



# Coronavirus



## Town of Hilton Head Island Important Facts

**3/24/2020 6:30 p.m.**

**Updates will be provided regularly as information becomes available.**

### New:

- Governor Henry McMaster and South Carolina Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman today released the following joint statement announcing that South Carolina’s schools will remain closed for the duration of the month of April.
- Beaufort County Officials will participate in a teleconference tomorrow, **Wednesday, March 25, at 9:15 a.m.**, with community leaders on the front lines of COVID-19 efforts. They will share federal, state and local updates, and how it impacts our Lowcountry community. The audio event will be carried live on Beaufort County’s [The County Channel](#). The teleconference is being sponsored by the Hilton Head Island/Bluffton Chamber of Commerce.  
[https://beaufortcountysc.gov/the-county-channel/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://beaufortcountysc.gov/the-county-channel/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)
- An Emergency Town Council Meeting has been set for **March 26, 2020 at 2:00 pm**. Effective immediately, all Town Council meetings will be virtual. Details will be forthcoming on how to access the meeting.

### Updated:

As of Tuesday, March 24, 2020 SCDHEC reported the following :

Positive Tests in SC	342
Positive Tests in Beaufort County	22
Deaths in SC	5

Visit <https://scdhec.gov/monitoring-testing-covid-19> for State Statistics

### Ongoing:

- Visit our FAQ page at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/publicsafety/coronavirus/faq.cfm>

- Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Local Resource Information can be found by visiting [https://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR2tsV5lUJhxcCMIHf-9sLbLCXLDI0wnCMT-PL9\\_YAYLYRyQRjInk90-kf8](https://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/?fbclid=IwAR2tsV5lUJhxcCMIHf-9sLbLCXLDI0wnCMT-PL9_YAYLYRyQRjInk90-kf8)
- Agencies in our community – Deep Well, Sandalwood Community Food Pantry and others - stand ready to help those our residents unable to buy groceries, pay rent or pay other bills. You can find a list of these resources on our website at <https://hiltonheadislandsc.gov/publicsafety/coronavirus/communityresources.cfm>
- The Town’s public beaches will be closed until further notice. All of the Town’s public beach parking areas, to include restrooms and other public facilities, will be closed effective March 21<sup>st</sup> 2020. This condition will remain in effect for a period of 60 days or unless rescinded sooner based upon appropriate conditions.
- Effective Monday, March 23, 2020 Town Hall, Fire Rescue Headquarters and Fire Stations will be closed to the public until further notice. This is in an effort to minimize opportunities to spread COVID-19 in our community. Our staff is able to conduct business with you over the phone and via email. A searchable staff directory is available at <https://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov/contactus/staffsearch.cfm>.
- We are working diligently to respond to your requests, but you may experience a slight increase in turnaround times. Thank you in advance for your patience. The public is also encouraged to access some services online through the Town's website at [www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov](http://www.hiltonheadislandsc.gov).
- The Town is delaying the collections of business license fees, local tax, and local hospitality tax until June 20th.
- The tolls to access the Cross Island Parkway (Hilton Head Island) were temporarily suspended at 10:00 p.m.on March 20, 2020.
- Fire Rescue needs the following Items. If you can spare them please leave them at any fire station or Fire Rescue HQ at 40 Summit Drive by the Convenience Center off Dillon Road.
 

N95’s – 3M 1860	Liquid Resistant Gowns
Sani Wipes	Surgical Masks
- Fire Rescue has increased our level of personal protective equipment (PPE) on all EMS incidents. This means you may see our staff wearing a mask, eye protection, and gowns as guidelines require.
- Fire Rescue activated the enhanced screening of all medical-related 911 calls to determine if Fire and EMS personnel could be responding to a potential case of the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19. When calling 911 for emergency assistance please be prepared to answer a series of questions so that the appropriate response can be sent to you as quickly as possible.
- All restaurants and other food service establishments are mandated to cease all on-premises service. However, such establishments may continue to operate their kitchens for drive-thru, delivery, take-out, and exterior pick-up food services.

- Governor McMaster issued an order on March 23, 2020 giving local law enforcement the authority to prohibit or disperse any gatherings of three or more persons. This will go a long way to support social distancing and the potential spread of COVID-1
- The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office's Hilton Head Island substation, 70 Shelter Cove Lane, has temporarily limited public access.
  - For non-emergency assistance on Hilton Head Island, and before traveling to the substation, please call 843-255-3300 for assistance.
  - Due to coronavirus (COVID-19), and recommendations for social distancing, all walk-in public fingerprinting is suspended until further notice.

### **Stay Informed. For the latest updates:**

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