



An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley

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Today, we learned that the coronavirus has hit home and further drives home the message that we all must behave responsibly and help contain the strain. As we can see from reports around the world, it doesn't take long for the virus to spread. Please take the necessary precautions recommended by the [CDC](#). The more you do your part, the sooner we will move beyond this situation.

Here are the latest updates on COVID-19 response in our community:

Coronavirus Cases on Hilton Head Island

Three cases of the coronavirus have been reported for Hilton Head Island, according to zip code data the [S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control](#) (DHEC) released today. A list of cases by county and zip code are available on DHEC's [website](#). This information is updated daily and shows results for the previous 14 days.

Stay-at-Home Request to Governor Henry McMaster

We, along with other municipalities in Beaufort County, submitted a letter to our Governor today asking him to consider a stay-at-home order for South Carolina. You can read the letter on our [website](#).

Self-Quarantine Order Enacted

Governor McMaster signed an [executive order](#) today mandating that any resident or visitor coming into South Carolina from New York state, New Jersey, Connecticut and New Orleans must self-quarantine for 14 days or for the duration of their visit. These areas are identified as major centers of COVID-19 infections. Violators may be fined or face jail time. The order does not apply to individuals employed by airlines and individuals performing or assisting with military, healthcare, or emergency response operations.

Economic Stimulus Bill

The House of Representatives has passed a \$2 trillion relief package for COVID-19, sending it to President Trump, who has indicated that he will sign into law. The package includes checks to Americans, expanded unemployment, and loan forgiveness for payroll and other vital expenses. Hannah Horne, the vice president of policy and

programs at the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, breaks that down in the [video](#).

Town Council Virtual Meeting

Our Town Council will have another virtual council meeting at 2 p.m. Monday, March 30. The meeting will be streamed live on the Town's Facebook page and on our website.

This Weekend

It's been a long week, but I hope you take a moment to be with family if you can. Please be safe and take care of yourself. Although we have to practice social distancing, spend some time outdoors. Take a walk in your neighborhood. Get some fresh air. Fill out your census form. Call a neighbor or relative to make sure they are okay.

As always, we appreciate your support during this unprecedented time. Town staff is regularly assessing the situation and will keep you informed. For the latest updates, please

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