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As of yesterday's report, Greenwood County had 18 additional confirmed cases in the county for a total of 371 cases confirmed since 21 March. Remember this is only those which have been confirmed and is for those who were tested a minimum of two days ago. This means there are others who have been tested and are in quarantine awaiting results. Additionally, an individual can be asymptomatic, (contagious but shows no symptoms), and may choose not to be tested.

The first 172 cases in Greenwood County were reported over 15 days ago, so there are 172 individuals who should have recovered from the virus. Additionally, Greenwood County has had 5 deaths due to the virus. This brings Greenwood County's remaining total of active confirmed cases to 194. DHEC does not track recovered individuals by county, so this number is an estimate based on the following: Most individuals recover from the virus within this time frame.

SCDHEC reported an additional 907 new confirmed cases in the state for a total of 24,661. Also, they reported 9 new deaths in the state for a total of 653; Chester(1), Colleton(1), Florence(2), Richland(3), Spartanburg(1) and Sumter(1). 6 individuals were elderly and 3 were middle-aged. For additional information on underlying conditions or other information in this section, please call DHEC at 1-855- 472- 3432. SCDHEC has begun providing a number of probable cases and deaths. I will only be providing the confirmed numbers. Once a probable case or death is confirmed, they will add it to their confirmed total and I will report it.

SCDHEC reported 7,173 of 10,469 hospital beds available in the state are in use which is a 68.5% utilization rate. Of these beds in use, 692 (9.6%) are patients who have tested positive or are under investigation for COVID-19.

SCDHEC is finding an increased rate of individuals who do not have symptoms and don't know they are infectious as they have expanded testing. This increases the risk of spreading the virus. Over the past couple of weeks, Greenwood County has seen the number of cases of COVID-19 increase. In some cases this was the result of individuals not social distancing or wearing masks. It is important we slow the spread of the virus by keeping 6 feet apart, washing our hands, avoiding large gatherings, remaining home when sick and wearing masks when in public facilities which do not allow for social distancing.

To view additional data see DHEC's COVID-19 webpage.

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