



Town of Hilton Head Island TOWN MANAGER UPDATE

An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 4/8/2020

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders,

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

Coronavirus Cases

As of today, 174 positive cases of the coronavirus have been reported for Beaufort County, according to the latest data from the [S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control](#). The number of cases has climbed to 2,552 across the state. You can check out the number of cases in Hilton Head Island zip codes by visiting the coronavirus hub page on our website at hiltonheadislandsc.gov.

Hospital Update

Hilton Head Hospital CEO Jeremy Clark provided Town Council with an update on how he and his staff are preparing to handle any sudden surge in the number of patients with coronavirus. The hospital can expand its capacity from 109 beds up to 140 to treat patients. Staff and doctors are cross training in patient care areas and on technology so they can attend to patients in different areas. They also have access to extra technology and ventilators to treat patients should the need arise. The National Guard has evaluated space at the hospital to ensure it has the capacity it needs to care for patients and the hospital staff is working with our local emergency management team and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control to be ready for a surge in patients.

Statewide Burn Ban

All burning is prohibited on Hilton Head Island following the State Forester's Burning Ban for all South Carolina counties.

Birthday Celebrations

Our Fire Rescue Division wants to help brighten your child's birthday, especially since it may be difficult to host a birthday party at this time. Our Fire & Life Safety Educator can help schedule a team to drive by with fire truck and ambulance to sing happy birthday. We'll need two days' notice. Call 843-247-4577 to schedule.

Take a Moment to Say Thanks

This week, we invite you to say thanks to our first responders – emergency workers, doctors, nurses, and even your local grocery store folks. Check out culturehhi.org for all the details on how you can be part of this big thank you event. Also, Visit culturehhi.org or follow culturehhi on Facebook for the latest updates on virtual concerts and other cool and fun activities you can view or do from the comfort of your own home.



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Have You Supported A Charity Today?

As always, please support a charity today. Charities across the Island will be the lifeline for many people who need help, be it food, money to pay a bill or mental health counseling. Thank you.