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GOVERNANCE

Chair: Mayor Knox White, City of Greenville

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Last Week's Governance Meeting

Updates, Identified Issues, and Recommended Solutions

Updates & Solutions: Counties & Municipalities

Events

- Outdoor events that allow for social distancing are still on
 - i.e., movie nights, farmers markets
- Churches are looking into renting outdoor venues in order to worship together

Day Camps for Kids

- Pursuing partnerships with schools and churches that have larger facilities to accommodate more children to allow for social distancing.

Updates & Solutions: K-12 Education

Graduations

- Governor McMaster has asked schools to be creative when accommodating graduation ceremonies for high school seniors
 - Examples: Graduations in stadiums, drive-in theaters, and large outdoor facilities

AccelerateED Taskforce

- Working on recommendations for implementing summer programs

Updates: Higher Education Institutions

Economic impact

- ~ **\$203 million** economic impact on colleges due to COVID-19

Startup costs

- ~ **\$75 million** in startup costs for cleaning supplies, COVID-19 testing for students, and rearranging classrooms to allow for social distancing.

Updates & Solutions: Technical Colleges

Regulatory Relief

- Graduated 1,100 nurses this spring as requirements were relaxed to allow online clinical classes

Summer Semester and Programs

- Face-to-face instruction likely for some students by the end of the summer
 - For 10 week summer programs, students will likely spend the first 5 weeks doing online learning. Transitioning to in-person classes during the last 5 weeks is likely for some students, particularly for areas that are technical oriented. For example, HVAC, welding, etc.

Hybrid Instruction for Fall Semester

- Increasing the number of online courses; providing “loaner laptops”
- Face-to-face sections will have fewer students to allow for social distancing

Updates & Solutions: Law Enforcement

Education vs. Enforcement

- As more businesses begin reopening, law enforcement has received increased calls about business practices.
- Rather than issuing citations, or making arrests, law enforcement across the state is working to make sure the public is staying informed of Executive Orders and guidance issued by DHEC and CDC.

Coordination with Public Safety for Testing Sites

- Requests that MUSC, Prisma, DHEC, and other groups that have free testing sites coordinate with public safety before the event to assist with safety measures

State Stockpile of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

- Additional PPE to meet the needs of first responders

Steps Taken to Protect & Accelerate SC

State PPE Stockpile

- State is working to identify and meet PPE needs for first responders, state agencies, educational institutions, etc.

“Reopening Responsibly” Pledge

- Allows customers to know which businesses are following CDC and DHEC guidelines

Example: Greater Greenville Pledge



The image shows a purple sign for the Greater Greenville Pledge. At the top left is a white checkmark icon. To its right, the text 'Greater Greenville Pledge' is written in white. Below this is a gold horizontal bar with the text 'Reopening Responsibly' in black. Underneath the bar, a white paragraph states: 'By displaying this sign, this business declares that it took the Greater Greenville Pledge based on CDC and DHEC guidance to:'. Below the paragraph are five circular icons with gold borders, each containing a black icon and text: 1. A hand being sanitized with a spray nozzle, labeled 'Sanitize frequently'. 2. A double-headed arrow with '6FT APART' above it, labeled 'Promote social distance'. 3. A person icon with a box containing '007' below it, labeled 'Limit capacity'. 4. A thermometer icon, labeled 'Monitor employee health'. 5. A face mask icon, labeled 'Wear face coverings'. At the bottom, white text reads 'For more information, please visit' followed by the website 'GreaterGreenvillePledge.com' in a larger font.

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Implementation of Prior Recommendations

Continuing Resolution (H.3411) Highlights

Signed by Governor McMaster on Monday, May 18

COVID-19 Response Reserve Account

Authorizes the Governor to direct **\$155 million** to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic

- Directs up to **\$15 million** to protect election poll workers and voters for the June 9th primary
- Allows the **use of funds** to reimburse local governments and hospitals

Statewide Testing and Tracing Plan

\$25 Million – Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) to work with DHEC and the SC Hospital Association for COVID-19 testing plan

Directs DHEC to identify at least **1,000 contact tracers** by June 1, 2020.

Employer Contribution Rates

Suspends the scheduled 1% employer contribution rate increase for both South Carolina Retirement System (SCRS) and Police Officers Retirement Systems (PORS) for FY 2020-21.

Financial Flexibility

Authorizes state agencies and higher education to spend earmarked and restricted revenue sources to maintain critical programs.

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Long-Term Issues

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- Customer safety and consumer confidence
- Small business relief
- Continued assistance to local and state entities
- Reopening schools
- Mental health programs for first responders, educators, and students