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As of this morning, there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Greenwood County.

There are now 81 confirmed cases across the state in 17 counties. The three new counties are Abbeville, Saluda and Dorchester.

At the Governor's request, Self Regional has increased their restrictions on visitors to their facilities. See the following link: http://www.indexjournal.com/news/covid-19/self-expects-positive-tests-in-coming-days-bars-visitors/article_8235887b-720d-5077-a35d-8e9b1bb81f0e.html

Also, the Governor issued another Executive Order. The following are a few of the new orders:

- Waived Department of Employment and Workforce regulations
- Suspended unemployment insurance payments for all businesses
- Temporarily suspended State procurement regulation.
- Temporarily suspended DHEC's enforcement of certificate of need regulations.

Finally, the South Carolina has received a declaration from the Small Business Administration which allows small businesses and private non-profit organizations to receive low interest loans. Application deadline is Dec 21, 2020.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155

Our website, facebook, twitter and instagram sites will have more details for the SBA loans.