



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Please note the Public Information Line (“PIPS line”) is fully functional from 8am to 6pm (same hours as DHEC Line). Please feel free to refer coronavirus related calls to 1-866-246-0133.

SC RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 25

SC DHEC announced [82 new cases](#), bringing South Carolina’s total to 424 cases across 39 counties. [Jack West](#), son of former governor John West, was the eighth reported death in the state. There are now more than 68,500 total cases in the United States, with more than 1,000 deaths.

GOVERNOR MCMASTER [requested](#) that all out-of-state visitors to South Carolina staying for two or more nights self-quarantine for two weeks immediately upon arrival.

THE SC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL expects more than [8,053 cases of coronavirus](#) by May 2, according to forecast numbers.

PRISMA HEALTH unveiled their “[VESper](#)” device, a Y-shaped splitter device that attaches to a ventilator to help support up to four patients at once. The “VESper” device has received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in the face of the crisis and can be made using a 3-D printer.

THE US ATTORNEY’S OFFICE for South Carolina announced on Wednesday that it would be part of a [nationwide federal crackdown](#) on fraud schemes, such as hoarding for profit and scammers.

SCDSS is coordinating with the SC Hospital Association, first responders and other state agencies to ensure adequate child care is available. There are 2,419 regulated child care facilities in South Carolina (including centers, churches, and family homes). [UPDATED CHILD CARE CLOSURES \(MARCH 24\)](#):

Date (Close of Business)	# Child Care Centers Closed	% of all Child Care Centers Closed*
March 17	575	24%
March 18	636	26%
March 19	828	34%
March 20	990	41%
March 23	1,053	44%
March 24	1,094	45%

BMW’S SOUTH CAROLINA PLANT is [shutting down](#) due to coronavirus. Volvo Cars is also halting production today. Mercedes-Benz Vans has already done so.

FEDERAL RESPONSE SUMMARY – MARCH 25

THE WHITE HOUSE AND SENATE LEADERS [reached a bipartisan deal](#) early Wednesday morning on a nearly \$2 trillion emergency relief package in response to the coronavirus pandemic, a move intended to assist businesses and millions of Americans amid an unprecedented halt in the U.S. economy. The U.S. Senate passed the [bill](#) on Wednesday night. The House is expected to vote on Friday. [Key provisions](#), per Politico:

- People who are unemployed will get an extra \$600 per week for up to four months, on top of state unemployment benefits to make up for 100 percent of lost wages.
- The Treasury Department will divvy up a \$500 billion pot of loans to struggling industries like airlines, and even cities and states.
- All U.S. residents with adjusted gross income up to \$75,000 (\$150,000 for married couples) will get a \$1,200 (\$2,400 for couples) “rebate” payment. They are also eligible for an additional \$500 per child. The payments will start phasing out for earners above those income thresholds and would not go to single filers earning more than \$99,000; head-of-household filers with one child, more than \$146,500; and more than \$198,000 for joint filers with no children.
- Health care providers will secure \$100 billion in grants to help fight the coronavirus and make up for dollars they have lost by delaying elective surgeries and other procedures to focus on the outbreak. They will also get a 20 percent bump in Medicare payments for treating patients with the virus.
- Businesses will get a tax credit for keeping idled workers on their payrolls during the coronavirus pandemic, so long as the businesses meet certain criteria. They will get a refund for half of what they spend on wages, up to \$5,000 per worker.
- The agreement provides \$150 billion for state and local governments, with \$8 billion set aside for local governments.
- The final package provides more than \$30 billion in emergency education funding for colleges and universities, states and school districts.

OTHER STATES

Seven governors have requested a **MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION** – typically used for infrastructure damage due to events like hurricanes – to open up more coronavirus relief funding:

- 7 Governors: CA, FL, LA, NY, NC, TX, WA.

Nineteen governors have issued a statewide “**STAY AT HOME ORDER**”:

- 19 Governors: CA, CT, DE, HI, IL, IN, KY, LA, MA, MI, NV, NJ, NM NY, OH, OR, VT, WA, WV, WI

Seven governors have ordered the closure of **ALL NON-ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES**:

- 7 Governors: KY, ME, MD, MA, OK, PA, WI

Fourteen governors have ordered the closure of **NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONAL SERVICES**:

- 14 Governors: IA, ME, MN, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, TX, WY