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Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Jasper County Emergency Services continues to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Currently, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is reporting one case of COVID-19 also known as the Novel Coronavirus in Jasper County. Jasper County Emergency Management officials are communicating regularly with state and other local officials. Jasper County public safety agencies continue responding to all calls for service. The 9-1-1 center has also implemented a screening questionnaire. This is intended to assist responders identifying an increased potential encounter of persons that may have COVID-19. These questions assist responders in determining the use of additional protective equipment. This equipment is designed to increase protection of the responders; and reduce potential spread to the public. The screening questions will not delay first responders arriving to the scene. The modifications implemented are for the protection of our community, visitors, and responders.

We encourage the public to remain calm during this difficult time. Please continue following the CDC recommendations:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds often
- Avoid touching your face
- Practice social distancing by maintaining 6 feet of distance from others
- Disinfect commonly touched objects regularly at minimum once a day (doorknobs/handles, light switches, keyboards, phones, etc.)

FEMA has developed a Rumor Control link on their page for COVID-19 at (<https://www.fema.gov/Coronavirus-Rumor-Control>)

The most up to date information for South Carolina can be found at www.scdhec.gov