

COVID-19 Testing in South Carolina

South Carolina COVID Testing Overview

While COVID-19 is exacting a great toll on all communities across the US, data reveals that African Americans make up a disproportionate number of positive cases. That's true in many areas across the country, including in South Carolina. In our state, African Americans make up about 27 percent of the population but comprise 38 percent of COVID-19 cases for which race was reported and 46 percent of related deaths. At the core of this problem is the fact African Americans are disproportionately affected by conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, asthma, and obesity. People with such underlying conditions are at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Intense outreach and prevention efforts are needed to help control spread in those and other areas.

HOW DHEC IS WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS:

We recognize the critical need to address these inequities. In an effort to reach the different communities who are at high-risk of having severe illness from the disease we are working with our state and local partners, both public and private. This includes:

- Working with churches to help communicate prevention messaging
- Taking our WIC services 100% over-the-phone
- Expanding options in a variety of food categories to address WIC product shortages
- Working with Environmental Justice advocates to raise awareness
- Increasing availability of public health data to help provide information to assist in decision making, including demographics.
- Providing sneeze guards to restaurants and DMVs.

In addition, we're in the process of working with our partners to prioritize counties and regions, specifically in rural areas, where we have deployed Abbott ID NOW machines.

Hospitals collecting specimens for COVID-19

- Abbeville Area Medical Center
- Aiken Regional Medical Centers
- Allendale County Hospital
- AnMed Health*
- AnMed Cannon
- Beaufort Memorial Hospital*
- Bon Secours St. Francis Greenville
- Coastal Carolina Hospital
- Columbia VA Health Care System
- Conway Medical Center
- East Cooper Medical Center
- Grand Strand Medical Center
- Greenwood Regional Rehab Hospital
- Hampton Regional Medical Center
- Hilton Head Hospital
- Lexington Medical Center
- McLeod Health – Clarendon* (*Loris, *Cheraw, *Seacoast, *Dillon)
- Medical University Hospital Authority (*Lancaster)
- MUSC – Charleston* (Chester, Florence, Marion)
- Naval Health Clinic Charleston
- Newberry County Memorial Hospital
- Oconee Memorial Hospital
- Piedmont Medical Center
- Prisma Health Richland*
- Prisma Health Tuomey
- Prisma Health Upstate, Greenville Memorial Hospital
- Providence Health

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- Ralph H. Johnson VAMC
- Roper Hospital
- Roper St. Francis Healthcare – Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital
- Self Regional Healthcare*
- The Regional Medical Center
- Tidelands Waccamaw Community Hospital
- Trident Medical Center
- VA Medical Center – Dorn

* Indicates the hospital provides drive-thru testing

Alternate Care Site: alternate care sites (ACS) where patients with COVID-19 can receive medical care for the duration of their isolation period. These are typically established in non-traditional environments, such as converted hotels or mobile field medical units. Depending on the jurisdictional needs, ACS could provide two levels of care. These are within 5 miles of the respective hospitals. The following hospitals have at least one ACS approved.

- Beaufort Memorial Hospital
- Bon Secours St Francis Xavier
- Roper St Francis Mt. Pleasant
- Grand Strand Medical Center
- Conway Hospital
- Lake City Community Hospital
- PRISMA Health Tuomey
- PRISMA Health Baptist (Downtown and Parkridge)
- Lexington Medical Center
- Aiken Regional Medical Centers
- Abbeville Community Memorial Hospital
- PRISMA Health Laurens
- PRISMA Health Hillcrest Memorial Hospital
- PRISMA Health Greenville Memorial Hospital
- PRISMA Health Greer Memorial Hospital
- PRISMA Health Oconee

Priority Testing Sites for First Responders:

TD Center, Greenville SC	PRISMA Patewood TMCC	Beaufort Memorial Hospital
Self Regional Hospital	Colleton Medical Center	
AnMed Health	MUSC	
Aiken County EMS Headquarters	PRISMA Richland Riverview Urgent Care	North Strand Free Standing ED

Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC):

Many of the FQHCs are providing limited testing for COVID-19 due to low supplied of testing supplies and PPE. There are several drive-through facilities. DHEC is currently working with sites across the state to expand testing capacity and supplies.

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Rapid Testing ABBOTT Machines ID NOW were delivered to the following entities

- Kershaw Health*
- Self Regional Healthcare*
- Piedmont Medical Center*
- Regional Medical Center*
- Bon Secours – Greenville
- McLeod Health Clarendon
- AnMed Health*
- Spartanburg Regional Healthcare
- Aiken Regional Medical Center
- Coastal Carolina Hospital
- MUSC Health Marion
- Williamsburg Regional Hospital
- Lexington Medical Center
- Al Cannon Detention Center
- Department of Corrections

(Testing supplies are limited 24 tests per box. * Have received testing supplies)