

**Columbia Incident Response Brief**

*(Reporting data as of July 23, 2020)*

**Situational Update**

* **4,054,407** Confirmed Cases in the **U.S.** with **144,469** total deaths
* **76,315** Confirmed and **291** Probable Cases in **SC**, all **46** Counties reporting, **1,294** confirmed deaths with an additional **40** Probable in our state
	+ **1,538** new cases with an additional **5** Probable cases as of midnight last night

**20.9%** Positive Test Rate



*Source: SC DHEC*

<https://www.scdhec.gov/infectious-diseases/viruses/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/sc-testing-data-projections-covid-19>

* **Richland County**
	+ **6,577** Confirmed Cases with an additional **110** Probablein Richland County, **120** deaths
		- **138** new cases reported on July 23rd
		- Highest Zip Codes activity can be found on the COVID Zip Code PDF provided. (**Charleston, Greenville, Horry, Richland, and Lexington counties reporting the highest cumulative totals**)
		- City GIS dashboard tracking cases in Richland County by zip code
			* COVID-19 Cases Dashboard: <https://colacitygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/69407604f8114ab880b97b04dea113f1>

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**SC DHEC Testing Dashboard**

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**New Daily Cases in Richland County – City GIS Dashboard**



City of Columbia GIS COVID-19 Cases Dashboard: <https://colacitygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/69407604f8114ab880b97b04dea113f1>

* **Hospitals**
	+ **4,425** total hospital beds available and **7,998** are in use; **64.38%** statewide total hospital bed utilization rate
	+ **1,723** COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized
	+ **1,458** Ventilators**, 532** are in use and **241** of those are COVID-19 patients
	+ **1,522** inpatient beds are available and **9,961** are in use, which is an **86.7%** statewide hospital bed utilization rate
	+ **76.6%** in Richland county (836 beds occupied with 256 available)

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**City of Columbia Internal Updates/Efforts**

**Employee PPE**

* Contracts & Procurement has provided masks and PPE to departments
* The Fulfillment Center continues to process requests and has sufficient PPE stocks on hand in inventory

**Office of Business Opportunities**

* SBSF Loan Program - 880 Applications In Portal
* To date, we have awarded 323 small businesses, totaling $1,400,000 (All Funds Allocated)

**Resilient Columbia (RC)**

* 296 businesses that have taken the pledge

**Mask Up**

* 4 Departments are currently serving as Ambassadors (Code Enforcement, Customer Care, Parks & Recreation, and Parking Services)
* All are reporting having good educational opportunities with the general public and customers
* A high degree of compliance has also been observed
* Over 760 contacts made to date

**Distribution of Protective Masks to Citizens**

* **15,559** protective masks have been distributed over a two-week period
* Week of June 29 – July 3
	+ 3,090 Busby Street Community Center
	+ 721 Hampton Park Neighborhood Center
	+ 2,049 Earlewood Community Center
	+ 1,014 S. Edisto Neighborhood Center
	+ **6,874 Total**
* Week of July 6 – July 10
	+ 6,605 Busby Street Community Center
	+ 1,866 Hampton Park Neighborhood Center
	+ 4,846 Earlewood Community Center
	+ 2,242 S. Edisto Neighborhood Center
	+ **8,685 Total**

**Mask Ordinance**

* Fire Marshal’s continue to educate businesses and citizens on the importance of using masks and the requirements of the Mask Ordinance
* They are seeing generally overall good compliance
* **93** visits to date
* **87** contacts where educational materials were provided
* **180** individual masks have been provided to the general public by DFM’s
* **10** warnings have been issued
* **5** Citations have been issued to date
* No individual citations issued

**Safety & Risk Assessments**

* **46** Risk Assessments of City facilities and departments have been completed by Safety & Risk Management
* **2** External Risk Assessments have been completed with our external partners
* These Risk Assessments are ongoing
* Department of Safety & Risk Management/HR composed and implemented a COVID-19 Safety Disinfectant & Cleaning Your Living and Work areas for all employees on the City of Columbia Inner City Intranet Site.

**City Facilities Mitigations/Modifications**

* Support Services continues to ensure daily cleaning of City facilities
* **178** preventive cleanings have been conducted
* Constructed **101** protective barriers
* Installed **232** signs
* Social distancing mitigations have also been implemented at 1136 Washington Square to include all elevators

**Disinfecting and Sanitizing Operations**

* Departments continue to clean facilities, offices, workstations and highly touched areas
* Safety & Risk Management continue to provide guidance and monitor operations to ensure effective sanitizing and disinfecting occurs on a frequent basis

**Public & Media Relations**

Public Relations, Media and Marketing continues to handle both crisis communications and public information duties on a daily basis. Daily website updates and social media posts are a priority for COVID-19 information and modified City operations.

**Please see the latest press releases and media advisories for specific details below**.

* City Council Meeting | Tuesday, July 21, 2020

<https://columbiasc.gov/headlines/07-20-2020/CityCouncilMeetingTuesdayJuly21>

* City of Columbia Receives 2020 Municipal Achievement Award

<https://columbiasc.gov/headlines/07-22-2020/CityofColumbiaReceives2020MunicipalAchievementAward>

**Website and Microsite Updates:**

* Mask Ordinance FAQs
* Mask Complaints information
* Mask Ordinance
* July Testing sites

**Media Relations/Requests:**

* Inquiry from WLTX on an interview about the status of the cooling/misting stations for the summer.

**Social Media Updates:**

* COVID 19 July Testing sites.
* #Maskup Contest
* POTW
* New Partners for #Maskup Contest
* City Wins MASC award
* Mask safety tips
* Deadline for vacancies on boards and commission

**Video Content:**

* PR updated the COVID-19 testing video with July dates.
* PR staff recorded a message/speech from the City Manager to the CFD firefighter recruits for their upcoming graduation ceremony.

**Zoom Operations:**

* City Council Meeting | Tuesday, July 21, 2020

