

PICKENS COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE



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This information will be periodically updated.

Due to rapidly changing conditions, information in this report is subject to change at any time.

COVID-19 Information

MUSC free virtual COVID-19 assessment: www.musc.care

Prisma Health Virtual Visit: <https://www.prismahealth.org/virtual-visit/>

SCDHEC Educational & Outreach Resources: <https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/educational-outreach-materials-2019-ncov>

CDC Information: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

John Hopkins University & Medical Coronavirus Cases Map:
<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html>

Univ. of Washington Coronavirus Map: <https://hgis.uw.edu/virus/>

US & State Information

SC Governor's Office News & Updates: <https://governor.sc.gov/news>

FEMA RUMOR CONTROL : <https://www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control>

US Response: <https://www.usa.gov/coronavirus> & <https://www.coronavirus.gov/>

County Resources

Pickens County Government Online Directory: <http://co.pickens.sc.us/directory>

Citizens are encouraged to conduct all County business online or by phone whenever possible to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please refer to the County directory to determine the appropriate contact. **864-898-5844**

School District of Pickens County website: pickens.k12.sc.us
Meal pickup and other important information for students and parent **864-397-1000**

Pickens County Library System: <https://pcls.fyi>
Answering all questions at **864-850-7077** or via chat at pcls.fyi

Community Resources

United Way of Pickens County (food, utility assistance, etc.): <https://www.uwpickens.org/>
phone: 2-1-1

Tough Times Tool Kit (Pickens County):

https://www.uwpickens.org/sites/uwpickens.org/files/Tough%20Times%20Tool-Kit-11_20_2019.pdf

Shine Soup Kitchen Located at the Dream Center: <https://www.facebook.com/shinesoupkitchen/>
864-306-4582

***SAMHSA Distress Hotline (coping with stress):** <https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/disaster-distress-helpline>

Municipalities

Clemson – www.cityofclemson.org & <https://www.facebook.com/City-of-Clemson-126159500771888/>

phone: 864-653-2030

Easley - <https://www.cityofeasley.com/> & <https://www.facebook.com/cityofeasley/>

phone: 864-855-7900

Liberty - <https://www.libertysc.com/> & <https://www.facebook.com/CityofLibertySC/>

phone: 864-843-3177

Pickens - <https://www.cityofpickens.com/> & <https://www.facebook.com/cityofpickens>

phone (administrator): 864-898-8160

Central - <https://www.cityofcentral.org/> & <https://www.facebook.com/The-Town-of-Central-SC-196514540408706/> phone: 864-639-6381

Norris - <http://www.townofnorris.org/index.html>

phone: 864-639-2033

Six Mile - <https://www.sixmilesc.org/> & <https://www.facebook.com/townofsixmile/>

phone: 864-868-2653

Business & Employment

Department of Employment and Workforce – Benefits: <https://dew.sc.gov/individuals/apply-for-benefits>

phone: 1-866-831-1724 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays

SC WORKS: jobs.scworks.org

phone: 1-866-831-1724

SBA Small Business Loan Guidance - <https://www.sba.gov/>

Dining

Easley Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.facebook.com/greatereasleychamber/>

website: <https://www.easleychamber.org/>

phone: 864-859-2693

Pickens Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.facebook.com/GREATERPICKENSCHAMBER/>

website: <https://www.pickenschamberofcommerce.com/>

phone: 864-878-3258

Clemson Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.facebook.com/clemsonareachamber/>

website: <https://www.clemsonareachamber.org/covid-19-local-business-updates>

phone: 864-654-1200

Liberty Chamber of Commerce: <https://www.facebook.com/LibertyAreaChamber/>

website: <https://libertyareachamber.org/>

phone: 864-843-7533



SENIOR SHOPPING HOURS

- ALDI: Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30AM
- BI-LO: Monday through Friday 8:00AM – 9:00AM
- Big Lots: Daily, first hour of business
- Dollar General: Daily, first hour of business
- Dollar Tree: Daily, 8:00AM – 9:00AM
- Ingles: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7:00AM– 8:00AM
- Publix: Tuesdays & Wednesdays 7:00AM – 8:00AM
- Walgreens: Tuesdays 8:00AM – 9:00AM
- Wal-Mart: Tuesdays, first hour of business
- Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market: Tuesdays 6:00AM – 7:00AM

Current as of 3/24. These are subject to change at the retailer's discretion.

Pickens County
is still here
to serve you.



Pickens Co.
non-emergency
support line:
864-898-5339
9 AM - 5 PM

COVID-19 INFORMATION

• **What are the symptoms?**

The most commonly reported symptoms are cough, fever and/or shortness of breath.

• **What do I do if I am experiencing symptoms?**

You should see a doctor either in person or by online assessment. If your doctor determines you may have COVID-19, they will refer you to a test site. Please note that testing does require a referral at this time. Both MUSC and Prisma Health are offering free online assessments. Go to MUSC.care or PrismaHealth.org and follow instructions on their websites.

• **Who should I contact to receive assistance with meals, utility payments, etc.?**

Visit uwpickens.org/covid19 or call United Way of Pickens County at 864-850-7094. The School District of Pickens County is providing meals daily for students.

• **How can I prevent infection?**

The best method of prevention is to stay home and practice good hygiene - wash your hands with soap for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer; frequently sanitize surfaces you come in contact with often, such as door handles and keyboards; and avoid touching your face. When around others, keep a safe social distance of at least 6 feet. Avoid being around sick people. Always cover your cough or sneeze.

• **What if I'm laid off as a result of COVID-19?**

File a claim immediately with the South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce, who is taking extra measures in an effort to expedite claims. You may call their toll-free line at 1-866-831-1724 or go online to dew.sc.gov.

Additional resources:

Center for Disease Control (CDC)
1-800-232-4636

DHEC Care Line 1-855-472-3432
Line is open 8 am - 6 pm

Pickens County Modifies Operations in Response to Covid-19

No confirmed cases in Pickens County at this time

PICKENS COUNTY, SC (March 16, 2020) – Pickens County is making changes to its operations to combat the spread of COVID-19. These changes will be effective immediately through March 31 and may be extended pending developments during that time. **Updated March 18: All County facilities are now closed to the public.**

Following recommendations from the CDC, SCDHEC and the Governor's Office, Pickens County will be implementing the following measures to limit transmission of the virus:

- At this time, County offices will remain open; this is subject to change at any time as we will be closely monitoring the situation
- Citizens are encouraged to conduct County business online or by phone when possible through the end of March – please refer to the County directory on our website (co.pickens.sc.us)
- We will be increasing our cleaning efforts to include cleaning entry doorways and restroom doors and handles at all County facilities
- First responders will continue to provide services. Non-emergency complaints or reports should be filed over the phone by calling 864-898-5500
- All in-person visitation at the Pickens County Detention Center has been suspended; remote video conferencing is still available
- At the advisement of the State Election Commission, all candidates wishing to file for office are asked to schedule an appointment online by going to: <https://www.picktime.com/ce763633-b5b9-4e78-a048-98193aee0627>
- Pickens County will be closely monitoring the situation and conducting daily teleconferences with department heads and officials to adapt to changing conditions.
- Please look for updates regarding schedule changes to the Pickens County Museum, Performing Arts Center, Library and other facilities as well as information pertaining to the use of inmates for litter crews, etc. – **update: closed**
- New information will be posted on our website and Facebook as it becomes available

Additionally, Governor McMaster has ordered that all schools, including public colleges and universities, remain closed through the end of March and has strongly advised that individuals avoid public gathers of more than 100 individuals.

SCDHEC recommends taking the following precautions to help spread the virus:

- 1) Wash your hands often with soap for at least 20 seconds
- 2) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, especially with unwashed hands
- 3) Avoid contact with others who are sick
- 4) Stay home and avoid others if you are sick
- 5) Cover your mouth/nose when coughing/sneezing

For more information on COVID-19, please visit scdhec.gov/covid19 or call the DHEC Care Line at 855-472-3432, available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. If you believe you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, visit musccare.com to receive a free virtual assessment with code COVID19.

PREVENTATIVE MEASURES

Recommendations from the CDC, DHEC, the Governor's Office and the White House state that you should take the following steps to help prevent infection and/or the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Frequently sanitize surfaces you come in contact with (including things like keyboard/mouse/mousepad, phone, door handles, grocery cart handles, etc.)
- Avoid touching your eyes, mouth and face
- Avoid public gatherings of 10 or more
- Keep a safe social distance from others of at least 6 feet
- Cover your nose/mouth when you cough/sneeze
- Stay home if you are sick and avoid other sick people
- Stay home and avoid public places when possible

REMINDER: This virus is particularly dangerous for those over 60 years old or with underlying health conditions. Even if you do not experience symptoms, you may carry the infection and put vulnerable populations at risk. Please take preventative measures not only for your own health, but for the health of those around you.

Pickens County Sheriff's Office Operations

- PCSO is actively patrolling areas as normal. However, they request that for all non-emergency, or non-in-progress calls, that a Deputy call and take those reports over the phone whenever possible.
- The front lobby at the Sheriff's Office will remain open for now, but strictly for limited services.
- Non-ferrous (scrap metal) permits will not be issued at this time.
- They have restricted public access to our Records Unit. Anyone who needs to request copies of incident reports should call one of the following numbers:
864-898-5506, 864-898-5507, 864-898-5508, 864-898-2446
- All Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests can be made by visiting their website at www.pickenssheriff.com or via email at PCSO_MAIL@co.pickens.sc.us or by calling one of the above numbers.

Auditor's Office

You may register a new vehicle or apply for high mileage discounts online here:

<https://www.co.pickens.sc.us/Auditor/VehicleTaxNotice/default.aspx>

For assistance, contact 868-898-5895 or email [genaa \(at\) co.pickens.sc.us](mailto:genaa@co.pickens.sc.us).

Home >> Auditor >> New Vehicle Application

High Mileage Application

Home >> Auditor >> High Mileage Application

Pickens County Auditor's Office
R. Brent Suddeth, County Auditor
Pickens County Administration Facility
222 McDaniel Ave., B-7
Pickens, SC 29671
Phone: (864) 898-5895
Fax: (864) 898-5846
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Name: *


Vehicle Receipt Number: *

Year of Vehicle: *

of Miles: *

* These are required fields. Please do not use any special characters such as commas or dashes.

I certify that the above information is correct.

I'm not a robot 
reCAPTCHA
Privacy - Terms

• If your vehicle is over 15 yrs old it does not qualify for the High Mileage reduction. The vehicle is already at a minimum charge.

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This application is for first time registrations, ONLY. Do not use this for the renewal of a vehicle tag.

Name: *

Address (Residence): *

City: *

State: *

Zip: *

Phone: *

Email: *

Vehicle Information

Year: *

Make: *

Model: *

VIN #: *

Confirm Vin #: *

Special Mailing Address:

Special Mailing Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

* These are required fields.

I certify that the above information is correct.

DMV

The DMV is a state agency not mandated by the County. The most current information we have received from our local office is:

Currently all DMV offices are operating normal business hours. We are not giving any driving tests, and all Saturday hours will resume July 2020. Until the governor tells us we must close we will remain open to assist customers.

Visit <http://www.scdmvonline.com/Driver-Services/Drivers-License/REAL-ID> for more information on REAL ID.

DSS/DHHS

DSS and DHHS are state agencies not mandated by the County. The most current information we have received from their local offices are:

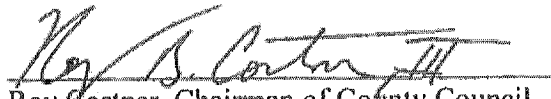
DSS and DHHS will follow County protocol and are closed to the public but continuing to provide remote support online or by phone.

Behavioral Health Services of Pickens County

Closed to the public for non-critical visits. Limited staff available to provide access for critical situations.

Passed and approved, this 6 day of April, 2020.


COUNTY COUNCIL OF PICKENS COUNTY,
SOUTH CAROLINA



Roy Costner, Chairman of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina

(SEAL)

Attest:



Clerk of County Council
Pickens County, South Carolina



PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CORONAVIRUS | COVID-19

SOUTH CAROLINA'S REQUEST FOR A MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION FOR COVID-19 HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE PRESIDENT BUT ONLY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FOR CATEGORY B ASSISTANCE THAT IS ALREADY AVAILABLE UNDER THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION ISSUED MARCH 13 (EM-3470). OTHER REQUESTED PROGRAMS ASSOCIATED WITH INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (IA), INCLUDING CRISIS COUNSELING PROGRAM, DISASTER CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM, DISASTER UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE, AND COMMUNITY DISASTER LOANS, AS WELL AS HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM (HMGP) FUNDING ARE PENDING. WE HAVE SEEN THIS IN RESPONSE TO MULTIPLE OTHER STATES' MAJOR DECLARATION REQUESTS.

UNDER THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COUNTIES ARE REIMBURSABLE FOR 75% OF COSTS INCURRED DURING A DISASTER DECLARATION AS LONG AS COUNTIES SHOW A 25% MATCH. HOWEVER, THE 25% HAS BEEN PAID BY SOUTH CAROLINA THROUGH LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS IN PAST EVENTS AND 100% OF THE COST HAS BEEN REIMBURSED.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
MATERIAL PURCHASE COST	\$160,630.18
EQUIPMENT COST	\$7,884.00
BUGETED PERSONNEL OVERTIME	\$8,080.38
ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL	\$7,434.50
TOTAL COST	\$184,029.06
TOTAL HOURS WORKED	610.50

Please note the material, equipment and labor costs are only estimates as of **April 28th, 2020.**

THE STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE COLUMN, ARE ITEMS DELIVERED TO PICKENS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BY THE NATIONAL GUARD BASED ON POPULATION (2010 CENSUS DATA). THE PICKENS COUNTY PURCHASES COLUMN, ARE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY BOUGHT TO FULFILL REQUESTS FROM COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS.

DESCRIPTION	STRATEGIC NATIONAL STOCKPILE	PICKENS COUNTY PURCHASES	TOTAL
GLOVES (BOXES)	8	252	260
HOSPITAL GOWNS	1619	0	1619
N95 MASK	3726	1780	5506
SURGICAL MASK	8750	0	8750
FACE SHIELD	1240	0	1240
BOTTLED SANITIZER	0	3537	3537
SANITIZER (GALLONS)	0	142	142



COVID-19 Administrator's Emergency Order List

- **EO-20-01** *Enacted on Friday, March 20, 2020*
Emergency Order confirming and enacting previous administrative directives issued from March 16, 2020 forward.
- **EO-20-02** *Enacted on Friday, March 20, 2020*
Administrator designated Denise Kwiatek as the Emergency Supervisor of Pickens County's response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and created the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Task Force.
The Administrator directed that HR guidelines be put in place to protect our most vulnerable employees and requesting that they not report to work in person beginning Monday, March 23, 2020.
- **EO-20-03** *Enacted Monday, March 23, 2020*
The Administrator directed an additional wave of employees considered higher risk be directed to work remotely or isolated from other employees as of Tuesday, March 24, 2020.
- **EO-20-04** *Enacted Wednesday, March 25, 2020*
Administrator temporarily suspended the post offer/pre-employment drug screen requirement due to no access to a facility currently conducting drug screens.
- **EO-20-05** *Enacted Monday, March 30, 2020*
Administrator temporarily placed the Library custodial staff under the temporary authority of the County Director of Operations to address county-wide needs for additional cleaning of facilities and other assistance as may be requested by the Task Force formed in EO-20-02.
Administrator temporarily reallocated two employees from the Library to the Voter Registration and Elections Office due to sudden and unexpected vacancies.
- **EO-20-06** *Enacted Tuesday, March 31, 2020*
Administrator temporarily reassigned a Parks, Recreation, and Tourism employee to the Task Force.
- **EO-20-07** *Enacted Monday, April 1, 2020*
Administrator determined to hire a temporary Director of Elections in the absence of a functioning Board of Voter Registration and Elections.
- **EO-20-08** *Enacted Friday, April 4, 2020*
Administrator determined to have citizens self-sort all recycling directly into the appropriate containers to protect County Recycling Attendants from handling any recyclables.
- **EO-20-09** *Enacted Monday, April 6, 2020*
Administrator approved the HR directives further limiting the number of staff physically present in the County buildings, including rotating staff and expanding the number of employees working remotely.
- **EO-20-10** *Enacted Monday, April 06, 2020*
Administrator directed that our most vulnerable employees who were required to go home from work two weeks ago, and required to use their own personal sick time to cover their absence, receive a refreshing of their sick time bank to include 10 days of pay.
- **EO-20-11** *Enacted Wednesday, April 08, 2020*
Administrator approved Public Works to lease additional waste hauling vehicles and add temporary staff in order to meet increased waste and recycling flows at 8 county convenience centers.
- **EO-20-12** *Enacted Tuesday, April 14, 2020*

Administrator allowing SCDOT access to the Easley landfill after hours to dispose of trees and brush removed from roadways due to storm damage provided they pay the tipping fee.

 **EO-20-13** *Enacted Wednesday, April 15, 2020*

Administrator authorized Emergency Management personnel and equipment to be used in Oconee County to assist with their tornado damage.

 **EO-20-14** *Enacted Wednesday, April 15, 2020*

Administrator approved the placement of temporary refuse receptacles on property to be located in Laurel and Hardy areas and authorized Roads and Bridges crews to liberally construe rights of ways to clean up storm damage.

 **EO-20-15** *Enacted Monday, April 20, 2020*

Administrator approved Community Development waiving permit fees for specific geographic areas in the county affected by the recent tornados and expediting permits for these areas.

 **EO-20-16** *Enacted Monday, April 20, 2020*

Administrator authorized the Task Force formed in EO-20-02 to begin accepting and dispersing donations of non-perishable food items and gift cards to those areas affected by the tornados.

 **EO-20-17** *Enacted Thursday, April 23, 2020*

Administrator approved of Pickens County waiving the monthly rent for May and June 2020 for the business tenants in building 240 Airport Rd, Performance Air and Hilton Head Flyers, in light of the \$69,000 grant Pickens County Airport received in conjunction with the CARES Act aviation directives.

 **EO-20-18** *Enacted Thursday, April 23, 2020*

Administrator authorized expending money from the General Fund for a specific number of COVID-19 test kits and hiring up to 3 temporary workers to assist in processing tests.

 **EO-20-19** *Enacted Tuesday, April 28, 2020*

Administrator approved hiring temporary workers for Public Works and Building Maintenance to replace inmate labor which is not available due to the pandemic.