



JASPER COUNTY COUNCIL

VIRTUAL MEETING

**Jasper County Clementa C. Pinckney Government Bldg
358 3rd Avenue Ridgeland, SC 29936**

MARCH 1, 2021

MINUTES

Officials Present: Chairwoman Barbara B. Clark, Vice Chairman Dr. Curtis Brantley Councilman L. Martin Sauls, Councilman John Kemp and Councilman Pastor Alvin Adkins

Also Present: Dean Moss, Randy Lowell and Dennis Averkin

Staff Present: County Administrator Andrew Fulghum, Clerk to Council Wanda H. Simmons, County Attorney David Tedder, Administrative Services Director Kimberly Burgess, Emergency Services Director Chief Russell Wells, Lisa Wagner Director of Planning and Building and Jonathan Dunham.

Call to Order: Chairwoman Clark called the meeting to order at approximately 5:00 PM.

Clerk of County Council, Wanda Simmons read the report of compliance with the Freedom of Information Act for the record.

Chairwoman Clark read the information below for the executive session and asked for a motion to go into executive session.

Motion to go into executive session: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

I. Executive Session

SECTION 30-4-70. Meetings which may be closed; procedure; circumvention of chapter; disruption of meeting; executive sessions of General Assembly.

(a) A public body may hold a meeting closed to the public for one or more of the following reasons:

- (1) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – Sections 30-4-70(a)(2) – Exit 3; Exit 21**
- (2) Discussion of negotiations incident to proposed contract arrangements and proposed purchase or sale of property, the receipt of legal advice where the legal advice related to a pending, threatened, or potential claim or other matters covered by the attorney-client privilege,**

settlement of legal claims, or the position of the public agency in other adversary situations involving the assertion against the agency of a claim – Sections 30-4-70(a)(2) - [Motorola contract/communication tower/proposed IGA City of Hardeeville](#); [Nickel Plate MCIP](#); [East Argent MID](#)

- (5) Discussion of matters relating to the proposed location, expansion, or the provision of services encouraging location or expansion of industries or other businesses in the area served by a public body -- Section 30-4-70(a)(5) – [Jasper Ocean Terminal \(JOT\)](#);

ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION MATTER ON WHICH DISCUSSION HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED MAY HAVE DISCUSSION SUSPENDED FOR PURPOSES OF BEGINNING THE OPEN SESSION AT ITS SCHEDULED TIME, AND COUNCIL MAY RETURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION DISCUSSION AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA ITEMS

Return to Open Session:

Councilman Dr. Brantley did not return at this time from executive session.

Motion to go into regular session: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Business from Executive Session:

Motion to authorize the Administrator to communicate Council's offer to pay one half of the cost of the Communication Tower to Motorola, not to exceed to \$650,000 payable next Fiscal Year; provided that the Palmetto 800 Radio Network is accommodated on the tower for the life of the tower at no cost to the County; and that the tower is solely owned and maintained by the City of Hardeeville:

Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Motion to authorize the Administrator to sign the Conflict Waiver with Parker Poe Law Firm arising from their representation of certain defendants in the Opioid Litigation in which the County is Plaintiff. This being unrelated to the representation of the County to be undertaken by Parker Poe:

Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Councilman Sauls led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chairwoman Clark gave the Invocation.

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of February 3, 2021 and February 16, 2021.

Motion to approve the agenda: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Presentations or Proclamations:

There were no presentation or proclamations.

Open Floor to the Public per Ordinance 08-17 any citizen of the County may sign to speak before the Council on matters pertaining to County Services and Operations. Presentations will be limited to three (3) minutes and total public input will be limited to 30 minutes.

Chairwoman Clark asked if there were any public comments for this meeting. Clerk to Council, Wanda Simmons noted that no public comments for this meeting had been received.

Resolutions:

- A. Andrew Fulghum - Resolution Number [2021-04](#) Confirming the Existence and Terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Jasper and the South Carolina Department of Transportation Regarding Completion of Certain Transportation Projects Under Jasper County's Local Option Sales Tax Program (I-95 Exit 21).**

Mr. Fulghum presented this resolution request to Council and gave an overview of what this resolution entailed. This resolution concerns a transportation sales tax project in 2018 after the results of the 2016 referendum. He noted there were two projects identified in this IGA between Jasper County and the SC DOT. One project was the improvements at Exit 8; and the other was the Exit 21 improvements in the Town of Ridgeland. This resolution recognizes the validity of that IGA and establishes a new scope for the project. The project was originally estimated to cost \$1,750,000 when the project was not fully scoped out. During the last several years working with the Town of Ridgeland and Meddin Hunt it is now fully scoped out and there is a need to request an additional authorization to finish the project. The resolution and the scope of the project has been approved by SC DOT. Mr. Fulghum noted that Mr. Dennis Averkin, Town Administrator for the Town of Ridgeland was present to provide an overall scope for the project and that Council was asking for Mr. Averkin's concurrence that the additional \$450,000 should get us to the point to be able to bid the project. Mr. Averkin said that there were many encompasses many necessary improvements to the project including things such as:

drainage, lighting, landscape improvements and lighting underneath the overpasses, improved pedestrian access through the exit and essentially making the exit more attractive to the travelers off I-95. No substantial improvements since original construction of the exit. He said making Exit 21 attractive to travels would bring more people into the Town and will positively impact the tax revenues.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Councilman Dr. Brantley had Internet issues and was able to return to the meeting at this time.

B. Andrew Fulghum - Resolution Number 2021-05 Ratifying and Affirming the Terms of that Certain Agreement between Jasper County and the South Carolina State Ports Authority Regarding the Jasper Port Site.

Mr. Fulghum presented this resolution request to Council and gave an overview of what this resolution entailed. This resolution concerns the terms of the agreement between Jasper County and South Carolina State Ports Authority. He noted that specifically it calls for the County's ratification of that agreement, and it authorizes the County Administrator and County Attorney to perform certain tasks related to that agreement. In this resolution he noted they were resolving the adopt the findings of the County Council, the signed agreement of 02.23.21, Council is approving this agreement and ratifying the execution by the County Administrator and direct the County Administrator and County Attorney to undertake such actions to implement the agreement to comply with the obligations with Jasper County including but not limited to determining what legal and other professionals are appropriate to be recommended to Council to assist with negotiations contemplated to be undertaken with the Ga. Ports Authority and to continue the permitting process.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Kemp

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

Ordinances:

- A. Kim Burgess – 3rd reading of Ordinance Number 2021-06 authorising the execution and delivery of certain instruments, including a fourth Amendatory Public Facilities Purchase and Occupancy Agreement between Jasper County and St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation; approving the issuance of St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation Instalment Purchase Revenue Bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes; consenting to the form of a fourth Supplemental Trust Agreement between St. Peters Parish/Jasper County Public Facilities Corporation and U.S. Bank National Association as corporate trustee; and other matters relating thereto.**

Chairwoman Clark opened the public hearing for comments. There were no comments so the public hearing was closed.

Kimberly Burgess presented and reviewed this requested ordinance for Council.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Dr. Brantley

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

- B. David Tedder – Consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance To approve the Transfer to the Town of Ridgeland by deed a road right of way generally described as a portion of the road known as Volunteer Park Road lying within the Town of Ridgeland, and to authorize the Jasper County Administrator to execute such deeds and other documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effect the transfer.**

David Tedder presented and reviewed this requested ordinance for council. Mr. Tedder also noted that the public hearing would be held at the first meeting of April.

Motion to approve: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Adkins

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

- C. Lisa Wagner – Consideration of the 1st reading of an Ordinance to amend the Official Zoning Map of Jasper County so as to transfer two properties bearing Jasper County Tax Map Numbers 063-32-05-028 and 063-32-04-031 from the Residential Zone to the General Commercial Zone on the Jasper County Official Zoning Map.**

Mrs. Wagner noted that the subject properties consisted of 4.60 acres and 4.10 acres located at 1280 Grahamville Road and 8747 Grahamville Road. The Applicant has requested a Zoning Map Amendment to have both properties designated as General Commercial (GC). The property is currently zoned Residential. A commercial structure is located on 1280 Grahamville Road and a manufactured home and two stick-built houses are located on 8747 Grahamville Road.

Mrs. Wagner mentioned that according to the 2018 Jasper County Comprehensive Plan, the Future Land Use Map identifies this area as “Urban Transition,” which are pockets of unincorporated Jasper County that are partially or entirely surrounded by the municipality. For these areas that experience new development or redevelopment, consideration should be given to working with the adjacent municipality for annexation.

The adjacent parcels are zoned Residential and is adjacent to the Town of Ridgeland. Adjacent land uses are residential, and vacant property with commercial nearby in the Town of Ridgeland.

Mrs. Wagner noted that the subject property is accessed by Grahamville Road, which is a two-lane state maintained highway, classified as a collector road. She noted that the Planning Commission recommends approval of the request to have the property designated as General Commercial.

Motion to approve: Councilman Kemp

Second: Councilman Dr. Brantley

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

New Business:

A. Kimberly Burgess – Change in the budgeted personnel position for the Finance Department.

Mrs. Burgess presented this request to Council. She noted that the request was for Council to change the budgeted position in the Finance Department to better meet the needs of the department.

She noted that a budget-analyst position for the Finance Department was approved in the FY20 and FY21 budgets. She said the position had been advertised in 2019 and again beginning 1/7/2021. She noted had been only a few responses and a few, if any had the qualifications and/or experience that the budget-analyst position requires. She said the County also sought qualified candidates through an outside temporary agency without success.

She said after further consideration and additional review of the needs of the Finance Department it was determined that an Accounting Assistant would provide the most value for the County's money and best meet the department's needs. She provided information on the job functions that the Accounting Assistant would be performing. She also noted that there would be an approximate savings in salary, wages and benefits of approximately \$14,000.

Old Business - None

Council Members Comments:

Councilman Sauls:

Councilman Sauls said he and Councilman Adkins had attended the Southern Carolina Alliance Regional Board Meeting in Hampton and had a special presentation by Governor McMasters for Pastor Odom, he is retiring and has been on Council for 23 years and has served for 24 years on the Southern Carolina Alliance Board. The presented him with the Order of the Palmetto. His family, County Council, friends, and the community were there to see this presentation to him. He has diligently served the County and Southern Carolina Alliance.

He noted that he had emailed Council earlier this evening regarding the 03.05.2021 vaccination drive at Hardeeville Middle School. He said they are trying to reach all of the people that they can. We have multiple organizations helping for this event. He said they are trying to reach rural Jasper County and get as many people as possible the availability to get their vaccine.

He noted that Joel Taylor CEO of Coastal Carolina was available for Council to get with him if they have people to get signed up or contact the hospital or himself. He asked Councilman Dr. Brantley and Councilman Adkins to please get with them to help. He also thanked everyone working on the front lines and assisting and taking care of people during the pandemic.

Councilman Adkins:

Councilman Adkins said he gives honor to God for keeping us daily. He thanked Councilman Sauls for the invitation to that special meeting for Pastor Odom and getting to meet him. He said he looked forward to getting the Port underway and noted he had gotten his first shot. He said to pray for his family and he would be praying for everyone. He thanked Mr. Fulghum for all of his assistance. He said he was working hard to understand and learn and was looking forward to this. He prayed for everyone to stay well.

Councilman Kemp:

Councilman Kemp said he thanked the first responders, the Sheriff's Department, Fire Department and everyone that puts their life on the line daily. He said he looked forward to working on the Jasper Port.

Councilman Brantley:

Councilman Brantley said that his prayer was that everyone that wants a vaccination in Jasper County gets one in a timely manner.

Chairwoman Clark:

Chairwoman Clark said that she wanted to mention the garbage pickup. She said people are working diligently. I personally thanked her grandchildren for cleaning up Bush-Clark Rd. and cleaned up the roadway up. She thanked everyone for what they are doing in the clean up effort. She encouraged people to get their vaccination. She said Council appreciated everyone and what they were doing for the County.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Fulghum said that his two week report was in the Council packet. He said he had been working on the airport and the Port. He noted that the bonds were included in his report. He said Chairwoman Clark received a special recognition that she was voted onto the Board of Directors for the Statewide South Carolina Aviation Association. He said she is well known in the Aviation Committee and the main person behind the lobbying leading to grant awards.

Mr. Fulghum turned the report now over to Chief Wells. Chief Wells presented the COVID statistics report and reviewed the positivity rate of the State of South Carolina and of Jasper County. He noted that the positivity rate for Jasper County was 7.5% as our numbers continue to improve. He said we were seeing a downward trend, and he continued to urge the citizens to protect themselves as there had been a few more people in the area that had unfortunately succumbed to COVID. He also noted that DHEC was holding testing sites and locations and noted those. This report is attached as Attachment A.

Possible Return to Executive Session to Continue Discussion on Matters Regarding Agenda Item II.
There was no reason to return to executive session for this meeting.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Sauls

Second: Councilman Brantley

Vote: Unanimous

The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:



**Wanda H. Simmons
Clerk to Council**



**Barbara B. Clark
Chairwoman**



Jasper County COVID Statistics



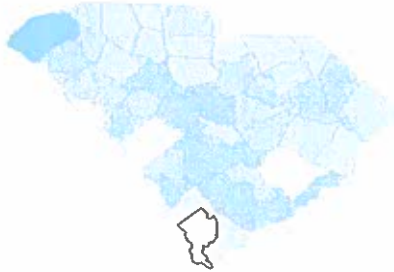
South Carolina Positivity Rate as of 27, February 2021: **6.7%**

Jasper County Positivity Rate as of 27, February 2021: **7.5%**

Date range is 02/14/2021 through 02/27/2021

COVID-19 in South Carolina As of 11:59 PM on 2/27/2021		
Number of Tests	Select Date Range to Filter Page Values	Percent Positive
1,502	2/18/2021 - 2/27/2021	7.5%

Rate of COVID-19 Tests Performed per 10,000 population, by County



49.9 204.1

Type of COVID-19 Tests Being Performed

	Negative	Positive	Grand Total
Antibody (Serology)	17	3	20
Antigen	357	12	369
Viral (Molecular)	1,029	84	1,113
Grand Total	1,403	99	1,502

4.4% of all COVID-19 diagnostic testing has occurred at the Public Health Laboratory

Note: This table represents volume of tests received and not distinct individuals tested. Individuals may have multiple tests.
*Unknown Test Types refer to tests with an unrecognized test type. As we continue to investigate unknown test types they will be reassigned as more information becomes available.

Moving 7 Day Average Percent Positive of COVID-19 Tests

Note: Tooltips Display Percent Positive for the current day and moving 7 day average Percent Positive is calculated using the Test Test method.

- Total Viral (Molecular) Tests
- Count of Positive Viral Tests
- 7d Moving Average Percent Positive

Daily Reported Case Count:

Date	Cases	Date	Cases
02/14	11	02/21	4
02/15	6	02/22	4
02/16	5	02/23	1
02/17	2	02/24	1
02/18	3	02/25	3
02/19	4	02/26	3
02/20	2	02/27	3

Community Testing information

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County Deaths to date

41 (64.8% with comorbidity conditions)

Vaccine update

Page 3 or go to <https://vaxlocator.dhec.sc.gov/>

Attachment "A"

DHEC - Jasper County Health Department (Open Today)

0.68 miles away

Dates and Times

3/1 Monday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

3/2 Tuesday: Closed

3/3 Wednesday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

3/4 Thursday: Closed

3/5 Friday: Closed

3/6 Saturday: Closed

3/7 Sunday: Closed

Further Information

Free COVID testing every Monday and Wednesday from 9:00am-4:00pm at the Jasper County Health Department. No appointment is needed, however, attendees can pre-register at <https://covidtest.dhec.sc.gov>

Appointment Needed: No

Referral Needed: No

Pediatric Testing Available: Yes - All Ages

Address

651 Grays Hwy, Ridgeland, SC, 29936

Customer Service Number

855-472-3432

More Information or Pre-Registration (if applicable)

Pre-register at <https://scdhec.gov/GetTested>

****Free****

Coastal Carolina Hospital - Coastal Carolina Hospital (Open Today)

13.31 miles away

Dates and Times

3/1 Monday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3/2 Tuesday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3/3 Wednesday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3/4 Thursday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3/5 Friday: 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

3/6 Saturday: Closed

3/7 Sunday: Closed

Further Information

Open weekdays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Appointment Needed: No

Referral Needed: No

Pediatric Testing Available: Yes - All Ages

Address

1000 Medical Center Dr, Hardeeville, SC, 29927

[SCDHEC published vaccination locations](#)

- **Jasper County Health Department (Public health provider – Rural Health Clinic)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

651 Grays Hwy, Ridgeland, SC 29936

[1-866-365-8110](tel:1-866-365-8110) CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Walgreens #17239 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

8225 East Main St., Suite F , Ridgeland , SC 29936

[CONTACT THIS PROVIDER](#)

- **Coastal Carolina Hospital (Hospital)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer

1000 Medical Center Drive, Hardeeville, SC 29927

843-689-7282**[CONTACT THIS PROVIDER](#)**

- **Walgreens #9134 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

138 Okatie Center Blvd S, Okatie, SC 29909

[CONTACT THIS PROVIDER](#)

- **Walmart Pharmacy #1383 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

350 ROBERT SMALLS PKWY, BEAUFORT, SC 29906

[CONTACT THIS PROVIDER](#)

- **Walgreens #11252 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

2363 Boundary St, Beaufort, SC 29902

[CONTACT THIS PROVIDER](#)

- **Walmart Pharmacy #2832 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

4400 HIGHWAY 278, HARDEEVILLE, SC 29927

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Walgreens #7652 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

868 Fording Island Rd, Bluffton, SC 29910

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Walgreens-Bluffton (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

868 Fording Island Rd, Bluffton, SC 29910

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Beaufort Memorial County Hospital (Hospital)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer

955 Ribaut Rd, Attn: Pharmacy, Beaufort, SC 29902

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Walmart Pharmacy #6395 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

4 Bluffton Rd, Bluffton, SC 29910

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Sam's Club Pharmacy#6582 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

14 BLUFFTON ROAD, BLUFFTON, SC 29910

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Doctors Care Bluffton (Urgent care)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Pfizer

64 Bluffton Road, Bluffton, SC 29910

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Walgreens #18050 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

1294 Ribaut Road , Beaufort , SC 29902

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

- **Walgreens #6597 (Pharmacy - chain)**

Accepting eligible appointments.

Vaccine manufacturer: Moderna

155 Sea Island Pkwy, Beaufort, SC 29907

CONTACT THIS PROVIDER

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COVID-19 VACCINE FLOW IN SC

This graphic shows the progression of the vaccine from the federal government to the state and the steps along the way from providers to vaccine recipients.¹



Suppliers started shipping Dec. 13, 2020 (ships weekly)

PROVIDERS	VACCINE ARRIVAL
Acute Care Hospitals	Dec. 14, 2020
CVS/Walgreens (LTCF) ³	Dec. 28, 2020
Non-Acute Care Hospitals	Jan. 4, 2021
Limited Pharmacies	Jan. 18, 2021
Limited Private Physicians	Jan. 11, 2021
Limited Urgent Care	Jan. 11, 2021
Limited DHEC Sites	Jan. 11, 2021

PHASE 1 IN SC STARTS

Vaccine first received Dec. 14, 2020

PHASE 2

PHASE 1A

(CURRENTLY ONGOING - FEBRUARY 2021):

- Healthcare workers
 - Includes home health and hospice workers, dentists and dental hygienists/assistants, pharmacists, and more.
- LTCF residents and staff
- Admitted hospital patients, aged 65+
- 70+ with or without underlying health conditions
- COVID-19 vaccine testing mission-critical state/local government employees

See more detailed listing of Phase 1a at scdhec.gov/vax/facts

Estimated population: 987,039⁴

PHASE 1B

(EARLY SPRING):¹

- Frontline essential workers
 - Includes law enforcement officers, corrections officers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, teachers, daycare workers, and more.

See more detailed listing of Phase 1b at scdhec.gov/vax/facts

Estimated population: 573,501⁴

PHASE 1C

(LATE SPRING):²

- All people aged 65 and older
- 16-64 years old with certain underlying health conditions
- Other essential workers
 - Includes transportation and logistics, food service, public safety, non-frontline healthcare workers, and more.

See more detailed listing of Phase 1c at scdhec.gov/vax/facts

Estimated population: 2,897,527⁴

PHASE 2

(SUMMER - FALL):¹

- All people who wish to be vaccinated
- Widespread availability

Estimated population: 690,648⁴

THE COVID-19 VACCINE

FOOTNOTES:

1. All phase groups are subject to change based on CDC/ACIP/VAC recommendations.
2. All estimates subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.
3. Vaccine allocated to Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF).
4. Sources: SC Department of Commerce and DOD/Tribes Planning Tool

Phase 1a and 65+ (Currently Ongoing)

Beginning Wednesday, Jan. 13, any South Carolina resident aged 70 or older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions, [can begin scheduling their appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccine](#). A map with current locations accepting vaccine appointments will be available at scdhec.gov/vaxlocator beginning Wednesday, Jan 13.

Employers are encouraged to reach out to their local hospitals as soon as possible and no later than Jan. 15, 2021, with a list of names and contact information of employees who want to be vaccinated. In addition, individuals in Phase 1a who want to be vaccinated should contact their local hospitals to request and schedule an appointment no later than Jan. 15, 2021.

Individuals making appointments may need to present credentials to verify they qualify to receive vaccination under Phase 1a. This includes providing some proof (e.g., badge, card, license, personalized letter from employer, picture of license) of Phase 1a qualification when presenting for the vaccination.

Phase 1a includes:

- **Healthcare workers**
 - Initial focus on frontline healthcare workers at **high risk of exposure and mission-critical to the overarching goal of preventing death**
 - **Healthcare workers and medical staff can use [SCHA's list of hospital contact information](#) to schedule their vaccines.**
- **Residents and staff of long-term care facilities**
- **Admitted hospital patients, who are aged 65 years and older, as long as they do not currently have COVID-19 and a provider feels it is indicated for them**
- **Anyone 65 years and older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions**
- **State/local government employees and their contractors who are mission-critical for maintaining operations of COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in SC**

Healthcare workers include:

- Anesthesiology assistants, registered cardiovascular invasive specialists, and operating room staff
- Athletic Trainers
- American Sign Language (ASL) and other interpreters in healthcare facilities
- Autopsy room staff, coroners, embalmers, and funeral home staff at risk of exposure to bodily fluids
- Chiropractors
- Dentists and dental hygienists and technicians
- Dietary and food services staff in healthcare facilities
- Environmental services staff in healthcare facilities
- Harbor pilots
- Home health and hospice workers
- Hospital transport personnel
- Laboratory personnel and phlebotomists
- Licensed dietitians
- Medical assistants
- Medical first responders (paid and volunteer): EMS; fire department and law enforcement personnel who provide emergency medical care
- Nurses, nurse practitioners, and nurse's aides/ assistants
- Opticians and optometrists and assistants/ technicians
- Persons providing medical care in correctional facilities and correctional officers
- Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians
- Physical and occupational therapists and assistants
- Physicians, including medical house staff (i.e., interns, residents, fellows), and physician assistants
- Podiatrists
- Public health healthcare workers who are frequently interacting with persons with potential COVID-19 infection
- Radiology technicians
- Respiratory care practitioners, such as respiratory therapists
- Speech language pathologists and assistants and audiologists
- Students and interns of the above categories

Phase 1b

Phase 1b (Late Winter 2021)

All time estimates are subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.

Phase 1b includes:

- **Frontline essential workers**
 - Sectors included by ACIP: firefighters, law enforcement officers, corrections officers, food and agricultural workers, USPS workers, manufacturing workers, grocery store workers, public transit workers, and those who work in the educational sector—teachers, support staff, and daycare workers

Phase 1c:

Phase 1c (Early Spring 2021)

All time estimates are subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.

Phase 1c includes:

- All people aged **65 and older**
- People aged **16 and older with certain underlying health conditions** that puts them at high risk for severe disease ([list by CDC](#))
- Other **essential workers**
 - Examples included by ACIP: people who work in transportation and logistics, food service, housing construction and finance, information technology, communications, energy, law, media, public safety, and public health staff who are non-frontline healthcare workers

Qualified individuals within Group 1a can utilize the hyperlink below for vaccination registration and locations below.

<https://sc-hec.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/nearby/index.html?appid=514e64ead13e4f508147dad8f483da38&sliderDistance=20&find=1509%2520Grays%20Hwy%252C%2520Ridgeland%252C%2520SC%252C%252029936%252C%2520USA>

02/06	11		02/13	14
02/07	13		02/14	11
02/08	10		02/15	6
02/09	6		02/16	5

02/10	5		02/17	2
02/11	1		02/18	3
02/12	8		02/19	4