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June 17, 2020

Horry County Welcome Back Committee Launches GreaterGrandStrandisOpen.com

Businesses, residents and visitors encouraged to take the Greater Grand Strand Promise

Today the Horry County Welcome Back Committee launched GreaterGrandStrandisOpen.com and the Greater Grand Strand Promise. The promise is a commitment by area business leaders, residents and visitors, to do their part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while supporting the economic recovery of our community.

MAKE THE GREATER GRAND STRAND PROMISE

SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loans and Advance Program Reopened to All Eligible Small Businesses and Nonprofits Impacted by COVID-19 Pandemic

U.S. Small Business Administration reopened the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and EIDL Advance program portal to all eligible applicants experiencing economic impacts due to COVID-19.

SBA's EIDL program offers long-term, low-interest assistance for a small business or nonprofit. EIDL assistance can be used to cover payroll and inventory, pay debt or fund other expenses. Additionally, the EIDL Advance will provide up to $10,000 ($1,000 per employee) of emergency economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing temporary difficulties, and these emergency grants do not have to be repaid.

SBA also is assisting small businesses and nonprofits with access to the federal forgivable loan program, the Paycheck Protection Program, which is currently accepting applications until June 30, 2020.

For additional information, please visit the SBA disaster assistance website at SBA.gov/Disaster.

Please eare a face mask

Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19 – Learn how to wear a face covering and how to make a face covering. Here's a video to watch, too.

Social Distancing

Social Distancing - Learn from Tidelands Health how practicing social distancing can help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

The Beach is Back

Visit Myrtle Beach Shifts to Phase 3 Recovery Strategy June 15th

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PR Highlights for May 2020

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Accelerate Myrtle Beach Guidelines for Reopening.

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Support Local Business

Economic Recovery Starts at Home. Show your love for the beach, your friends and neighbors, by shopping, dining, and playing locally.

Are you prepared?

Hurricane Season has Officially Started - Are You Prepared?
The chamber's Hurricane Information Center is full of information on preparing for a hurricane.

Virtual Job Fair

Looking for Summer Help? More than 16,000 Horry County students are looking for employment. Add your job openings. Specify age requirement and add "High School" in the job title.

Voice of Business Webinar Series

The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber has partnered with our investor experts to host webinars to address issues impacting businesses. If you have a topic you would like to hear discussed or would be willing to share through a webinar/Facebook Live, please email AskUs@VisitMyrtleBeach.com.

June 17, 3 p.m. Simple Steps for a Well Run Business You got into business for a number of great reasons. Fighting your business every day was not one of them. You survived now it's time to thrive. Presented by Grand Strand SCORE. Register here.

Webinar

June 19, 10 a.m. Minimizing the Bite COVID-19 Takes Out of Your Restaurant's Business According to numbers released this week, Horry County has more new daily COVID-19 cases than any other South Carolina county. Restaurants must prepare for the impact this trend will have on their business by understanding their legal obligations to protect employees and patrons, as well as additional steps they may elect to take in order to preserve their brand, in the event an employee or group of employees tests positive. Join Nexsen Pruet health care attorney Darra James Coleman for a webinar with practical suggestions for proactive planning. Register here.

Grand Strand SCORE View list of webinars

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Worksites Needed

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is seeking Businesses or Nonprofits in the Health Care & Social Assistance, Leisure & Hospitality, Manufacturing & Construction, Professional Office, and Trade & Transportation industries for Entry-Level or Intermediate-Level Internships and/or On-the-Job Training opportunities.

Let's work together by providing job training opportunities for those in need and save on your expenses!

LEARN MORE

Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

Myrtle Beach needs your feedback! The city is engaged in a planning process to become less vulnerable to disasters caused by natural and man-made hazards. Participation in the Hazard Mitigation Plan Five Year Update survey is an important part of that process. The survey deadline is June 30, 2020

TAKE SURVEY

Free Mobile COVID-19 Testing Clinics

Upcoming drive-through clinics:

- **June 19, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.** Inlet Square Mall, 10125 Hwy. 17 Bypass, Murrells Inlet

Visit scdhec.gov/covid19testing to find more mobile testing events or permanent testing sites near you.

Support Our Local Restaurants

Support our local restaurants. Don't forget to check out your favorite restaurant as dining rooms can now open at a 50% capacity.

Open for Business

Stop by your Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce and pick up an **Open for Business** yard sign and **Thank You For Visiting** static window clings. You'll find these outside the front lobby door.

Executive Orders

Gov. Henry McMaster's COVID-19 Executive Orders

CheckMyBeach.com

CheckMyBeach.com for water quality and beach safety information.

Calling All Grand Strand Residents!

TAKE SURVEY

Relief & Rocovery Fund

Specify **Horry County** in the “comments” field of the payment form.

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Quick Links

NEW **Funds Still Available Through SC Thrive’s COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program** - SC Thrive’s COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program, which was designed to provide emergency rental assistance to South Carolinians facing financial hardships because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, still has funding available and is accepting applications.

Offers of Work – If you have offered an individual a job and they refused, it is important for you to report the incident to DEW through your Employer Self Service Portal. The Refusal of Job Offer Guide provides screenshots and instructions to help you through the process.

Employee Positive COVID-19 Test Guidance What should you do if an employee tests positive for COVID-19?

Deadline Extended! Apply now for the 2020-21 HCS Child Development Program. Space is limited, so apply early! **Learn more**.

Assistance for Small Businesses - SBA information for small businesses; guidance and loan resources

Ways to Help **Food Donations Needed** - Our local food pantries are working overtime to ensure that Horry County residents are getting the proper nutrition needed to stay healthy. Your donations will help these groups continue their food distribution mission. View a list of nonprofits/food items

Fuel's Master List of Resources to help hoteliers navigate through uncharted

territory, be it an economic downturn, monetary uncertainty, or global health concerns.

MMGY Global's COVID-19 Resources page of insights and thought leadership related to COVID-19's impact to the Travel Industry

MMGY The Road to Recovery MMGY update on what the "Road to Recovery" looks like for the Myrtle Beach area

AHLA COVID-19 Resource Center Upcoming webinars, Member FAQs and Resources

Let's Eat! Support our local restaurants with outdoor dining or ordering take-out, curbside, and delivery.

Latest Updates Check out Myrtle Beach Area CVB's COVID-19 page for the latest updates and financial assistance resources.

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