



# Town of Hilton Head Island **TOWN MANAGER UPDATE**

## **An Update from Town Manager Steve Riley 6/24/2020**

Good afternoon Hilton Head Islanders and Guests,

### **Stay Protected with Safety Precautions**

There is still a significant risk of being exposed to the COVID-19 virus in a public setting in any community. We, along with CDC and S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control, are asking everyone to please protect yourself and others by:

- Maintaining physical distance by staying at least 6 feet away from others.
- Wearing a cloth mask that covers your nose and mouth while in public.
- Avoid touching frequently touched items.
- Regularly washing your hands.
- Monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms and staying home when you are sick.

For the latest update on COVID-19 cases in South Carolina and in Beaufort County, and mobile testing locations, visit [SCDHEC.gov](https://www.scdhec.gov).

### **COVID-19 Testing Event on June 29th**

A COVID-19 Drive-Thru Testing Event will be held in our community on Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. We are working with the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office and the Beaufort County School District to relocate the screening from the Fire Rescue Training Center on Dillon Road to the Hilton Head Island High School complex on Wilborn Road. We will share more on the location once details are confirmed.

- Anyone can participate.
- The test is free.
- No appointment is required.
- No doctor's order is required.
- This is only a test for the virus.
- This is not a test for COVID-19 antibodies.
- This will be a nasal swab.
- This is not a rapid test. Results are expected to be returned in 2 to 4 days.
- You will receive phone call with test results.
- There are no prerequisites for the test such as having symptoms.
- Multiple persons within a vehicle may be tested.
- This testing event is hosted jointly by our Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue Department, Hilton Head Hospital, the Volunteers In Medicine Clinic and SCDHEC.



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- For dates and locations of other mobile pop-up clinics, visit the SCDHEC website at [www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-mobile-pop-clinics](http://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/covid-19-mobile-pop-clinics)

### **SCDOT to Participate in Hurricane Lane Reversal Drill on Thursday, June 25**

The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) will participate in a statewide hurricane lane reversal drill on Thursday, June 25. No lanes will be closed during the drill, which will be from approximately 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. SCDOT crews will be rehearsing the placement of traffic control devices along portions of US 278 and US 21 in Beaufort County, portions of I-26, between Columbia and Charleston; and US 501 in Horry County.

During this exercise, SCDOT Maintenance crews travel to pre-designated locations along these routes to deploy barrels and cones. Employees deploy the barrels on roadsides and shoulders for the drill so as not to interrupt traffic, but during an actual hurricane lane reversal these barrels and cones would be used to safely manage evacuation traffic. During an actual evacuation, barrels would be deployed on the travel lanes, intersections and exits. Other SCDOT staff members are involved in monitoring the flow of traffic from the Traffic Management Centers and deploying traffic control devices such as message boards along the routes that would be reversed.

Motorists are advised to use caution as SCDOT crews will be stationed along roadsides.

### **South Carolina Launches Palmetto Priority Program for Restaurants**

South Carolina has launched the Palmetto Priority Program to instill confidence with customers as they choose dine-in service at restaurants. The formal commitment made by the restaurateurs demonstrates real precautions that they are taking to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When customers see the Palmetto Priority endorsement seal, they can be certain that the restaurant is taking all necessary steps to protect their employees and customers and is committed to playing a leadership role in protecting our communities. The commitment also empowers customers to learn what they can do to help keep everyone safe. For more information about this program and how restaurants can participate, visit <https://palmettopriority.com/>.

### **Make-up Date for Burning of Yard Waste**

Saturday, June 27 is the make-up date the Town has set for yard waste burning. All rules of your existing permit will apply.

- The permit holder must register their burn on the make-up date.
- To register the burn call (843) 682-5125. You must call before you light the fire to determine if projected weather conditions will allow burning.



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- Yard waste burning may take place only on approved burn days when weather permits

The next regularly scheduled burn day is Saturday, July 11, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Fire Prevention at (843)682-5145.

## **Fireworks are Prohibited**

We are getting close to July 4<sup>th</sup> and, as you may already know, we will not have any fireworks displays this year due to the coronavirus and limitations that have been placed on gatherings of large crowds. Also, per Town Code, the discharge of fireworks on the beach is prohibited, except by permit from the Town Manager for planned fireworks displays.

## **Temporary Signs**

In March, the Town relaxed temporary sign enforcement for a brief period to allow businesses to install nonpermanent signs on their properties to announce openings. All temporary signage must be removed by July 7, 2020.

## **Single-Use Plastic Bags**

The Town temporarily allowed the utilization of single-use plastic bags to assist with the larger than normal volume of take-out and curbside orders. The use of these types of bags should be discontinued after July 7, 2020.

## **Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce Seeking Volunteer Ambassadors**

The Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help with its Staying Safe Together/Mask Up initiative. Volunteers are needed to help distribute masks to the public. If you are interested, please email [pathforward@hiltonheadisland.org](mailto:pathforward@hiltonheadisland.org) and a Chamber staff member will be in touch with you.

## **Stay Up-to-Date With Town Government**

Visit our website at [hiltonheadislandsc.gov](http://hiltonheadislandsc.gov) and sign up for our e-subscription service. On the sign-up page, choose topics you are most interested in receiving information about. If you have already signed up for this service, we encourage you to go to your subscription page and update your selections. This is something you will need to do because as a self-service portal we do not have access to privacy information to update the service for you.

## **Ways to Give**

For a list of very worthy organizations and initiatives that need your support as they continue to help individuals in our community, visit the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber Commerce at [www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/](http://www.hiltonheadchamber.org/covid-19/). These organizations are assisting with rent, food and other needs.