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Dr. Bell, SCDHEC

Pictured: The International Health Corps and Bloomberg make first delivery of masks which are being distributed to underserved communities through the city of Beaufort

A personal message from Pastor Randy Roberts who many know and revere for his service to our community.

As a **Detention Center Chaplai**n and **Clergy for Love House Ministries** I have had the opportunity to connect with Correction Officers, Beaufort County Sheriff and his deputies, Beaufort City Chief and his Officers, Port Royal Chief and his Officers, Bluffton Officers and S.C. State

Troopers. In my assessment I believe the majority to be fine men and women.

Law Enforcement A.K.A Public Safety Officers are not and never should be our enemies. **"Racism and Brutality Is"**

To penalize all Police for the bad actions of some is like penalizing all Clergy for the bad actions of some.

Let's continue to fight the right fight;
Police Brutality, racial profiling and the Sin of Racism in every profession and person of all color.

Beaufort Home Work Assignment Today:
Tell an Officer something kind today.
Who is with me?

#LoveACop
#Pray4ACop
#HateBrutality
#HateRacism
#LoveU2Life

Thursday June, 11, 2020

Hello Beaufort and Friends:

Watching Governor McMaster and his team at yesterday's news conference was to say the least a sobering and somber experience.

The Governor is rightly concerned about the accelerated spread of the Cornonavirus.He appeared to be very disappointed in people who "can and must do better." At the same time he is not requiring masks or for open businesses to close or interrupting the progress of getting people back to their jobs and South Carolina back into the competitive world of business.

While not "mandating," our Governor is "urging" all South Carolinians to do our part saying "this is a dangerous situation". Medical personnel, first responders, law enforcement and the many others who have for months been putting their lives on the line (and those of their families when they go home) need our support during this critical time. **We can and must help them by showing our appreciation through action and not just words**.

The harsh facts are that the cases of virus in South Carolina have f in the past week reached higher levels than any time before, causing Dr. Bell to say "**I am more concerned than ever about the spread"**. Yesterday she reported 15,749 cases (today +682 =**16,441 cases**) and 575 deaths (today + 13 =**588 deaths**).

Several months ago we were told that the time to start opening was when we reached a plateau that lasted for 14 or more days which we came close to but never achieved, and that it was projected we would see 8,000 cases which is now more than double the projection

Anecdotally when downtown, friends who happens to not be wearing a mask cross the street to avoid me because I

am being a nudge.

I apologize for nagging about masks and social distancing as I am sure many are tired of hearing me.. I am sorry. But if I am going to the job you hired me to do, I must continue because **one of the principal functions of City Government is protecting the safety and health of its citizens** and it hurts to some from the "it's not about me" mentality putting them selves, their families, friends and risk.

I KNOW WE CAN AND MUST DO BETTER.

International Medical Corps Donates 200,000 Masks to Underserved Communities in SC

BEAUFORT, SC, June 8, 2020—In response to COVID-19, **International Medical Corps and its disaster relief partner Bloomberg Philanthropies** are distributing the first 50,000 masks—out of a planned distribution of 200,000—to three locations in the South Carolina low country:Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services (which serves four low-country counties), in Ridgeland; Mt Carmel Baptist Church(which works with the Beaufort County Ministerial Association),in Seabrook; and Beaufort City Hall.

“This donation of personal protective equipment could not have come at a better time,” said **Mayor Billy Keyserling**. “As our businesses begin to reopen around the state, it is imperative that all of our citizens have

access to proper PPE to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Because of increased social interaction due to the Memorial Day holiday and increased testing, our nearly flattened numbers are rising. These resources make it possible for us to accelerate protection with masks, which along with social distancing are effective ways to control the spread. We are most grateful to our partners at International Medical Corps and Bloomberg Philanthropies for reaching out and providing a necessary tool we badly need."

COVID-19 rates in in South Carolina continue to rise, especially in underserved communities. According to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, as of June 8, there have been 430 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Beaufort County, whileSouth Carolina has had more than 14,280 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 546 deaths from the disease.

"The donation of these masks to the Sheldon Township Community Support Partnership, Pathways in STEP and Healthy Churches Consortium is a great blessing during our struggle with COVID-19," said **Pastor James E. Moore.**"The Sheldon community is an underserved community that is making enormous strides in improving health, nutrition and spirituality. International Medical Corps and Community Relief Partnership, with Bloomberg Philanthropies, is to be commended for their contributions and compassion."

Mt Carmel Baptist Churchin Seabrookplans to distribute the masks to community-based organizations, with a focus on seniors and the most underserved. The PPE will

bolster the community health support, including COVID-19 testing, that Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health is already providing.

"For the past 50 years, Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services Inc. has provided quality, affordable, accessible healthcare to low-country communities," said **M. LaFrance Ferguson, MD, Chief Medical Officer.**"This donation of masks will go a long way in helping us continue to provide much-needed PPE to continue our efforts in preventing and controlling the spread of COVID-19 to communities with health disparities."

The donations of PPE are part of a global COVID-19 response organized by International Medical Corps that includes the deployment of emergency medical field units, as well as medical supplies and equipment, and clinical volunteers, to health facilities around the US, including locations in Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Detroit, Boston and Puerto Rico.

If you are interested in learning more about the PPE disbursement, would like to attend the handover ceremonies (which will occur in the next several days) or want to speak with an expert from International Medical Corps, please contact Ricki Weisberg at rweisberg@internationalmedicalcorps.org or 610-517-6668.

MORE ABOUT THIS RESPONSE

Since its founding more than 35 years ago, International

Medical Corps' mission has been consistent: relieve the suffering of those affected by war, natural disaster and disease by delivering vital healthcare services and by focusing on training. This approach of helping people, and then helping people to help themselves, is critical to returning devastated populations to self-reliance. For more information visit InternationalMedicalCorps.orgor visit our social channels
on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Mediumand YouTube.

In responding to COVID-19, International Medical Corps is working globally with international health bodies, local and national governments, ministries of health, local health facilities and community-based organizations to provide expertise, equipment, training, and triage and treatment services. Its response prioritizes areas where the disease has already spread or where healthcare systems—and communities—are particularly vulnerable.

For more information about International Medical Corps' global response to the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit:https://internationalmedicalcorps.org/covid19.

The following business have free masks for the public:

Bill's Liquor and Fine Wines
132 Sea Island Parkway

Bricks on Boundary
1422 Boundary Street

Lulu Burgess
917 Bay Street

Beaufort River Glass
812 Bay Street

Grounded Running
2139 Boundary Street, #108

Mobile 1 Lube Express
181 Sea Island Parkway

95 Praise Radio
907 Craven Street

Zen Den
707 Paris Avenue
Port Royal

Macdonald Marketplace
853 Sea Island Parkway
St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Collectors Antique Mall, LLC
102 C Sea Island Pkwy
Ladys Island

FWDG
745 Robert Smalls Parkway
Beaufort, SC

Healthy Churches Consortium
Dale, SC
Mrs. Shirley Perry
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Distribution Center to be determined

Atelier on Bay

203 West Street

Chapman's Grocery
West Street
Across from Old Bull Tavern

Budget Print
510 Carteret Street

City Nails
67 Ladys Island Drrive

Otis Dry Goods
202-A Carteret Street

Beaufort Jasper Hampton Community Health Sevices

Beaufort County Ministerial Alliance

Please shop local and recognize these businesses who serve as a best practices model for others

Thanks to the Beaufort Area Hospitality Association. Beaufort Restaurants and Shops are Committing to enforcing a high level of safety standards to protect the health of their customers, employees and their physical spaces. Look out for the sticker indicates that they HAVE COMMITTED.

To learn more about the Safe Commitment go to
http://bfthospitality.com/safe-commitment/

Mask up Beaufort, a project of Beaufort Pride of Place has, due to the generous contributions from the community, distributed in excess of 3,500 masks through local merchants. We are currently out of masks but expect more late next week and some of the stores still have plenty on hand.

If you are able to make a financial donation to support the Mask up Beaufort project, please send or donate on line a tax deductible donation to **Beaufort Pride of Place**.

By check:
Make payable to "City of Beaufort, Pride of Plaee" and mail it to 1911 Boundary Street, Beaufort, SC 29902

On line, go to:
Beaufort-Pride-of-Place
https://www.officialpayments.com/pc_template_cobrand.jsp?body=pc_step2_amount_body.jsp&OWASP_CSRFTOKEN=VGHQ-0QCA-QFWW-D2JT-HXWR-6O68-NXN6-5MGB

Click on "donate" and note for "Masks"

Thanks for doing what you are able to help us make sure that everyone in the Beaufort area who wants to wear a mask can have one free of charge.

Be Well, Stay Safe, Beaufort

Mask up to protect yourself and others . PLEASE

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