

Coronavirus Resources

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**70 OR OLDER? IT'S YOUR TURN.
TIME TO GET YOUR COVID-19 VACCINE.**

If you are 70 or older, you can now make an appointment to receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

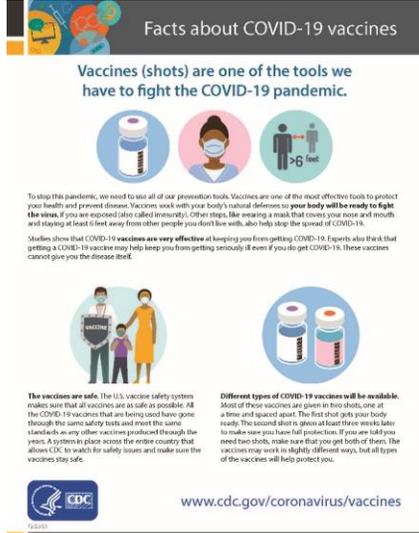
You can make an appointment by:

- Visiting [scdhec.gov/vaxlocator](https://www.scdhec.gov/vaxlocator) to see the locations accepting appointments for COVID-19 vaccine. Pick a location and call the phone number listed to make an appointment.
- Calling DHEC's Care Line at **1-855-472-3432** for help finding contact information to make an appointment. The Care Line can't schedule appointments but can provide phone numbers of locations offering vaccine appointments.

 **THE COVID-19 VACCINE**

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Facts about COVID-19 vaccines

Vaccines (shots) are one of the tools we have to fight the COVID-19 pandemic.

To stop this pandemic, we need to use all of our prevention tools. Vaccines are one of the most effective tools to protect your health and prevent disease. Vaccines work with your body's natural defenses so your body will be ready to fight the virus if you are exposed (also called immunity). Other steps, like wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth and staying at least 6 feet away from other people you don't live with, also help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are very effective at keeping you from getting COVID-19. Experts also think that getting a COVID-19 vaccine may help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get COVID-19. These vaccines cannot give you the disease itself.

The vaccines are safe. The U.S. vaccine safety system makes sure that all vaccines are as safe as possible. All the COVID-19 vaccines that are being used have gone through the same safety tests and meet the same standards as any other vaccines produced through the years. A system in place across the entire country that allows CDC to watch for safety issues and make sure the vaccines stay safe.

Different types of COVID-19 vaccines will be available. Most of these vaccines are given in two shots, one at a time and spaced apart. The first shot gets your body ready. The second shot is given at least three weeks later to make sure you have full protection. If you are told you need two shots, make sure that you get both of them. The vaccines may work in slightly different ways, but all types of the vaccines will help protect you.

 www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/vaccines

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**NEED INFORMATION
ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES?**
Call the Vaccine Info Line.

1-866-365-8110

Staff are answering calls
7 a.m. – 7 p.m. every day.



Contact: covid19news@emd.sc.gov



**DHEC Launches New COVID-19
Vaccine Information Line,
Increases Call Center Staff to
Nearly 300 as Vaccine Demand
Increases**

COLUMBIA, S.C. — In response to overwhelming call volume to the Care Line, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has added a new phone information line to answer questions about COVID-19 vaccines and to help support people searching for vaccine provider information.

COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line: [1-866-365-8110](tel:1-866-365-8110)

The new vaccine information line launches today with 240 phone operators and is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. People who have questions about the COVID-19 vaccines or who need help finding vaccine providers and their contact information are asked to call the DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line.

“Many in South Carolina don’t have access to the internet, so offering a dedicated vaccine phone line to help them locate contact information for vaccine providers is essential,” said **Nick Davidson, DHEC Deputy of Public Health**. “This new line helps DHEC offer better customer service that keeps pace with people’s demand for vaccine and vaccine information.”

Care Line: [1-855-472-3432](tel:1-855-472-3432)

DHEC’s Care Line has also increased the number of its operators from 30 to 48 and is actively training additional staff. The Care Line maintains the same hours of operations at the vaccine information line, easily remembered as 7-7-7: available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week.

The Care Line assists people with general questions about COVID-19, testing, or who need to schedule an appointment at a DHEC health department for SC STRONG appointments, family planning, WIC services, HIV/STD screening, and other health department services.

“By offering two well-staffed information lines, we’re reducing wait times and improving people’s experience by quickly getting the help they need,” **Davidson said.** “In the next several weeks, we’ll be adding an additional 200 operators to the vaccine information line. We are encouraged by the number of people who want to be vaccinated in South Carolina. Until our vaccine supply equals our demand, we ask for everyone’s continued patience. Everyone will have a chance to get the vaccine.”

Safe and effective vaccines and following public health guidance are how to win the fight against COVID-19. For more information about the COVID-19 vaccine, go to scdhec.gov/vaxfacts. For the latest information about COVID-19, go to scdhec.gov/COVID19.

Upper Savannah CARES Revolving Loan Fund

Upper Savannah COG is pleased to announce the Upper Savannah CARES Revolving Loan Fund (CARES RLF) to assist businesses impacted by the COVID 19 Pandemic. The Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided \$1.5 billion to the Economic Development Administration for economic development assistance programs to “help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” Funding to expand the capacity of EDA’s existing revolving loan fund partners was provided.

Lending Area

- Businesses located in Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda, Newberry and Lexington Counties.

Eligible Businesses

- Businesses partially or completely closed by local or state officials to stop the spread of the virus such as restaurants, certain retail stores, personal services and many others.
- Businesses forced to close or curtail operations due to employees testing positive for the virus.
- Businesses experiencing loss of revenue due to the general economic downturn or logistical problems.
- Businesses negatively impacted by any other factor(s) linked to the pandemic.
- Businesses whose products or services are in high demand because of the pandemic will also be targeted for lending. For example, there are businesses in our region that manufacture medical supplies, PPE and components for medical equipment.

Loan Types, Amounts, Rates and Terms

- Working capital loans of up to \$50,000 are available at terms of up to five years at 1.0% fixed.
- Real Estate and equipment loans of up to \$100,000 are available at terms of up to 15 years at 2.5% fixed.
- No origination fees.
- This is not a forgivable loan.

Collateral and Security

- Collateral and security requirements will vary based on the loan purpose and loan amount.
- Loans of \$10,000 or less can be secured by the personal guarantee of all owners.
- Loans greater than \$10,000 will require collateral and personal guarantees.

Loan Structure

- This program can fund 100% of the need however the opportunity to partner with our referring lenders is always welcome.
- No borrower equity required.

For more information

- Call Sam Leaman at 864-941-8056.

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CARES Act Funds Available for Loans to Businesses Affected by Pandemic

Businesses which were temporarily forced to close, experienced loss of revenue or were otherwise negatively impacted by the coronavirus pandemic might be eligible for business loans from the new Upper Savannah CARES Revolving Loan Fund (CARES RLF). Also, businesses whose products or services are in high demand due to the pandemic could be eligible.

The lending area includes Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, Lexington, McCormick, Newberry and Saluda counties.

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided \$1.5 billion to the EDA for economic development assistance programs to “help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.” As part of the CARES Act, funding was provided to expand Upper Savannah’s RLF capacity.

The total available in the new CARES RLF is \$760,000.

Working capital loans of up to \$50,000 are available at terms of up to five years at a 1 percent fixed rate. Real estate and equipment loans of up to \$100,000 are available at terms of up to 15 years at a 2.5 percent fixed rate. This is not a forgivable loan.

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