clinic event near you at **scdhec.gov/covid19mobileclinics.**

Residents can also get tested at one of 173 permanent COVID-19 testing facilities across the state. Visit **scdhec.gov/covid19testing** for more information.

Hospital Bed Occupancy
As of this morning, 2,839 inpatient hospital beds are available and 7,614 are in use, which is a 72.84% statewide hospital bed utilization rate. Of the 7,614 inpatient beds currently used, 512 are occupied by patients who have either tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19.

How South Carolinians Can Stop the Spread
Evidence is increasing about the high rates of infection in people who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious. This places everyone at risk of getting the virus or unknowingly transmitting it to someone else. Steps we can take to protect ourselves and others include:

- Practicing social distancing
- Wearing a mask in public
- Avoiding group gatherings

- Regularly washing your hands
- Staying home if sick

For the latest information related to COVID-19 visit **scdhec.gov/COVID-19.** Visit **scdmh.net** for stress, anxiety and mental health resources from the S.C. Department of Mental Health.

**As new information is provided to the department, some changes in cases may occur. Cases are reported based on the person's county of residence, as it is provided to the department. DHEC's COVID-19 map will adjust to reflect any reclassified cases.*

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