



Coronavirus



TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND IMPORTANT FACTS - Update#2 3/13/2020 4:00 p.m.

Updates will be provided regularly as information becomes available.

NEW:

On 3/12/2020, Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue responded to incident in which the individual exhibited respiratory issues. The four Fire Rescue personnel who treated the patient were monitored at the fire station until the test results for the patient were received, which were negative for COVID-19. Disinfectant procedures that follow recognized guidelines were implemented for the equipment and station.

At 8:00 a.m. this morning March 13th Fire Rescue placed an additional ambulance in service that will be dedicated to 911 calls for patients with flu-like symptoms. As we continue to plan for and respond to potential COVID-19 cases, Fire Rescue will increase our level of personal protective equipment (PPE) on select incidents. This means you may see our staff wearing a mask, eye protection, and gowns as guidelines require.

We value our community interaction, but in the interest of keeping the public and our first responders healthy Fire Rescue has postponed all CPR/AED & First aid courses. In addition, we have ceased the public use of use of Fire Station and Headquarters community rooms. At this time there are no other changes in access to Town facilities or schedules.

UPDATED:

As of Wednesday, March 12 at 4:05 P.M. SCDHEC reported the following

Negative tests	75
Presumptive positives	6
Positive tests	6
Completed monitoring	64
Currently monitoring	10

ONGOING:

Prevention & Mitigation

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- **Avoid close contact** with people who are sick
- Put **distance between yourself and other people** if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.
- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care. Learn what to do if you are sick.
- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily**. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.

What should I do if I am showing symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath?

Call your personal doctor or healthcare provider for information/instructions.

What if I don't have a personal doctor?

- If you don't have a primary care physician there are multiple options for telehealth.
- MUSC Health is providing free telehealth screening. Anyone experiencing symptoms can visit [MUSC.care](https://www.musc.edu/care) and use the promo code COVID19 and be screened without having to leave your home. You can also call 843-261-5940 with any questions.
- Prisma Health is offering a free virtual visit at www.prismahealth.org/virtual-visit/. Use with promo code **COVID19**. You can also call **1-888-921-0348**.

General Information

- The DHEC Care Line is available to provide general information about COVID-19 by calling **1-855-472-3432** from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. seven days a week. Because call volume has been high, callers are urged to be patient if they receive a busy signal and try their call at a later time. For general questions about COVID-19, visit the DHEC website at scdhec.gov/COVID19.
- We urge residents to monitor reliable information sources such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) for the latest updates.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

<https://scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

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