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From: David W. Epperson, County Administrator

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Re: Update on COVID-19 in Clarendon County

The entire nation and Clarendon County continue to maneuver through what is an unprecedented public health crisis in the form of the COVID-19 virus. As of this morning, Clarendon County has had confirmed by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) seventy-five (75) cases of the virus. As you know, Gov. Henry McMaster recently released an Executive Order that everyone in South Carolina should either be “at work or at home” until further notice. This order was the latest of several executive orders from Gov. McMaster and along with the steps we have taken as a County, are necessary to protect the public, the County Employees and the County itself. In addition to the Governor, I have followed closely the directions and recommended course of action from our regulatory officials at the state level. Based on the current situation and the best available information from the state, we have taken preventative measures to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. All county buildings have been closed to the public, all public access points to waterways have been closed, and all non-essential businesses are shut down until further notice. The City of Manning has implemented a curfew that went into effect on April 2 for each night from 10:00 PM through 6:00 AM. Anyone inside a municipality should always follow the local rules as well as the Countywide rules. All of what has happened has been designed with one clear message in mind: That no one should leave their homes unless it is absolutely necessary. **The only non-emergency services available to the public right now are those accessed via the telephone and through emails.** These measures are being reevaluated on a regular basis, but mean the following:

- County Facilities and Departments closed to the public until further notice: Archives, Weldon Auditorium, the Clarendon County Library, the Clarendon County Public Works Offices, the Clarendon County Fleet Maintenance Office, The Clarendon County Administration Building, the Clarendon County Courthouse, Clarendon County Public Safety Facilities and the Clarendon County Judicial Annex.
- The following facilities and services remain open: Clarendon County Landfill, Clarendon County’s Recycling Centers, Clarendon County’s Collection Sites and the Airport.

We appreciate the steps most of our citizens have taken to work with our public safety officials to help stop the spread of the virus. We cannot stress enough that citizens should use the telephone and emails to conduct business with the County during this unusual time. The County has waived all credit card transaction fees for the time being. This situation is and will continue to be evolving and changing, and the public needs to be aware of any future updates that come from Clarendon County Administration. None of us want to be in this situation, and we appreciate our citizens’ patience and understanding as we all try and deal with these unprecedented circumstances.

I am also announcing today that Clarendon County’s website, www.clarendoncountygov.org, will soon include a page devoted specifically to information the public needs related to COVID-19. There will be a direct link to this new location on the county’s website as soon as the webpage goes live.

Clarendon County officials continue to recommend that citizens and staff follow guidelines from the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and the Centers for Disease Control and

- DHEC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) homepage: <https://www.scdhec.gov/health/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19>
- CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) homepage: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Additional recommendations from the CDC and DHEC:

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
If soap and water are not available use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Limit in-person visits to County Facilities when possible, using phone-in, email and online services when they are available.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

If you have any questions about a specific department or service please contact one of the following numbers:

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Clerk of Court:	(803) 435-4443	clerkofcourt@clarendoncountygov.org
Clerk to Council:	(803) 433-3219	dlevy@clarendoncountygov.org
Communications:	(803) 435-8877	bcarter@clarendoncountygov.org
Coroner:	(803) 435-2050	bmock@clarendoncountygov.org
Detention Center:	(803) 435-8831	shughes@clarendoncountygov.org
Development Board:	(803) 435-8813	gkosinski@clarendoncountygov.org
Emergency Management:	(803) 435-9310	emergencyservices@clarendoncountygov.org
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Facilities Management:	(803) 433-3223	tlharvin@clarendoncountygov.org
Family Court:	(803) 435-4210	clarendonfamilycourt@clarendoncountygov.org
Finance:	(803) 433-3228	lanthony@clarendoncountygov.org
Fire Department:	(803) 435-4075	mjohnson@clarendonfire.org
Fleet Maintenance:	(803) 435-9608	clarendonfleet@clarendoncountygov.org
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Human Resources:	(803) 435-9654	countyhr@clarendoncountygov.org
Information Technology:	(803) 433-3224	tlharvin@clarendoncountygov.org
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