

## **South Carolina Public Radio Community Issues List**

**Second Quarter 2020 - April, May, June**

### **Health Focus**

**WRJA/WJWJ/WLJK/WHMC/WNSC/WLTR/WEPR/WSCI**

**Mondays 6:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m., Tuesdays 1:33 p.m.,  
Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. (WNSC-FM, WRJA-FM, WJWJ-FM,  
WHMC-FM, WLJK-FM) 2:30 p.m. (WEPR-FM, WSCI-FM,  
WLTR-FM), Thursdays 5:44 p.m.; Saturdays 8:35 a.m.,  
Sundays 5:35 p.m.**

**Shows listed in reverse play order.**

**All shows 4:00 (Four Minutes) in length.**

#### [Parkinson's Disease Update during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 30, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Vanessa Hinson](#) about challenges for patients with Parkinson's disease (PD) during the pandemic, plus updates about research and newly approved medicines for PD patients in 2020. Dr. Hinson is a Professor of Neurology and the Director of the Parkinson's Foundation Center of Excellence at MUSC.

#### [Quitting Smoking during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 29, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Kenneth Michael Cummings](#) about a plan to quit smoking during the pandemic and a look at the many benefits of quitting (plus practical tips to help succeed at quitting). Dr. Cummings is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and he is involved in research related to tobacco use prevention and smoking cessation at MUSC.

#### [Treating Childhood Cancer during the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 23, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michelle Hudspeth](#) about treating childhood cancer during the coronavirus crisis. Dr. Hudspeth is the Division

Chief of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology and she is the Director of the Pediatric Blood and Marrow Transplant Program at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital.

### [Catching Up on Childhood Vaccinations during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 22, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about the impact that the pandemic has had upon routine childhood vaccinations. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health and she is a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### [Alcohol Consumption during Stressful Times \(Including the Pandemic\)](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 16, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Josh Smith](#) about the increase in risk for developing an alcohol problem during stressful times, and tips for reducing alcohol consumption. Dr. Smith is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science and he is the Clinical Director of the Center for Drug and Alcohol Programs at MUSC.

### [Signs of Stroke & Seeking Stroke Evaluation During the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 15, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Christine Holmstedt](#) about the signs of acute stroke, and the decrease in the number of patients seeking evaluation and treatment for possible stroke during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Holmstedt is a Professor of Neurology and the Director of Clinical Stroke Services at MUSC.

### [The CARES Program during the Pandemic: Providing Health Outreach in Rural SC](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 9, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Anita Ramsetty](#) about the free medical care and health screening provided in rural SC during the pandemic through the CARES program. Dr. Ramsetty is an Assistant Professor based in Family Medicine at MUSC and Director of the CARES program.

### [Helping Pregnant Women & New Moms with Mental Health Issues during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 8, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Connie Guille](#) about helping pregnant women and new moms manage mental health problems during the pandemic. Dr. Guille is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and OB/GYN, and she is the Director of the Women's Reproductive Behavioral Health Program at MUSC.

### [Helping Children Manage Anxiety during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 2, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Lee Lewis](#) about helping children manage anxiety during the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Lewis is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

### [Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence during COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Jun 1, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Ashley Hink](#) about reports of increasing rates of domestic violence or intimate partner violence during the pandemic. Dr. Hink is a general, trauma and critical care surgeon at MUSC.

### [New Treatment Approved for Neurofibromatosis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 26, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Thomas Koch](#) about neurofibromatosis and new treatment approved for patients with this neurogenetic disorder. Dr. Koch is a Pediatric Neurologist and Director of Pediatric Neurology Education at MUSC.

### [T Cell & COVID-19 Research](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 25, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Besim Ogretmen](#) about the development of a clinical research trial to see if T cells from patients who have recovered from COVID-19 can be used to help critically ill COVID-19 patients recover. Dr. Ogretmen is the Director for the Center of Biomedical

Research Excellence in Lipidomics and Pathobiology at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [Tips for a Good Night's Sleep during Stressful Times](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 19, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Andrea Rinn](#) about practical tips to get a good night's sleep during stressful times, due to the COVID-19 crisis. Dr. Rinn is a physician in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at MUSC.

### [SC Collaborative Effort to Create COVID-19 Antibody Tests](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 18, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Satish Nadig](#) about a collaborative effort underway in SC to create COVID-19 antibody tests. Dr. Nadig is an Adult and Pediatric Multi-Organ Transplant Surgeon and the Medical Director of the Center for Cellular Therapy at MUSC. Dr. Nadig is leading the task force for this COVID-19 antibody testing collaboration.

### [Protecting Newborn Babies during the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 12, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michelle Amaya](#) about protecting newborn babies during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Amaya is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Director of the Newborn Nursery at MUSC Shawn Jenkins Children's Hospital.

### [Positive Strategies for Dealing with the Daily Ups and Downs of Parenting during the Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 11, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Rachael Zweigoran](#) about some positive strategies for dealing with the daily ups and downs of parenting during the pandemic. Dr. Zweigoran is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and a Pediatrician at MUSC Children's Health.

### [Helping Children with ADHD during Pandemic Lockdown and with Remote Learning](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 5, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. Angela LaRosa about routines and structure to help kids with ADHD during the stay-at-home restrictions and remote learning due to the pandemic. Dr. LaRosa is a Professor of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics and she's Medical Director of the Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics Clinic at MUSC Children's Health.

### [Convalescent Plasma for Critically Ill COVID-19 Patients](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • May 4, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with Dr. John Wrangle about MUSC's participation in a convalescent plasma program to help treat critically ill COVID-19 patients. Dr. Wrangle is an Assistant Professor of Hematology and Oncology and an Oncologist at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [COVID-19 and Health Disparities in SC](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 28, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Marvella Ford](#) about increased mortality in the SC African American population from COVID-19. Dr. Ford is a professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences and she is the Associate Director of Population Sciences and Cancer Disparities at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [Cancer Treatment Underway during the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 27, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. David Mahvi](#) about cancer treatment underway during the coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Mahvi is the Chief of Clinical Oncology at Hollings Cancer Center at MUSC.

### [Managing Chronic Health Conditions during the Coronavirus Crisis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 21, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elisha Brownfield](#) about new approaches to monitoring and managing chronic health conditions remotely during the coronavirus crisis. Dr. Brownfield is an Associate Professor of Internal Medicine at MUSC.

### [Online Program for Monitoring Covid-19 Positive Patients with Mild Symptoms](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 20, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Emily Warr](#) about an online patient program (and secure website) that allows health care providers to monitor and communicate with covid-19 positive patients throughout their illness. Emily Warr is a Registered Nurse and Director of Operations at the Center for Telehealth at MUSC.

### [Pregnancy & Prenatal Visits During the COVID-19 Crisis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 14, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Scott Sullivan](#) about new approaches to prenatal care and prenatal monitoring and also the latest info about pregnancy and the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Scott Sullivan is a Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at MUSC.

### [Staying Connected to Others while Social Distancing \(During the COVID-19 Pandemic\)](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 13, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Alyssa Rheingold](#) about the importance of connecting with friends and family (through phone and video conferencing) during the covid-19 crisis, to avoid feelings of isolation and to make daily life happier. Dr. Rheingold is a Professor and Clinical Psychologist within the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at MUSC.

### [Helping Kids Stay Active & Healthy Routines during the Covid-19 Crisis](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 7, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Elizabeth Mack](#) about helping kids stay active and maintaining healthy routines during the covid-19 crisis. Dr. Mack is the Division Chief for Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at MUSC Children's Health, and she is a spokesperson for the American Academy of Pediatrics.

### [The Science of Handwashing & Social Distancing \(During Covid-19 Crisis\)](#)

By [Bobbi Conner](#) • Apr 6, 2020

This week Bobbi Conner talks with [Dr. Michael Schmidt](#) about the science of handwashing and social distancing to help prevent covid-19. Dr. Schmidt is

a Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at MUSC and he is the Chair of the Council of Microbial Sciences at the American Society for Microbiology.

## **South Carolina Business Review**

**@ 7:51 a.m., Monday thru Friday**

**All shows 5:50 in length**

**Shows listed in reverse order**

### [2nd Half Economic Outlook for 2020](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 30, 2020

We are heading into our fourth month of the economic upheaval caused by the pandemic. Many parts of the economy are rebounding while many are still stuck in the downdraft. And of course, some were hit with positive effects. As the second half of this year gets underway, where does our flagship university's top economist see us heading next?

### [SC Business News Update from Alan Cooper](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 29, 2020

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Alan Cooper, founder and editor of three online business news websites in South Carolina: [MidlandsBiz](#), [UpstateBizSC](#), and [LowCountryBizSC](#).

### [Restoring Economic Development](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 26, 2020

After a successful career in wireless communications, our next guest decided to return to the Lowcountry and enter the commercial renovation and restoration business in an effort to help revive and grow the local economy.

Mike Switzer interviews Dick Stewart, founder and CEO of [303 Associates](#) in Beaufort, SC.

### [Catering to a New Demand](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 25, 2020

Any business that relies on events for a major portion of their income has certainly been affected by the virus crisis. But as we've been seeing, our



next guest's company has not only pivoted its business in order to stay in business but to contribute, as well.

Mike Switzer interviews Jesse Bullard, vice president, [Southern Way Catering](#) in Columbia, SC and Greenville, SC.

### [Opportunities to Increase Diversity and Inclusion During Crises](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 24, 2020

Once again, the issue of diversity has become a hot topic in our country. Our next guest says that recent concerns over police actions and the challenges of the pandemic are bringing opportunities for organizations to make lasting and positive changes.

### [Financial Planning Lessons Learned from the Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 23, 2020

There is no doubt that everybody is learning a lesson or two (or three or more) from this pandemic. Maybe it's the importance of sanitary living or maybe it's all about money. Our next guest says that there are certainly some financial planning lessons that have become much more important.

Mike Switzer interviews Joy Watkins, a certified financial planner, principal, and director of financial planning at [Anchor Investment Management](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [SC Entrepreneurial Update from "The Swampfox"](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 22, 2020

An update of the news, issues, and events facing the entrepreneurial community in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Accessible Diagnostics ([Vet-Tabs](#)) and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

### [Workers' Comp and the Virus Crisis](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 19, 2020

As companies continue to re-open their doors, health experts say that until much more testing has been done and a vaccine developed, they may be increasing their risk of employees and customers becoming sick with COVID-

19. How has the pandemic affected workers' compensation claims so far and what does it mean going forward?

Mike Switzer interviews Kevin Couch, a workers' compensation employer defense attorney with [Willison, Jones, Carter and Baxley](#) in Greenville, SC.

### [Professional Tennis Returns to SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 18, 2020

After a pause due to the pandemic, professional golf recently returned to the Palmetto State and next week competitive professional tennis will also return in an effort to not only support the players through the prize money, but also with fundraising for the frontline healthcare workers at the Medical University of South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews Bob Moran, president of Charleston Tennis, the host organization for the [Credit One Bank Invitational](#), coming to Daniel Island June 23-28.

### [Selling in the Age of Covid](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 17, 2020

In a post-Covid world, the sales process is being reinvented, just like so many others. While e-commerce and video calls have been tools for sales reps for a long time, they have certainly increased in popularity. Are the days of face-to-face sales presentations gone forever?

### [Real Estate Commissions Soon to Collapse?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 16, 2020

The majority of Americans' wealth resides in real estate and the stock market. Over the past couple of decades, technology has helped bring the cost of investing in stocks down to almost zero. The cost to buy and sell real estate, however, hasn't much changed. Our next guest, though, believes that lower real estate transaction costs are finally imminent.

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### [High Supply Results in Dropping Prices for Hemp Products](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 12, 2020

As is usually the case with free markets, strong demand eventually attracts a higher supply which then drives down prices. Our next guest says this has now happened with hemp and its number one product, CBD.

Mike Switzer interviews Louis Miles, president of [Clarity Nutraceuticals](#) in Charleston, SC.

### [Prepping for the Return of the PGA Championship to Kiawah](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 11, 2020

Eight years ago, one of golf's four major tournaments was finally held in the Palmetto State when the PGA Championship came to Kiawah Island. That was 2012. Reverse those last two digits and the event will happen again in 2021, "God willing and the pandemic don't rise again", bringing a much needed boost to our state's economy.

Mike Switzer interviews Scott Reid, director of the [2021 PGA Championship to be held at Kiawah Island, SC, May 17-21](#).

### [SC, Global Trade, and the Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 10, 2020

Over the past decade or so, our state has certainly become an important cog in the engine of international trade with many large, foreign companies locating operations here. How has the global pandemic affected our status on the world economic stage?

### [Global Diversification Matters to Your Money](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 9, 2020

Even with the recent volatility in the US stock market recently, we have still outperformed other countries' markets over the past several years. Our next guest says this is leading some investors to question the value of investing internationally.

Mike Switzer interviews [Bryan Ballentine](#), a certified financial planner in Greenville, SC.

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### [Upstate Company Awarded for Enhanced Learning Technology](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 5, 2020

Last year, our next guest's company was highlighted on this program for their assistance in the progress being made at [Clemson University's Center for Automotive Research](#) in Greenville, SC, in particular the student-run [Deep Orange](#) project. The company was then recognized for their efforts in this area of "augmented reality" with the [2019 InnoVision Award](#) for Technology Integration.

### [The Pandemic Pivot Continues](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 4, 2020

We're continuing to find stories of local businesses pivoting to participate in the making of products needed in this pandemic. Our next guest's Lowcountry apparel company is not only helping with the products but with the Chinese supply chain disruption as well.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Bernat, co-founder of [Vapor Apparel](#) in Hanahan, SC.

### [The Pandemic Shifts the Supply Chain](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 3, 2020

One of the most discussed economic issues involving the aftermath of the virus crisis is what will change with our supply chain. We have already talked with some companies on this show who have changed their sourcing from China to the US. Will that shift become more widespread?

### [A Timeframe for the Return to Economic Prosperity](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 2, 2020

Our state and national economies have slowly begun to re-open after months of dealing with the global pandemic. When can we expect to see the level of economic activity return to its pre-virus state?

Mike Switzer interviews [Frank Hefner](#), Director Office of Economic Analysis and Professor of Economics at the [College of Charleston](#).

### [SC Business Update from SCBizNews](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Jun 1, 2020

An update of the news, events and issues that are trending right now across South Carolina's business community.

Mike Switzer interviews Andy Owens, managing editor of [SCBizNews](#), the company that publishes the [Columbia Regional Business Report](#), [Charleston Regional Business Journal](#), [GSA Business](#) and [SCBizNews](#) magazine.

### [University Research Sparks Innovation in SC](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 29, 2020

A regular guest on this program, John “Swampfox” Warner, often talks about the importance of our state’s innovation and intellectual capital, particularly that which originates from our research universities. Our next guest is right in the middle of this scene.

### [New Marketing Strategies for New Times](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 28, 2020

The last time we interviewed our next guest two years ago, the economy was humming along and he was staying quite busy in the digital marketing world. The pandemic, of course, has changed everything and while businesses are starting to open back up, he says they should rethink their marketing strategies.

Mike Switzer interviews Chris Manley, CEO and co-founder of [Engenius](#) in Greenville, SC.

### [Leadership in a Time of Crisis](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 27, 2020

It's never easy running a company or organization, but our next guest says that in a time of crisis, such as we are in now, effective leadership is critical.

### [Financial Planning Opportunities During the Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 26, 2020

There's certainly a lot going on right now even with not a lot going on. We're still in a pandemic, the stock market continues to be volatile, and congress has passed and may keep passing massive rescue legislation. What is all of this doing to your financial plan?

Mike Switzer interviews Jon Robertson, a certified financial planner with [Abacus Planning Group](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [SC Entrepreneurial Update](#)

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### [Health Tech Start-Up Raises \\$5 Million](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 22, 2020

Raising venture capital has always been a struggle in the Palmetto State but late last year, our next guest was able to raise \$5 million for her start-up, right out of the gate. It probably helped that she also runs a venture fund.

Mike Switzer interviews Halle Tecco, CEO of [Natalist](#) in Charleston, SC.

### [Professional Golf Returns to SC in June](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 21, 2020

When the PGA Tour announced recently that they were restarting professional golf in June, our next guest was happy to find out that his tournament, the only one held in South Carolina, was going to be included when it had previously been written off for this year.

Mike Switzer interviews Steve Wilmot, tournament director of the [RBC Heritage](#) coming to Hilton Head Island, SC June 18-21.

### [How the Pandemic Has Changed Hiring](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 20, 2020

Prior to the pandemic, there existed a very tight labor market, with many companies in dire need of qualified employees in order to continue growing their businesses. With the unemployment rate continuing to balloon into double digits, the recruiting and hiring scene has certainly changed. How should companies proceed from here?

### [Improving Schools Through E-Learning](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 19, 2020

For years, our state has struggled to find ways to improve its overall performance among our K-12 public schools. Our next guest's organization has helped to create an [e-learning website](#) to further that effort which won the 2019 Innovision Community Service award.

Mike Switzer interviews Catherine Schumacher, president and CEO of [Public Education Partners Greenville County](#) in Greenville, SC.

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### [Investing in a "New Normal"](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 15, 2020

As we round the corner of this virus crisis, many investors are starting to think about what the focus of the portfolios should be, which sectors are expected to outperform and underperform as we move into a new normal.

Mike Switzer interviews Allen Gillespie, a chartered financial analyst with [Fintrust Capital Advisors](#) in Greenville, SC.

### [SC Business Shifts to Making Face Shields](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 14, 2020

With COVID-19 decimating the cruise industry, our next guest's Lowcountry company faced a serious dilemma because their main business was designing, manufacturing, and installing cruise ship signage and interiors. But like many other similarly affected businesses, they completely shifted their operations to manufacture something in demand during this crisis; in their case - medical face shields.

Mike Switzer interviews Patrick McNulty, co-owner of [The Bourne Group](#) in North Charleston, SC.

### [Managing Virtual Workers](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 13, 2020

It's certainly a different business world right now with most meetings still occurring virtually and a large percentage of workers performing their duties from home. What are the challenges managers and business owners are facing in this new normal work environment?

### [SC Pharma Company Leading During Crisis](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 12, 2020

Several years ago, we interviewed our next guest about why she had decided to move her pharmaceutical manufacturing company from Florida to South Carolina. It turned out to be a good move as the company has grown significantly since then. But what has also happened since then, the virus crisis, has brought the company to the forefront of much needed supplies, telehealth, rural broadband, and the anticipated economic recovery.

Mike Switzer interviews Lou Kennedy, CEO of [Nephron Pharmaceuticals](#) in West Columbia, SC.

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### [What Can Our Tourism Business Learn from Past Epidemics?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 8, 2020

In 2002, our next guest worked as the tourism development coordinator for Ontario, Canada. His main project was to get the hospitality industry back on track after the SARS virus derailed tourism in the province. He's now in our state, in the same industry, working with students at one of our major colleges in the Lowcountry.

Mike Switzer interviews Wayne Smith, chair of the [Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management in the School of Business at the College of Charleston](#).

### [Retirement Living Challenges During the Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 7, 2020

For 60 years, our next guest's faith-based nonprofit has been providing retirement living options, including assisted living and skilled nursing care for people across the state. It's a challenging business to begin with, and then came the coronavirus.

Mike Switzer interviews Dr. Franklin Fant, the current director of foundation services and church relations at [Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina](#) in Columbia, who is also currently transitioning to become their next CEO.

### [Transitioning Your Company to Successfully Exit the Virus Crisis](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 6, 2020

As the economic shutdown/reopening has occurred and will continue to occur in phases, many companies are still in a state of shock and struggling to identify and grab a hold of these transitional stages in order to prepare to successfully exit this crisis.

### [Annual Online Giving Day Supports Local Nonprofits](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 5, 2020

By now, many people are aware of two things involving the nonprofit sector: they have been hit particularly hard by the global pandemic and today is their annual online giving day, when they raise millions of dollars enabling them to continue to do the good work they do.

Mike Switzer interviews JoAnn Turnquist, president and CEO of [Central Carolina Community Foundation](#), the host of today's event entitled [Midlands Gives](#).

### [The Hazards of Economic Forecasting](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 4, 2020

When economists lay out their forecasts for all to see, they usually add a caveat such as “barring any unforeseen circumstances”. The COVID-19 global pandemic has certainly turned out to be one of those circumstances that has derailed all forecasts made prior to this virus rearing its ugly head.

### [Cities Helping Small Businesses During Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • May 1, 2020

In addition to the small business assistance programs being rolled out by the federal government during the global pandemic, many cities and towns are doing the same in order to provide an extra safety net.

Mike Switzer interviews Melissa Lindler, director of the [Office of Business Opportunities](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Upstate Company Wins Medical Equipment Award](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 30, 2020

Millions of people across the world suffer from complications that arise due to urinary or gastrointestinal tracts issues. The resulting operation is that an artificial, external pouch must be attached to the body. But additional complications can arise from the required manual emptying, cleaning and maintenance. Our next guest's company came up with a solution for that issue which won them the Innovision Small Enterprise Award for 2019.

Mike Switzer interviews Bruce Johnson, CEO of [Stomagienics, Inc.](#) in Greenville, SC.

## [Business Financial Management During a Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 29, 2020

The stress the global pandemic has put on the business community has added new dimensions to the science of cost controls. How does one manage costs when everything is broken?

## [Columbia Enlists Private Upstate Lab for Virus Testing](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 28, 2020

In order for our economy to begin to re-open, healthcare experts say that more virus testing needs to be done on the population. An Upstate genetics laboratory recently partnered with our capital city to provide immediate COVID-19 testing for the city's first responders and public-facing frontline staff members and employees, an important first step.

Mike Switzer interviews [Steve Benjamin, mayor of the city of Columbia, SC](#). The Greenville, SC lab is [Precision Genetics](#).

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## [Growing and Delivering Safe Food](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 24, 2020

During this time of crisis, being able to secure clean, safe food has become a priority. Our next guest's company has been in that business for several years and is helping to fill the void being caused by a shortage of farm workers.

Mike Switzer interviews Don Taylor, CEO of [AmplifiedAg](#) in Charleston, SC.

## [Cybersecurity Needs Increase During Pandemic](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 23, 2020

The pandemic has forced many more people onto the Internet to transact business. And this increased activity has resulted in a heightened need for cybersecurity.

Mike Switzer interviews Kevin Wade, CEO of [Intellisystems](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Managerial Insights During an Uncertain Time](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 22, 2020

As the head of our state's flagship business school, our next guest is staying particularly busy during the global pandemic, helping to facilitate not only new avenues for student learning, but to address the sudden change in needs of the business community. Part of that effort includes a series of weekly interviews on this radio show with his faculty, followed by a series of live Zoom conferences.

### [Mental Stress Increases During Crisis](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 21, 2020

One issue that is arising from the virus crisis is an expectation that the stress will strain our nation's mental health infrastructure as more and more people require assistance while more and more facilities and professionals face their own resulting issues.

Mike Switzer interviews Zenethia Brown, executive director of the [National Alliance on Mental Illness: Mid-Carolina](#).

### [SC Entrepreneurial Update from the Swampfox](#)

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An update of the news, issues, and events involving the entrepreneurial community in South Carolina.

Mike Switzer interviews John Warner is co-founder of Accessible Diagnostics and the [Swampfox Facebook](#) page, based in Greenville, S.C.

### [What You Should Know About the CARES Act](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 17, 2020

In an unprecedented short amount of time, the \$2.2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, aka the CARES Act, is now law and is in

the process of being enacted. Some of the major provisions of this new law will certainly affect South Carolina businesses and individuals.

Mike Switzer interviews John Cooper, a certified financial planner with Greenwood Capital in Greenwood, SC.

### [Upstate Institution Helps Family-Owned Businesses](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 16, 2020

Family-owned businesses make up a significant portion of the state and national economy and almost all of them are part of the small business sector that is being so dramatically affected by the current crisis. Our next guest's institution recently created a program to offer educational, networking, and professional development opportunities to these business owners.

Mike Switzer interviews Brad Bechtold, founding director of the [Family Enterprise Institute of South Carolina at Anderson University](#).

### [Professors Assisting Businesses](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 15, 2020

The global pandemic has dramatically altered businesses and their markets through mass closures, disruptions of supply chains, and of course, working from home. It's a time for thinking and working differently which is why one of the leading business schools in the country, with a world-renowned faculty, is working with this radio show to bring support to our state's business community.

### [Estate Planning During a Crisis](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 14, 2020

With so much death literally in the air during this virus crisis, many people are realizing they need to update or actually create their estate plans.

Mike Switzer interviews [Jeff Wildes, a certified financial planner in Georgetown, SC](#).

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### [Marketing During Tough Times](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 10, 2020

As we talk to the business community about surviving this virus crisis, the topic that doesn't come up much (because everyone is extremely busy with just coping) is that of how and when to resume marketing their products and services and making those needed sales calls.

Mike Switzer interviews Dru Cameron, president elect of the [Columbia, SC chapter of the American Marketing Association](#).

### [Upstate Craftsman Scores with Award-Winning Knife](#)

By Alfred Turner • Apr 9, 2020

It's not often that you run across someone whose career was actually something they had always wanted to do since childhood. Our next guest turned that dream into a reality that also made him the Outdoors category winner in the most recent [Made in the South Awards from Garden and Gun Magazine](#).

Mike Switzer interviews Alec Meier, founder of [Stono Knife Works](#) in Taylors, SC.

### [The Effect of the Virus Crisis on Homebuilding](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 8, 2020

If you live in a neighborhood that has new homes being built, you've probably noticed that home construction has not really slowed down. Is that because social distancing is easier in the construction industry or is the demand for new homes not seeing much effect from the virus crisis?

Mike Switzer interviews Mark Nix, executive officer of the [Homebuilders Association of South Carolina](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Restaurants and the Coronavirus](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 7, 2020

Prior to the coronavirus pandemic, the restaurant industry was booming, with new people entering the industry on a regular basis. Now, they are all but closed, relying on carry-out and delivery, if they can. Only one year ago, our next guest bought an existing restaurant business in the Midlands, expecting to be celebrating that anniversary, but instead...

Mike Switzer interviews Mita Patel, owner of [Columbia Wing Zone](#) near the University of SC campus in downtown Columbia, SC.

### [SC Entrepreneurial Update from the Swampfox](#)

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### [Small Business Opportunities in Local Forests](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 3, 2020

The US government can be a source of contracting opportunities for many small businesses across our state and across many different government agencies. Our next guest represents one of those agencies, one, however, that you may not think of as offering business opportunities.

Mike Switzer interviews Kelly Updegraff, a contracting officer with the [US Department of Agriculture Forest Service in Columbia, SC](#).

### [Competing in the Printing Business](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 2, 2020

Even without the virus crisis, small businesses always seem to be the underdog when competing with big national companies. Our next guest though has been competing and winning that battle.

Mike Switzer interviews Jerry Rega, founder and co-owner of [Regal Prints](#) in Columbia, SC.

### [Time to Buy the Oil Stocks?](#)

By [Mike Switzer](#) • Apr 1, 2020

The recent stock market crash is the fastest valuation decline in history. Faster than 1929, 1987, 2008...But our next guest believes we may have reached an inflection point and is particularly bullish now on the energy sector.

Mike Switzer interviews Tyson Halsey, a chartered financial analyst and managing member at [Income Growth Advisors in Charleston, SC](#). Tyson is also a member of the [SC Chapter of the CFA Society](#).



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[Conversations on S.C. History: Women and World War I](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Jun 29, 2020

Prior to that World War I, South Carolina was a predominantly rural state, with a Black majority population. The typical S.C. woman in 1916 was Black, and, if she was employed, she was likely an agricultural worker or a domestic worker. If she was White, a working woman was likely on the farm or in a textile mill. There was a quite small middle class where working women might be employed as teachers or a nurses; a few were clerical workers. The United States' entry into World War I offered women, White and Black, new opportunities.

[Reconstruction and the African American Struggle for Equality in the South](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Jun 22, 2020

Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr., has said, "Reconstruction is one of the most important and consequential chapters in American history. It is also among the most overlooked, misunderstood and misrepresented."

[What Does Freedom Mean? The Agency of Black People Before and After Emancipation](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Jun 17, 2020

On June 19th, 1865, Union general Gordon Granger read federal orders in Galveston, Texas, that all previously enslaved people in Texas were free. The news of Emancipation had finally come to the state. Today, this day is celebrated as Juneteenth.

What did it mean to these newly freed people to "be free"? What power, or "agency" did freedom bring? What agency had the enslaved managed to create before Emancipation?

## [The Winning of the American Revolution - in the South](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Jun 8, 2020

General U.S. history courses in many high schools depict the American Revolutionary War as a series of battles in the Northeast--Lexington, Concord, Bunker Hill, etc.--that lead inexorably to British General Charles Cornwallis's surrender of 8,000 British soldiers and seamen to a French and American force at Yorktown, Virginia, October 19, 1781.

The truth is much more complicated, of course. And a major component of the war, one that paved the way to Yorktown, was the fighting that took place in 1780 - 81 in the South.

In essence, according to Dr. Jack Warren and Dr. Walter Edgar, the war was won in the South.

## [The Colonial Carolina Frontier: Cherokees, Colonists, and Slaves](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Jun 1, 2020

In his book, [Carolina in Crisis: Cherokees, Colonists, and Slaves in the American Southeast, 1756 - 1763](#), (2015, UNC Press) Dr. Daniel J. Tortora, assistant professor of history at Colby College, explores how the Anglo-Cherokee War reshaped the political and cultural landscape of the colonial South. Tortora joins Walter Edgar for a discussion of these events in one of a series of public conversations, "Conversations on Colonial and Revolutionary South Carolina."

## [Why Southern Identity Still Matters](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • May 25, 2020

The American South has experienced remarkable change over the past half century. Black voter registration has increased, the region's politics have shifted, and in-migration has increased its population many fold. At the same time, many outward signs of regional distinctiveness have faded. But two professors of political science write that these changes have allowed for new types of Southern identity to emerge.

## [Reclaiming a Lost Hero of World War II](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • May 18, 2020

In November 1943, Marine 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman, Jr. was mortally wounded while leading a successful assault on a critical Japanese fortification on the Pacific atoll of Tarawa, and posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor. The brutal, bloody 76-hour battle would ultimately claim the lives of more than 1,100 Marines and 5,000 Japanese forces.

## ["They Stole Him Out of Jail" - Willie Earle, South Carolina's Last Lynching Victim](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • May 11, 2020

In *They Stole Him Out of Jail* (2019, USC Press), William B. Gravely presents the most comprehensive account of the Willie Earle's lynching ever written, exploring it from background to aftermath and from multiple perspectives. Gravely meticulously re-creates the case's details, analyzing the flaws in the investigation and prosecution that led in part to the acquittals. Vivid portraits emerge of key figures in the story, including both Earle and cab driver T. W. Brown, Solicitor Robert T. Ashmore, Governor Strom Thurmond, and Rebecca West, the well-known British writer who covered the trial for the *New Yorker* magazine.

## [Living by Inches: Captivity in Civil War Prisons](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • May 4, 2020

From battlefields, boxcars, and forgotten warehouses to notorious prison camps like Andersonville and Elmira, prisoners seemed to be everywhere during the American Civil War. Yet there is much we do not know about the soldiers and civilians whose very lives were in the hands of their enemies. On this week's Journal, Dr. Edgar talks with Dr. Evan Kutzler about *Living by Inches* (2019, UNC Press), the first book to examine how imprisoned men in the Civil War perceived captivity through the basic building blocks of human experience--their five senses.

## [Go Inside Catering, the Food World's Riskiest Business with Matt and Ted Lee](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Apr 27, 2020

This week on Walter Edgar's Journal, Mat Lee and Ted Lee drop in to talk about their new book, *Hotbox: Inside Catering, the Food World's Riskiest Business* (2019, Henry Holt). In *Hotbox*, the Lee brothers take on the competitive, wild world of high-end catering, exposing the secrets of a food business few home cooks or restaurant chefs ever experience. Known for their modern take on Southern cooking, the Lee brothers steeped themselves in the catering business for four years, learning the culture from the inside-out.

### [Rampage: MacArthur, Yamashita, and the Battle of Manila](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Apr 20, 2020

75 years ago, when Gen. Douglas MacArthur prepared to liberate the capital city of the Philippines in 1945, he believed that the occupying Japanese forces would retreat. Instead, determined to fight to the death, Japanese marines barricaded intersections, converted buildings into fortresses, and booby-trapped stores, graveyards, and even dead bodies.

### [An Edgefield Planter and His World: The 1840s Journals of Whitfield Brooks](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Apr 13, 2020

In his thoroughly researched and meticulously foot-noted publication, *An Edgefield Planter and His World: The 1840s Journals of Whitfield Brooks* (2019, Mercer University Press) Dr. James O. Farmer, Jr., opens a window on the life of an elite family and its circle in a now iconic place, during a crystalizing decade of the Antebellum era. By the time he began a new diary volume in 1840, Brooks (1790-1851) was among the richest men in a South Carolina district known for its cotton-and-slave-generated wealth.

### [Preserving South Carolina's Endangered Sacred Spaces](#)

By [Walter Edgar](#) • Apr 6, 2020

For almost 30 years, [Preservation South Carolina](#) has been dedicated to preserving and protecting the historic and irreplaceable architectural heritage of South Carolina. Executive Director Michael Bedenbaugh and board member join Walter Edgar to talk about some of their projects, including efforts to preserve Endangered Sacred Spaces, which includes the restoration of Abbeville's Trinity Episcopal Church.

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[SC Lede: COVID-19 — And Then There Were Three](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 30, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 30, 2020, host Gavin Jackson is joined by the Atlanta Journal Constitution's Maya T. Prabhu to take an in-depth look at Georgia's new hate crimes law. We also hear from South Carolina public health officials about increasing COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, listen to your voicemails, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Masking The Problem](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 27, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 27, 2020, host Gavin Jackson brings you a look at the cities that are and aren't issuing face mask requirements along with the Gov. Henry McMaster's thoughts on a statewide ordinance. Plus, we catch you up on the latest broadband expansion efforts including what internet maps in your area look like, hear from an MUSC doctor about when you should go to the hospital for COVID-19 symptoms, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Down Goes Johnny](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 25, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 25, 2020, host Gavin Jackson brings you an account of the removal of the John C. Calhoun statue from Charleston's Marion Square, a look at moves by two of the state's biggest cities to mandate mask usage in certain places, a breakdown of Gov. Henry McMaster's new restaurant COVID-19 safety plan, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — 1,000 Cases A Day Keeps The Normalcy Away](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 23, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 23, 2020, we look at Sen. Tim Scott's (R-SC) JUSTICE Act and related issues at the state level, hear from a lawyer about worker's compensation issues during these COVID-19 times, and get more info from one of DHEC's top officials handling the pandemic.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Cruel Summer](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 20, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 20, 2020, we examine the U.S. Supreme Court's landmark decision this week prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQ employees, as well as the latest unemployment data, and the link between stress and alcohol abuse during the pandemic. Plus, SC Lede horticulturalist Brinton Fox joins us with tips on what to plan this summer, and more!

[SC Lede: Searching For Equality 5 Years After Mother Emanuel](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 18, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 18, 2020, we reflect on the Mother Emanuel AME massacre in Charleston five years later. We also examine the police reform bill proposed by Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) and other GOP lawmakers, look at the latest COVID-19 numbers in the hotspot of Greenville, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Mystery Of The Rising Plateau](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 16, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 16, 2020, host Gavin Jackson looks at recommendations by the AccelerateED taskforce to address steps forward for educators and students amid the ongoing pandemic. Also, on this episode: an intimate discussion on race and policing; a leading research economist analyzes our economy; personal protective equipment challenges; and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — 'A Lot Of Stupid Floating Around'](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 13, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 13, 2020, host Gavin Jackson you a recap of the June 9 primaries from our first Zoom Happy Hour event with The Post and Courier's Caitlin Byrd and Jamie Lovegrove, The Associated Press' Meg Kinnard, and The State's Maayan Schechter. Plus, the latest COVID-19 numbers, what you should do if you're showing symptoms, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Pandemic Primary](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 11, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 11, 2020, host Gavin Jackson looks at the trials and tribulations voters faced in this week's primary elections, brings you updates on the top races around the state, breaks down the latest COVID-19 numbers from DHEC, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Pandemic Highs & Economic Woes](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 9, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 9, 2020, host Gavin Jackson takes you to the latest protest outside of the governor's mansion to hear what organizers want to see from local authorities, plus why University of South Carolina football coach Will Muschamp marched with his players. We also hear about an increase in domestic violence cases during the pandemic, look at how new graduates are facing a COVID-19 world, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — HurriCAN YOU NOT, 2020?!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 6, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 4, 2020, host Gavin Jackson looks at the challenges of preparing for hurricane season during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, speaks with Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) about George Floyd and President Donald Trump's leadership during a time of crisis, and breaks down the latest COVID-19 case and unemployment numbers. Plus, we listen to your voicemails and more!

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Education On The Brink](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 4, 2020



On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 4, 2020, we look at the upcoming June 9 primaries, Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin's thoughts on local government response to COVID-19, concerns of a potential lost generation of South Carolina students, and more.

### [SC Lede: Fighting In Memory Of George Floyd](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Jun 2, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for June 2, 2020, we take you to Saturday's protests in Columbia spurred by the death of George Floyd, which started with thousands gathered peacefully at the State House before devolving into isolated acts of destruction by a small group of people.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Information Superhighway Of Shame](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 30, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 30, 2020, we bring you major broadband discussion from several top lawmakers, medical professionals, and education leaders as we continue to look at how the COVID-19 pandemic is illuminating the need to expand this critical infrastructure in our state and country.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — A Macabre Milestone](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 28, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 28, 2020, we have updates on absentee voting for the June 9 primary, Boeing's layoffs from its North Charleston plant, and a clinical research trial to see what power T-cells from patients who have recovered from COVID-19 hold for others. Plus, we listen to your voicemails, and more!

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Making Up For Lost Time](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 26, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 26, 2020, we travel to Folly Beach, SC, for Memorial Day, recap recent legislative action with The Associated Press' Jeffrey Collins and The State's Maayan Schechter, and learn how hospitals are staffing back up in the Palmetto State. Plus, we listen to your voicemails, and more!

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Isle Of Facepalms](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 23, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 23, 2020, we take you to the Isle of Palms as residents return to the beaches, look at how some communities are planning economic relief packages, and learn about the use of the promising COVID-19 treatment remdesivir in the Palmetto State.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Lede Gets A Little Off The Top](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 21, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 21, 2020, we take you to the final meeting of Gov. Henry McMaster's AccelerateSC taskforce, visit a local barbershop as costumers return, and hear how some are looking to the past for guidance on moving forward in a COVID-19 world. Plus, we listen to your voicemails, and more!

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Lede Goes To Happy Hour](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 19, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 19, 2020, we look at the results of a Clemson University Palmetto Poll on South Carolinians' opinions on COVID-19, learn more about antibody tests being developed in the state, and take you to happy hour at a local establishment to see how they're navigating a new world.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Senate Vibe Checks McMaster](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 16, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 16, 2020, we look at how a majority of State Senate Republicans want to check Gov. Henry McMaster's emergency powers, and what he thinks about it. Plus, the governor tours a plant that produces practical face shields for non-medical applications, Dr. Linda Bell explains why are testing numbers don't provide the entire picture, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — He Likes Us! Fauci Likes Us!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 14, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 14, 2020, we take a deep look into the guidelines for reopening South Carolina businesses, recap the legislative action this week to keep the state funded, and hear what National

Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director Dr. Anthony Fauci thinks of the steps the Palmetto State has taken. Plus, your voicemails and more!

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Don't Mask Shame Me, Bro!](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 12, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 12, 2020, we look at Gov. Henry McMaster's decision to reopen more businesses in the state, hear about the lawsuit the ACLU has filed against the South Carolina Department of Corrections, discuss why it could take longer than expected for the state's tourism industry to rebound, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — What Day Is It Even?](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 9, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 9, 2020, we preview what lawmakers will be doing when they return to the state house next week, discuss safeguarding state primaries in June, and travel to Pendleton, SC, as Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) visits a textile plant to share his plan to reshore medical supply jobs.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — The Amazing Trace](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 7, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 7, 2020, we take you to a recent free COVID-19 testing site in the Pee Dee, recap the findings of a recent survey of South Carolina businesses, look at how the expansion of broadband access is gaining traction with lawmakers, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Covid De Mayo](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 5, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May, 5, 2020, we examine the latest COVID-19 numbers in the state as Gov. Henry McMaster's "work or home" order is lifted this week. We also look at Rep. James Clyburn's plan for affordable broadband internet access, speak with South Carolina Small Business Chamber of Commerce CEO Frank Knapp about how businesses are faring, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Take It Outside](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • May 2, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for May 2, 2020, we bring you insight into how Gov. Henry McMaster and other political leaders envision reopening the state, take the pulse of the Palmetto State's tourism industry, and find out what this year's college football season could look like. Plus, your voicemails and more!

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Work Or Home Or Myrtle Beach](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 30, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 30, 2020, we break down the latest COVID-19 numbers in the Palmetto State, take you to Myrtle Beach as the city votes to reopen its beaches and hotels, and look at Boeing's plans to lay off workers from its North Charleston plant. Plus, what the June 9 primary elections may look like, your voicemails, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Racial Disparities In Real Time](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 28, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 28, 2020, we take you to Greer, SC, where a shipment of over a million face masks meant for Prisma Health was delivered this weekend with local, state, and national political leaders in attendance. We also examine what the pandemic's impact on tax revenues could mean for the state's economy, discuss racial disparities related to COVID-19, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — While I Cough, I Hope](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 25, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 25, 2020, we take you to the first meeting of Accelerate SC, Gov. Henry McMaster's COVID-19 taskforce aimed at jumpstarting the economy. We also speak to protesters calling for the governor to reopen the state this week, learn how the state's prisons are dealing with the pandemic, and more.

[SC Lede: COVID-19 — Find Your Own Beach](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 23, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 23, 2020, we head to the coast to see how cities are handling the reopening of beaches after local governments were given the ability to lift bans this week. We also break down announcements by Gov. Henry McMaster and Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman that schools will remain closed for the rest of this academic year. Plus, your voicemails and more!

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Palmetto Plateau](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 21, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 21, 2020, we discuss Gov. Henry McMaster's announcements this week that certain stores and beaches in the state can reopen. We also visit the McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC, to learn about the healthcare challenges COVID-19 poses to rural areas, listen to your voicemails, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Soft Open In Sight](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 18, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 18, 2020, we breakdown comments by Gov. Henry McMaster and other state officials about how and when the state's economy could reopen. We also look at substance abuse and addiction during these challenging times, listen to your voicemails, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — A Disaster Inside A Pandemic](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 16, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 16, 2020, we examine the impact of severe weather on the Palmetto State in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and visit Seneca, SC, to speak with residents whose lives were changed by the damage caused by tornadoes earlier this week. We also learn about the complications faced by those living with cancer during this virus crisis, speak with a financial adviser about what people should do with their stimulus checks, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Easter Staycation](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 14, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 14, 2020, we take you to The Basilica of Saint Peter in Columbia, SC, to see how coronavirus changed the way this Catholic church held its Easter Sunday services. We also look at the impact of the pandemic on local teachers, listen to your voicemails, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — A Rising Tide Of Cases, Unemployment, Deaths And Unemployment](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 11, 2020

On this episode of the South Carolina Lede for April 11, 2020, we examine the state legislature's failure to pass continuing resolution this week, discuss what increasing unemployment numbers could mean for our economy moving forward, and explore how lack of adequate high-speed internet is affecting many South Carolinians' access to healthcare, e-learning, and other services. We also look at the latest case numbers, listen to your voicemails, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Surge Protection](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 9, 2020

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On this episode for April 9, 2020, we take you to the South Carolina State House as lawmakers reconvened to vote on continuing resolution to keep the state government operating, emergency response funds, and more. We then speak with Andrew Boozer, executive director of Senior Resources in Richland County, about challenges facing organizations working to help food insecure senior citizens during this pandemic. We also look at the latest state economic numbers, listen to your voicemails, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Stay At Home \(For Real This Time\)](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 7, 2020

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On this episode for April 7, 2020, US Attorney for South Carolina Peter McCoy joins us to discuss a new strike team investigating price gouging scams related to the coronavirus pandemic. We then speak with Sara Barber, director of the South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, about how uncertain times and self-isolation can lead to or increase domestic abuse and what warning signs you should look for if you suspect someone you know is a victim. We also look at the latest updates from Gov. Henry McMaster and other state officials, listen to your voicemails, and more.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — 28 Days Later](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 4, 2020

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On this episode for April 4, 2020, we speak with U.S. Rep. Joe Cunningham (D-SC) about his experience testing positive for COVID-19, see how food banks are faring during this crisis, and talk with State Superintendent of Education Molly Spearman about the current challenges facing the education system. We also look back at actions taken by the governor's office in the month since the first reported case of COVID-19 in South Carolina.

### [SC Lede: COVID-19 — Homeward Bound](#)

By [Gavin Jackson](#) • Apr 2, 2020

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On this episode for April 2, 2020, we discuss Gov. Henry McMaster's executive order closing all non-essential businesses in South Carolina, the latest unemployment numbers, and more. We also speak with Brinton Fox,

owner of Boone Fox Farms in Columbia, SC, about how the virus is affecting agricultural businesses like hers and ask her for tips for people beginning gardens while staying at home.



## South Carolina Focus

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#### [At This Intersection in Downtown Columbia, The Rollin Sisters Fought For the Vote](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Jun 30, 2020

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote, South Carolina Public Radio and South Carolina ETV are broadcasting the series Sisterhood: South Carolina Suffragists. The series looks at how local women played roles in a national movement that eventually guaranteed more than 26 million women the right to vote.

#### [Strong Storms Possible Sunday and Monday Across South Carolina](#)

By Megan Borowski • Jun 27, 2020

Strong thunderstorms capable of producing damaging straight line winds are possible Sunday and Monday across portions of the Palmetto State.

Forecast models suggest that isolated severe thunderstorm cells, mainly capable of damaging wind gusts, will be most likely to develop toward the northern Midlands and Upstate, where mid-level energy is expected to be strongest.

#### [S.C. Public Radio Special Coverage: Gov. Henry McMaster Gives a COVID-19 Update](#)

By Alfred Turner • Jun 26, 2020

Today at 4:00 p.m.: Governor Henry McMaster and his emergency response team will offer a live update on the state's efforts to battle the spread of the coronavirus. South Carolina Public Radio will broadcast the briefing.

Watch live video of the briefing [here...](#)

## [Capital City Columbia Passes Face Covering Ordinance](#)

By Vince Kolb-Lugo • Jun 26, 2020

As COVID-19 cases continue to spike, more cities are passing their own rules requiring masks. Clemson and Charleston are joining Greenville and Columbia in requiring everyone to wear masks in grocery stores and pharmacies.

South Carolina Public Radio's Vince Kolb-Lugo spoke with Columbia mayor Steve Benjamin about the city's new [rules](#), which go into effect Friday, June 26, 2020.

## [Calhoun Statue Overlooking Charleston Takes Time to Come Down](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Jun 25, 2020

It's been nearly impossible to see the face of John C. Calhoun perched atop a more than 100-foot pedestal over the Charleston city skyline for 124 years, but now the likeness of the South Carolina statesman is gone.

It took time to take down.

Calhoun was a former State Senator and Vice President of the United States. But he was also a well-known advocate of racist policies, especially slavery.

The Debate

His stature in one of the city's most prominent parks, Marion Square, has been debated for years.

## [Statue of John C. Calhoun Comes Down in Charleston](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Jun 24, 2020

A statue of John C. Calhoun has stood atop a perch of more than one hundred feet over Marion Square for 124 years and it was no easy task taking the likeness down.

Calhoun was a former State Senator and Vice President of the United States. But he was also well known as an advocate of racist policies and slavery.

His stature in one of the city's most prominent parks has been debated for years.

## [How 2020 Almost Killed Greenville Tech's New Black Students Initiative. Almost.](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jun 22, 2020

Back in January, South Carolina Public Radio spoke to Dr. Alecia Watt, the director of Greenville Technical College's Educational Opportunity Program, about the school's initiative to identify and retain African-American male students who were at risk of dropping out.

The original feature is [here](#).

## [SC Continues to See Record Number of New Cases Of COVID-19](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Jun 22, 2020

New cases of the coronavirus are soaring in the state causing a new set of challenges for state and local officials.

For the first three months of the COVID-19 pandemic, South Carolina saw relatively low numbers of cases attributed to a series of state mandates ordering schools and many businesses closed, and for people to stay home.

## [Juneteenth Brings Two Calls for Name Changes in Rock Hill](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jun 19, 2020

Two calls to change names tied to the Confederacy occurred in Rock Hill Friday. One was the call by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees to change the name of Tillman Hall back to Main Hall - a move echoing this exact call at Clemson University last week and similar to the one at the University of South Carolina to remove the name Sims from a dorm; the other an effort to rename Confederate Park.

## [Educators Consider COVID's Effects on Higher Education](#)

By Tut Underwood • Jun 19, 2020

The coronavirus has changed life for everyone - from washing hands frequently to wearing masks to keeping social distance - and every segment of our society. The realm of higher education is no different. According to Clemson University Dean of Education George Peterson, colleges and universities are wrestling with how COVID-19 will affect their abilities to get back into the classroom - at least partially - while keeping everyone safe.

## [Chris Singleton, Son of Emanuel AME Shooting Victim, Pens Book for Anniversary](#)

By [Victoria Hansen](#) • Jun 17, 2020

Five years ago, Chris Singleton was a carefree college student dreaming of playing professional baseball when he got the call that changed his life.

"I'll never forget it," says Singleton. "I was 18 years-old and I got a call from my mom's phone actually and the lady on the other end was saying 'Chris you got to get down here right now something bad happened.' "

## [Chester PD Addresses McCree Shooting Incident](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jun 16, 2020

On Tuesday, Chester Police Chief Eric Williams held a press conference regarding the killing of 28-year-old Ariane McCree by a city police officer last fall.

Williams said the press conference was an effort to be fully transparent in an incident that has dogged the department since November. Hear the full press conference below.

## [Experts Project COVID's Effect on the Business Workplace Going Forward](#)

By Tut Underwood • Jun 12, 2020

U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Jovante Johnson

Things are looking differently as businesses in South Carolina and elsewhere gradually open back up amid a still active coronavirus outbreak. Workplaces include the use of shields, masks, gloves, distance and other new methods. But according to Dr. Rich Harrill, director of the University of South Carolina's International Tourism Research Institute, the changes in routine may not be as dramatic as some might think.

## [The Meals on the Bus Go Round and Round for Bennettsville's Most Vulnerable Residents](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jun 11, 2020

Marlboro County is not among South Carolina's healthiest. [Data from 2019 by the Department of Health and Environmental Control](#) shows Marlboro to be well above state averages for every chronic health condition and risk

factor it measures, well below state averages for vaccinations and physical activity, and a contender for the county with the highest percentage of families living below the poverty level in South Carolina.

Marlboro is also one of the state's most rural counties, and it has one of the highest black populations in the state.

### [Contact Sports Businesses Adjust to Life with COVID-19](#)

By Scott Morgan • Jun 10, 2020

How does a gym for a high-contact sport like mixed martial arts or boxing go about its business when there's a virus in the air that demands we stay far apart?

The short answer: Carefully.

### [Live Video of the June 10, 2020, House Policing Hearing](#)

By Alfred Turner • Jun 9, 2020

The House Judiciary Committee is holding hearings on racial profiling and policing following the killing of George Floyd. The hearings follow congressional Democrats unveiling legislation that would amount to major reforms for the nation's police departments. The hearing is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., June 10.

### [Greenville Institutions Take on Community and Racial Equality](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jun 9, 2020

If no other metric would convey the weight Greenville County's institutions and residents are giving the discussion of how to dismantle ingrained racism in the county, the attendance at [Tuesday's Community Matters online forum](#) would do it.

### [The Class of 2020, Now What?](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Jun 9, 2020

Maddie Wallace was on spring break in the Bahamas when she got the news; she would not be going back to school. The coronavirus was declared a pandemic and the College of Charleston planned to shut down campus. She finished her classes online in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"I was at home in my childhood bedroom," she laughs.

"My mom would peek in my room and be like, 'are you done yet?' I'm like, 'Mom I'm in class.'

There's nothing like moving home to cramp a college student's life.

## [Results of the 2020 South Carolina Senate Primaries](#)

By Alfred Turner • Jun 8, 2020

Get live updates of statewide totals and county-by-county results, here, on June 9th.

## [Hurricane Season Begins Amid COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

By Tut Underwood • Jun 4, 2020

This week is not only the beginning of hurricane season, it is Hurricane Preparedness Week in South Carolina. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the National Weather Service are predicting an above-normal hurricane season for 2020.

NWS Hydrologist Leonard Vaughn explained, "typically we have on average, 12 named storms, six of those becoming hurricanes and three of those becoming major hurricanes, which are a category 3 storm or higher. And the forecast this year has us with 13 to 19 storms and three to six of those will be in the major category."

## [Tropical Storm Cristobal Forms in Southern Gulf, Sets New Record](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Jun 2, 2020

Update June 3, 2020 10:00AM EDT: Tropical Storm Cristobal made landfall at approximately 9:35AM EDT Wednesday morning in the state of Campeche, Mexico with wind speeds of 60 mph.

## [COVID-19 Pandemic Has Potential to Create "Education Crisis for A Generation" Of SC Students](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Jun 2, 2020

For the state's public schools the first of June normally marks the end of the school year. But this year the coronavirus outbreak changed that. On March 2020 Gov. Henry McMaster ordered schools closed.

## [Chester Prays for Unity, Healing Amid Violence](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Jun 1, 2020

Chester County Sheriff Max Dorsey doesn't want his county to make the news because it's on fire.

"I don't want [Chester] to look like burning buildings," he said. "I want the world to see Chester as unified."

### [Tropical Depression Three Forms in the Southwestern Gulf of Mexico](#)

By Jeff Huffman & Dr. Athena Masson • Jun 1, 2020

The third tropical system of the year formed Monday, which was ironically the first day of an already busy 2020 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

The National Hurricane Center began issuing advisories on Tropical Depression Three late Monday afternoon. Radar and satellite imagery were used to identify the center of circulation near the west coast of the Yucatan Peninsula, where pockets of showers and thunderstorms were rotating around it across much of Central America and southeast sections of Mexico.

### [Charleston Business Owners Face Violence Following George Floyd Protests](#)

By [Victoria Hansen](#) • May 31, 2020

Ken Schneider looks out from his wine bar on King Street in downtown Charleston in disbelief.

The city that displayed a wealth of grace in the aftermath of the massacre at Mother Emanuel and the shooting death of Walter Scott somehow succumbed Saturday night to the violence erupting nationwide following yet another senseless death, this time thousands of miles away in Minnesota.

"The mob just started breaking all the windows," he says. "Over the next 90 minutes we had roaming gangs of anywhere from eight to 12 people come in."

### [Rock Hill Marches for George Floyd, May Get Citizens Review](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 30, 2020

On Saturday morning, about 1,000 residents of all ages and races gathered in Rock Hill's Fountain Park to protest the death of George Floyd, a black man who died in the custody of four police officers in Minneapolis, Minn.

Floyd's death sparked protests in cities across the U.S. over the past week, calling for racial justice and an end to what protesters say is a history of police abuse and mistreatment of black citizens.

While some protests have turned violent, including one in Charlotte Friday afternoon, the Rock Hill march was one conceived in peace as a way to bring attention to the plight of black communities.

### [A Fort Mill Nurse's Insights at the Dawn of the Telehealth Age](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 29, 2020

Fabiana Troxler spent a decade and a half in primary care nursing, but she wanted a little more from her work. In February, she made the leap to in-home, visiting nurse practitioner for geriatric patients. She joined Prospero Health in Charlotte to do so and gleefully set about her new career path.

"My heart was always with geriatrics," she said.

About three weeks into that new career, it was March of 2020.

### [Maintaining Mental Health in the Face of COVID-19](#)

By Tut Underwood • May 28, 2020

Many people are on edge, even as businesses start to open back up in the face of the COVID pandemic, worrying about whether it's too soon, and will more people being out and about bring a spike in the numbers of cases or deaths?

### [As NASA Prepares for Historic SpaceX Launch, A Look at How an SC Native, Clemson Grad Plays a Role](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • May 27, 2020

For the first time in nine years, astronauts will launch into space from American soil. Wednesday's planned [test flight](#) of the SpaceX Crew Dragon will send two astronauts, [Douglas Hurley](#) and [Robert Behnken](#) to the International Space Station.

### [Tropical Storm Bertha Forms, Heading for Landfall in South Carolina](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski & Dr. Athena Masson • May 27, 2020

Tuesday 2pm EDT Update: Bertha has weakened to a Tropical Depression with maximum sustained wind speeds of 35 mph.



As of 2PM EDT Wednesday afternoon Bertha was located about 70 miles north-northwest of Charleston and continues to move inland at about 15 mph, delivering heavy showers to the Midlands, Pee Dee and Lowcountry regions.

### [How Will Greenville Spend Its CARES Money? Good Question](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 26, 2020

When the U.S. Treasury released its list of jurisdictions that would be getting money from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES, Act, someone had to tell the Greenville County Council that the county was on it.

“Somebody said, ‘Hey, I think I saw you guys on a website,’” said Council Chairman Butch Kirven. “We looked and printed out the list, and sure enough, there we were.”

Along with the listing was the amount of money the county would be receiving to help recharge its COVID-choked small business economy – \$91.4 million.

### [Musicians Stay Connected During Virus Outbreak with Online Performances](#)

By [Tut Underwood](#) • May 25, 2020

Musicians nationwide, like many performing artists, have had their shows cancelled indefinitely by concerns over the spread of the coronavirus. South Carolina artists were no less affected, but Jesse Colin Young found a way to still communicate with his audience by making videos that his wife posts online on Facebook, YouTube and other sites.

### [Severe Thunderstorm Watch Issued for Upstate, Midlands](#)

By [Ray Hawthorne & Megan Borowski](#) • May 22, 2020

Areas of strong, damaging winds and large hail are possible as a cluster of thunderstorms moves across portions of the Palmetto state Friday afternoon and early evening. For this reason, the Storm Prediction Center has issued a Severe Thunderstorm Watch until 8 PM for the Upstate and Midlands, including Columbia, Greenville, Spartanburg, and Rock Hill.

### [Gov. Henry McMaster Set to Get Recommendations On \\$2 Billion Cares Act Spending](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • May 22, 2020

## S.C. General Assembly Will Have Final Say

SC Gov. Henry McMaster is expected to receive the first set of recommendations next week on how the state should spend just under \$2 Billion Congress provided for expenses incurred by state and local governments, hospitals, and schools and colleges during the public emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The federal aid has some pretty big strings attached to it, namely that the \$2 Billion can only be spent on expenditures directly related to the coronavirus outbreak.

## [To Beach or Not to Beach? What to Expect during a Pandemic this Memorial Day](#)

By Victoria Hansen • May 22, 2020

Even before the much-anticipated Memorial Day weekend, Lowcountry beaches once vacant because of a potentially deadly pandemic, were crammed with people.

"We were over run," says Isle of Palms Mayor Jimmy Carroll.

"People came out in droves that we haven't seen before in my 60 plus years of living on the Isle of Palms.

### The Beach Debate

Pictures of the island showing tents and bathing suit clad bodies dotting the coast blew up on social media. Some saw families responsibly enjoying the sun and sand. Others saw a simmering petri dish.

## [NOAA Says a Busy Hurricane Season is Likely](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • May 21, 2020

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) anticipates an above-normal hurricane season this year for the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico.

Acting NOAA Administrator Neil Jacobs announced the forecast Wednesday.

The NOAA outlook predicts a 60% chance of an above-normal season, a 30% chance of a near-normal season, and only a 10% chance of a below-normal season.

## [MUSC Lancaster/Chester Nearly Back to... Wait, Can We Still Say Normal?](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 21, 2020

The Medical University of South Carolina's hospitals in Lancaster and Chester are mostly back to being fully staffed. A little more than a month ago, around 75 of MUSC Health's 900 layoffs happened at these two Upstate locations, but Scott Broome, the CEO for the Lancaster and Chester locations, said he expects a fully returned staff by July 1.

It's a far cry from where the hospitals were just weeks ago.

## ["These Stories Matter." New Project Aims to Show How COVID-19 is Redefining Black Life in SC](#)

By [Thelisha Eaddy](#) • May 21, 2020

Latest COVID-19 numbers released by SCDHEC show the total number of people confirmed to have the virus, in the state, at 9,175. The agency's May 20 Coronavirus update also showed the number of residents who died from the disease had reached 407.

Almost half of the COVID-19 fatalities in South Carolina (as of the week of May 5) were black residents, despite the demographic comprising just over a quarter of the state's population (according to the 2010 Census, African Americans make up 27% of SC's population).

## [River Flooding Likely to Follow This Week's Heavy Rains](#)

By [Ray Hawthorne](#) • May 20, 2020

Persistent heavy rainfall this week, which has led to 3 to 7 inches of rain as of Wednesday morning based on radar data and cooperative observers over the Upstate and Midlands, is likely to lead to river flooding in the coming days statewide.

## [Reopening Too Soon? Lowcountry Mayor and Charleston Historian Reflect on the Spanish Flu](#)

By [Victoria Hansen](#) • May 20, 2020

It was the fall of 1918. Charleston had quickly gone from a bustling city to a vacant, ghost town. People were quarantined for five weeks because of a deadly pandemic. They were restless, eager to get back to business as usual.

Sound familiar?

Under Quarantine 1918

"Something we all in Charleston are experiencing right now happened in a very similar way," says College of Charleston historian Jacob Steere-Williams. He's been studying pandemics for 20 years.

### [Heavy Rain, Possible Flooding This Week in Upstate and Midlands Regions](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • May 18, 2020

Update Tuesday May 19, 2020: Round after round of showers and thunderstorms will increase the flooding threat across the Upstate and northern Midlands through Thursday. Showers and thunderstorms have already produced 2 to 4 inches of rain since Monday morning for parts of the Upstate. Rain accumulations are setting the stage for flooding to develop through at least midweek.

### [Of Storm-Felled Trees and Small Landowners](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 18, 2020

Earlier this month, the South Carolina Forestry Commission estimated that tornadoes that hit the state on April 13 destroyed close to 4,300 acres of trees. In dollars, that adds up to about \$4 million in losses to South Carolina's timber industry.

While that's less than 1 percent of the state's timber economy overall, it's not an evenly distributed sum. Smaller landowners, with 20 to 40 acres and who lost a few acres of trees on April 13, could face some significant losses, says Patrick Hiesl, assistant professor of forestry operations at Clemson University.

### [Season's First Tropical Storm Forms East of Florida](#)

By Megan Borowski • May 16, 2020

Saturday 11 pm EDT Update: Hurricane hunters have found the tropical depression east of #Florida has strengthened into Tropical Storm #Arthur. Forecast track shifted slightly east, farther off the coast of the Carolinas.

Original story Saturday afternoon: The first tropical depression of the year has formed just east of Florida, sixteen days prior to the official start of the Atlantic hurricane season.

## [Cooper River Bridge Run Cancelled Because of Coronavirus](#)

By Victoria Hansen • May 15, 2020

It's one of the state's largest sporting events people can take part in and it's never been postponed or cancelled before, until now.

The 43rd annual Cooper River Bridge run initially moved from April to August because of the coronavirus pandemic is officially off.

The 10 K connects the town of Mount Pleasant with the city of Charleston and the mayors of both communities issued a statement Friday.

## [SC General Assembly Approves Budget Resolution, Adds New Funding to Combat COVID-19](#)

By Russ McKinney • May 15, 2020

The SC House and Senate were finally able to agree on a resolution this week that will keep state government operating beyond the end of this fiscal year on June 30th. Lawmakers interrupted this year's legislative session back in March because of the coronavirus outbreak before they approved a new budget for the next fiscal year. Now, the state will continue its' current spending plan at least until September when it's anticipated a new budget will be enacted.

## [\(3-\) DIY Projects to Thwart the Spread of Coronavirus](#)

By Scott Morgan • May 15, 2020

3D Systems, an international 3-D printing equipment company with a plastics manufacturing plant in Rock Hill, is a major reason why 3-D printing is a thing in the first place. That put the company in a pretty good spot to be an early responder to the call for personal protective equipment (PPE) and small specialty parts for hospital machines like ventilators.

But with those "early brushfires" mostly under control, the company's vice president and general manager of plastics, Menno Ellis, says 3D Systems is now focusing on the next most-needed thing in the fight to rein in COVID-19: diagnostic equipment.

## [Dealing with COVID-Related "Cabin Fever"](#)

By Tut Underwood • May 14, 2020

Even though many stores and restaurants are gradually opening, many people are still working from home to avoid the spread of the coronavirus. Others are confined to their homes by self-quarantining, or by unemployment.

### [Will South Carolina's Black Churches Be Another COVID Casualty?](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 13, 2020

The [inequities of COVID-19 are complicated](#), but one trend stands out above all others – African-Americans in South Carolina are affected by – and dying from – the disease at much higher rates than Caucasians.

So what does that have to do with church?

Well, the relationship between African-Americans and most public institutions is also complicated.

### [Chances Increasing that a Subtropical Storm Will Develop Near Bahamas This Weekend](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • May 12, 2020

WEDNESDAY MIDDAY UPDATE: There is now a “high” chance of subtropical development near or north of the Bahamas this weekend, according to the 8 am outlook from the National Hurricane Center. Forecasters place the probability that a depression or storm will form at 70 percent, which is an increase from 50 percent on Tuesday.

### [Stretching the Supply of N95 Masks](#)

By Vince Kolb-Lugo • May 12, 2020

With personal protective equipment in short supply, researchers are figuring out how to fill in the gaps and stretch supplies.

One researcher at Clemson University is developing new methods to clean and sanitize medical masks that healthcare providers use.

Dr. Mark Johson, professor of material science and engineering, and director of the [Center for Advanced Manufacturing](#) at Clemson, joins Vince Kolb-Lugo to discuss ways to cleanse N95 masks as well as how the coronavirus has impacted manufacturers in South Carolina.

### [Mask Makers Help Keep Health Care Workers Safe](#)

By Tut Underwood • May 12, 2020

Both small businesses and individuals have enlisted in an effort to help hospitals, doctors' offices and employees of other institutions to protect themselves from the coronavirus by making reusable cloth masks, gowns or other protective equipment.

### [S.C. General Assembly to Address State Budget Amidst COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • May 11, 2020

This year's session of the SC General Assembly was interrupted by the coronavirus outbreak back in March before lawmakers were able to approve next year's state operating budget.

So, they plan to return to Columbia for a couple of days this week to pass a resolution to continue the current year's budget beyond the end of the state fiscal year on June 30th.

Legislative leaders hope to meet again in September to enact a new budget. By then they should have a better idea of just how much of an impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the state's economy.

### [Unusual Late Season Frost Possible This Weekend](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • May 8, 2020

Patches of frost are becoming increasingly likely over northern South Carolina this weekend.

A strong cold front that is expected to bring showers to much of the state Friday into Friday evening will have chilly air behind it. The air temperature on Saturday is forecast to barely push past 60 degrees in parts of the state — about 15 degrees below early May averages.

### [SC Prison Inmates Sue for Early Release as Coronavirus Claims Lives Inside](#)

By Victoria Hansen • May 7, 2020

51 year-old Chris Varner of Anderson found love late in life. He's been married to Gay Stanley for nearly a year. They've spent much of their time together, apart. He worries he may never see her again.

"I honestly believe it would be the end of her if she catches it," says Varner.

His 48 year-old spouse is vulnerable to the coronavirus. She has chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or COPD. It's a lung disease that makes it hard to breathe.

### [An Rx for BS: A Look at Media Literacy in Crisis Mode](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 7, 2020

The gutting of newsroom staffs, the rise of social media, the absence of solid answers during a pandemic ... All things that have made for an information environment that can be questionable at best, dangerous at worst.

So how does a media consumer become a savvy media consumer; one who can spot real information and solid journalism on news sites and equally spot bogus news, personal opinions, and general quackery on social media sites or even actual news outlets?

### [Second Wave of Storms to Arrive Tuesday Evening](#)

By [Athena Masson](#) • May 5, 2020

UPDATE 4:00 PM EDT: A Severe Thunderstorm Watch has been issued for the Upstate region and northern parts of the Midlands and Pee Dee, valid until 11:00 PM EDT Tuesday.

Strong to severe thunderstorms are likely to develop from west to east during the evening, beginning in the Upstate areas. A few thunderstorms have the potential to produce large hail, damaging winds, and isolated tornadoes.

Here are the most likely times of arrival for showers or thunderstorms for select locations across the state:

5 - 7 PM EDT: Western Upstate, including Greenville, Seneca and Spartanburg.

6-8 PM EDT: Rock Hill, York and Lancaster.

8 - 10 PM EDT: Bennettsville, Florence and Chesterfield.

### [Facing Dwindling Funds, Nonprofits Look to Annual Giving Event for Needed Support](#)

By [Thelisha Eaddy](#) • May 4, 2020



According to a recent survey by the South Carolina Community Loan fund, many nonprofits say they will run out of funding by June; 80 percent indicated they will be out money by September.

Elizabeth Houck works with Midlands Gives, an 18-hour online giving event powered by the Central Carolina Community Foundation. For the past six years, the event has raised almost 10 million dollars for local nonprofits. Houck said this year's event, in the midst of a pandemic, the need to give organizations is even greater.

### [Report: SC Rents Stabilize; York County's Keep Climbing](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 1, 2020

The coronavirus quarantine's effect on rents in South Carolina and bordering metros has largely been one of flattening out, according to data released Thursday by ApartmentList.

[ApartmentList's April market report](#) shows that over 13 sampled areas in South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia, average rent prices since March have moved little more than a half-percent at most in either direction, a trend mirrored in statewide rent prices over the three states.

### [A First Taste of Mangoes and Other New Realities at Upstate Food Pantries](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • May 1, 2020

Food pantries in the Upstate and Pee Dee have had to adjust to the coronavirus pandemic on the fly, like everyone else. They've seen need for food increase with spikes in South Carolinians out of work, as much as they seem increased demands on their time, energy, resources, and budgets.

But they're also learning a lot about themselves, about the people who visit, and about the ones who help them with their missions. Here are three pantries and what they're facing in the pandemic.

### [New Website Links Health Care Providers with PPE Suppliers](#)

By Tut Underwood • May 1, 2020

In this day of spreading coronavirus, a new website has been developed to put health care providers, first responders and various companies in touch with South Carolina manufacturers who can produce essentially all of the

supplies required by hospitals, plants or anyone in need of safety equipment.

SCCOVID19.org was the result of a collaboration between the South Carolina Hospital Association, the S.C. Manufacturing Extension Partnership (SCMEP), the S.C. Dept. of Commerce and SC Bio.

### [SC's Eviction Stay, Scheduled to End Friday, Extended](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Apr 30, 2020

Update: The South Carolina Supreme Court announced it would extend the state eviction moratorium after this story published. It will extend the stay on evictions and foreclosures for another two weeks.

South Carolina's state moratorium on evictions for unpaid rent is set to expire on Friday. While the federal moratorium continues until at least Aug.24, the expiration of the statewide stay on evictions could translate into thousands of lawsuits, says Adam Protheroe, a housing attorney at SC Appleseed Legal Justice Center in Columbia.

### ['We Have the Biology of this Disease... We Have the Psychology of this Disease'](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Apr 30, 2020

While the state's political and business leadership is focused on bringing South Carolina's economy back as soon as possible, it is becoming increasingly clear to them that restoring public trust that it's safe to go back to work, travel and shop will be key to unlocking the economy. And the same holds true for re-opening schools.

### [Who Decides if College Football Returns in the Fall?](#)

By Vince Kolb-Lugo • Apr 30, 2020

College athletic directors are optimistic about the prospects of a 2020 college football season. According to a recent poll by [Stadium Sports Network](#), 99% think there will be a season, though when it will begin is another question. The network polled 130 athletic directors. 114 responded.

### [Local Stores Face Challenges Re-opening in Charleston](#)

It's one of those warm days when a little free air conditioning would feel good strolling along King Street in Charleston. But despite the governor's

executive order allowing retailers to re-open during the coronavirus pandemic, many store doors remain padlocked.

"We've been through a few world wars and a couple of depressions," says Gary Flynn, part owner of M. Dumas and Sons. "We'll get through this too."

The upscale men's clothing store at the corner of King and Society Streets is open, and that's not surprising. The business has been around for 103 years.

### [Squall Line Likely to Move through South Carolina Wednesday Night](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Jeff Huffman & Megan Borowski • Apr 28, 2020

Update as of Noon Wednesday:

### [The Complex Inequities of COVID-19 in South Carolina](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Apr 27, 2020

The exact numbers keep changing, but the percentages have remained relatively steady. And they show that African-Americans are South Carolina's most disproportionately affected group when it comes to COVID-19 cases and deaths.

But they also show that men and women overall are disproportionately affected (though less so than African-Americans), in two different ways.

### [Coronavirus Risk Causes Anxiety in Expectant Mothers](#)

By Tut Underwood • Apr 24, 2020

Everyone is taking extra precautions to avoid the risk of getting the coronavirus and its resulting disease, COVID-19. But one group of people seems especially fearful of getting the virus: expectant mothers. Dr. Stephanie Berg, a Prisma Health psychiatrist who treats pregnant and post-partum mothers with depression and anxiety, said pregnancy and anxiety go hand in hand, but now she's seeing normal nerves shift into concern about getting the coronavirus.

### [South Carolina Prisons Are \(So Far\) Among the Least Affected by COVID](#)

By Scott Morgan • Apr 24, 2020

So far, South Carolina's correctional system has managed to duck the high infection rates plaguing prisons in states like Ohio and Mississippi. According to Bryan Stirling, director of the South Carolina Department of Corrections,

35 of the department's nearly 5,000 staff members have tested positive for the coronavirus. Three of those work at Kirkland Correctional Institution, where a 69-year-old inmate with pre-existing health conditions, has tested positive. As of this report, the inmate is in the hospital and is the sole positive among the inmate population in the state.

SCDC also has had one death – a guard at Lee Correctional. His family has requested that he not be further identified, but Stirling confirmed that the guard did die from COVID-1.

### [Former Gov. David Beasley Recovers from Coronavirus, Warns Pandemic May Increase Global Food Crisis](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Apr 23, 2020

During the past six months David Beasley, former South Carolina Governor and current Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Program (WFP), warned world leaders 2020 would be “the worst humanitarian crisis year since World War II.” In a recent interview with the [PBS Newshour](#), Beasley cited conflicts in Yemen, Syria and South Sudan; along with climate extremes and desert locusts destroying crops in East Africa and South Asia as causes for the warning.

### [Coronavirus Causes Uncertainty for South Carolina's State and Local Governments](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Apr 23, 2020

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South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster announced this week that some retail businesses in the state are being allowed to re-open. McMaster hopes the loosening of restrictions on certain retail businesses will re-ignite the state’s economy which prior to start of the pandemic was booming. With thousands of businesses closed, and thousands of people out of work business transactions have slowed tremendously. As a result, anticipated tax revenues for local and state government are expected to drop dramatically.

### [Attention Shoppers: There Is Still Plenty of Food in South Carolina](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Apr 22, 2020

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Word that a Smithfield pork processing plant in South Dakota, where 5 percent of the nation's pork is processed, sent ripples across the U.S. food industry. It didn't help that just a few days later, another Smithfield plant – this one much closer to home, in Tar Heel, North Carolina – shuttered after an employee tested positive for COVID-19.

The closures prompted a far-reaching question: How secure is the food supply?

### [Risk of Severe Storms Continues for Lowcountry, Grand Strand Thursday Afternoon and Evening](#)

By Athena Masson & Megan Borowski • Apr 22, 2020

UPDATE as of Noon EDT Thursday:

The Enhanced Risk has lessened across the Palmetto State for Thursday with most of the heavy activity expected to be in the southeast part of the state.

A Slight Risk (risk level 2 out of 5) is in place for eastern parts of the Midlands and out towards the Atlantic coast of South Carolina.

On Thursday morning a powerful low pressure system was moving through the central Gulf Coast states producing strong to severe thunderstorms. This low pressure will continue to move eastward Thursday and into the overnight Friday.

### [Charleston Teen at High Risk for COVID-19 Finds Hope in Home Dialysis](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Apr 21, 2020

Mary Ashley Barbot of Charleston was supposed to be in Los Angeles, California this week, not for vacation but for a potentially lifesaving treatment. The coronavirus pandemic put the brakes on her plans and accelerated the concerns of her already worried parents.

The 16 year-old was born with congenital nephrotic syndrome which required she undergo a kidney transplant at just 20 months old. The condition also caused development delays and hearing loss. Mary Ashley's body later rejected the kidney. She's been on a transplant waiting list for seven years.

### [Turbulent Weather Possible Again Thursday](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Apr 21, 2020

Strong, damaging winds, tornadoes, and hail are possible for the third time in as many weeks on Thursday in the Palmetto State. NOAA's Storm Prediction Center issued an "enhanced risk" (a level 3 out of 5) for the Lowcountry and Central Savannah River areas of the state, including Aiken, Charleston, Hilton Head, and Walterboro. The remainder of the state is in a "slight risk" (level 2 out of 5).

### [Coronavirus Takes Heavy Toll on Retail Industry](#)

By Tut Underwood • Apr 20, 2020

For several weeks now, the coronavirus has kept people at home, socially distanced and away from work. Among the other disorienting effects, it also has brought to a halt the busy hum of commerce at many businesses in South Carolina and across the nation.

Though it is temporary - but of unknown duration - the national shutdown has had a predictably devastating effect on many facets of the economy. One of the hardest hit sectors has been the retail industry. In South Carolina, retail contributes a whopping \$31 billion to the state's economy.

### [Wind Damage, Tornado Risk Returns Sunday Night](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Apr 19, 2020

Damaging winds, isolated tornadoes, and heavy rain are likely across portions of the Palmetto State beginning Sunday evening, lasting into Monday morning. Locations at greatest risk for the destructive storms are the Lowcountry, PeeDee and Grand Strand regions.

### [Strong Storms Return to the Palmetto State Sunday Night and Monday](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Apr 17, 2020

Damaging winds, isolated tornadoes, and heavy rain are likely across the Palmetto State beginning Sunday evening, and lasting into Monday morning.

A low pressure system is forecast to develop over the Southern Plains Sunday and move into the lower Tennessee Valley Sunday night. Ahead of the low, an increasingly warm, humid, and unstable air mass is expected to lift into Georgia and South Carolina Sunday night.

## [She Survived SARS, H1N1, and Science Class - but COVID-19 Canceled Her Commencement](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Apr 17, 2020

Steffi Kong grew up in Singapore. At the onset of the century, the country was in the path of the outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, or SARS, a coronavirus similar to COVID-19. Kong contracted SARS, and beat it, but "because of that, my immune system was very compromised," she says.

Three years later, she caught H1N1, which was the swine flu that proved much deadlier and much more far-reaching.

So, to say that Kong was looking forward to seeing her family and walking in Converse College's commencement ceremony next month is an understatement. But now that the Spartanburg-based college has shifted graduation to a virtual ceremony, Kong and her classmates -- the second-to-last class to ever graduate from an all-female Converse College -- will have to attend online in May.

## [S.C. Hospitals Face Huge Financial Losses in Wake of Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

By [Russ McKinney](#) • Apr 14, 2020

In South Carolina's battle against the coronavirus, hospitals across the state are at the forefront. But as the first line of defense they are incurring huge financial losses and having to layoff thousands of workers.

## [Clemson Students Start Business to Save 'Mom & Pop'](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Apr 14, 2020

At 19, Sudarshan Sridharan is no stranger to the business world. The Fort Mill native served as the director of the Youth Project before he turned 18, overseeing projects by young people to combat homelessness in the Southeast.

He then cofounded a cryptocurrency and blockchain consulting firm before moving on to his current for-profit business, Second Reality Interactive, which powers digital watch parties for eSports events.

The Clemson University student runs another company as well: a not-for-profit online business that just launched less than a month ago as a way to

help Clemson's downtown restaurants survive the weight of a quarantine that has left the usually bustling city quiet.

### [Tornadoes Take Lives from the Lowcountry to the Upstate](#)

By [Victoria Hansen](#) & Scott Morgan • Apr 13, 2020

It's being called the most significant severe weather outbreak in South Carolina in 12 years and already it's claimed nine lives.

"This is a very rare situation that I've only faced working in different parts of the country several times in my career," said Richard Okulski, the meteorologist in charge for the National Weather Service in Columbia.

### [Tornado Watches for much of South Carolina](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Apr 13, 2020

A Tornado Watch is in effect for much of the Upstate region until 8 AM, while the Midlands and Lowcountry is under a Tornado Watch until 11 AM.

Additional watches are likely to be issued for the Pee Dee and Grand Strand areas later this morning.

Thunderstorms have produced several damaging wind reports over some Upstate communities between 1 and 4:30 AM, along with an apparent tornado touch down based on an analysis of radar data near Clemson around 1:30 AM.

### [Strong Tornadoes and Widespread Strong Winds Likely Overnight into Monday morning](#)

By Ray Hawthorne & Jeff Huffman • Apr 12, 2020

A line of intense thunderstorms is expected to bring the potential for widespread damaging winds and a few strong tornadoes to the Palmetto State late Sunday night into Monday morning.

### [Risk of Damaging Storms Sunday Night into Monday](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Apr 10, 2020

Thunderstorms capable of producing destructive wind gusts up to 70 mph are possible across a large area of the Palmetto State late Sunday night or Monday morning. A few tornadoes are also possible, along with heavy



rainfall, ahead of a powerful cold front that is expected to move through Monday.

The storm system likely to affect the state is part of a larger weather system that is favored to produce long-track tornadoes, straight-line winds, and large hail from as far west as Texas through Deep South into Alabama, Georgia, and the Florida Panhandle Sunday afternoon and evening.

### [Schools Continue Online as Coronavirus Spreads](#)

By Tut Underwood • Apr 10, 2020

The spread of COVID-19 has forced schools and colleges to offer all classes online for the first time in history to keep them at home and avoid the coronavirus. Online learning has been going on for a few weeks now, and students and teachers are making the adjustment. Kierra Gabriel, a student at Richland Northeast High School in Columbia, reported "it's pretty different from being in a classroom environment, although we're always on our Chromebooks in class doing work online. It's different not having the teacher in there."

### [You're Not Under House Arrest, South Carolina](#)

By Scott Morgan • Apr 9, 2020

Some South Carolinians, it seems, are not entirely sure what Gov. Henry McMaster's "[work-or-home](#)" order fully means. It essentially means you should stay at home unless you really need to not be there.

But it doesn't mean you're confined to stay inside the house behind locked doors. It also doesn't mean that we're living in a police state.

### [The Coronavirus and Cancer](#)

By Scott Morgan • Apr 9, 2020

Chemotherapy is a lot like a wildfire. It takes out everything in its way, including what's beneficial. So, immune systems drop and lay a person's entire self-bare. It's why the CDC recommends flu shots for chemotherapy patients every six months, as well as supplemental pneumococcal shots.

But that's for influenza, which has vaccines ready and waiting for it every winter. COVID-19, of course, has no such thing, at least not yet. And it too is

a bit like a wildfire in that it does not discriminate over who or what it touches.

### [Many Provide Online Events During Quarantine, But Like In Healthcare, Digital Deserts Block Access](#)

By Thelisha Eaddy • Apr 9, 2020

For almost a month, students in South Carolina have received classroom instruction and completed assignments from the safety of their homes. In March, states across the country started closing schools to slow the spread of the Coronavirus. Since March 16, students in South Carolina have engaged in some form of e-learning, but experts say the lack of access to broadband in rural areas creates barriers for many.

### [Strong, Gusty Storms Possible Later Wednesday into Thursday Morning](#)

By Ray Hawthorne • Apr 8, 2020

A complex of strong thunderstorms, a few of which will be capable of producing wind damage, is forecast to move across the Palmetto State early Thursday morning. A stray thunderstorm or two is also possible Wednesday afternoon across the northern tier of the state, capable of producing gusty winds and small hail.

### ['Like Watching a Tidal Wave Coming at You.' The View of South Carolina's Student Nurses](#)

By [Scott Morgan](#) • Apr 8, 2020

News from hospitals in much of the United States right now is bad. In major cities like Detroit, in population-dense states like New Jersey, medical staffs are sometimes unable to keep up with the crush of new COVID-19 cases.

Emergencies are gobbling up hospital beds; doctors nurses, and assistants are risking their lives just by going to work; and supplies of personal protective equipment, or PPE, are in some places so bereft, ICU healthcare workers have taken to wearing trash bags and goggles because it was the best they could do.

To date, that kind of thing isn't consuming South Carolina's medical facilities. But Dr. Alicia Ribar, interim associate dean of academics, assistant dean for graduate studies, and clinical associate professor at the [University of South](#)

[Carolina College of Nursing](#), says the college's working students are worried about when it will be.

### [COVID-19 Anxiety](#)

By Victoria Hansen • Apr 7, 2020

If you're feeling anxious about the coronavirus pandemic, you're not alone. More than one third of Americans think it is affecting their mental health, according to a recent study by the American Psychiatric Association.

Social distancing to stop the spread has shut down cities and left million without jobs. Many who are working, are working from home, tackling technology, homeschooling kids and cooking all the family meals.

Daily life is different and stressful.

### [About Our Coronavirus Coverage](#)

By [Sean Birch](#) • Apr 6, 2020

Here at South Carolina Public Radio and SCETV, we believe accurate, factual, and timely information can save lives in these uncertain times. That's why we are committed to bringing you a wide range of perspectives to help you understand the scope and scale of this pandemic.

### [Heroes Need Masks: How Charleston is Fighting the PPE Shortage](#)

By [Victoria Hansen](#) • Apr 6, 2020

Dr. Lacey MenkinSmith has made a career of global, infectious disease medicine and has long felt a worldwide pandemic was inevitable. Yet even she is having a hard time coming to terms with COVID-19.

"It's real, but sometimes I can't wrap my head around it," Dr. MenkinSmith says. She's the Director of High-Risk Infectious Disease for the Emergency Department at the Medical University of South Carolina.

"I certainly never imagined that I would have to use the same sort of thought process that I do in my work overseas actually working in the United States."

### [South Carolinians in Quarantine are Fostering and Adopting More Pets](#)

By Scott Morgan • Apr 3, 2020

As South Carolinians are shut in for who-knows-how-long, they're looking for ways to occupy their time and still do something positive.

Alexa Sparkman, manager of volunteer programs at Pawmetto Lifeline in Columbia, says her organization has seen a big uptick in adoptions and in requests to foster.

### [Early Signs Point to an Active Hurricane Season Ahead](#)

By Dr. Athena Masson • Apr 2, 2020

Scientists say this year's Atlantic hurricane season could be more active than normal but stress the role uncertainty plays 60 days out.

The Colorado State University (CSU) Tropical Meteorology Project team, led by Dr. Phil Klotzbach, is predicting 16 named storms, eight hurricanes, and four to reach major hurricane strength with winds 111 mph or greater. A normal season usually consists of 12 named storms, six hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

### [S.C.-Created Device Enables Doubling the Number of COVID-19 Patients Helped by Ventilators](#)

By Tut Underwood • Apr 2, 2020

In the face of the coronavirus pandemic, much has been made of the expected shortage of ventilators for COVID-19 patients. To maximize the patient treatment potential of ventilators in America's hospitals, a team of South Carolina doctors, engineers and other health care professionals has developed a way to double (at least) the capacity of the nation's ventilators while more are being made.

### [How a Greenville Lab Is Testing for COVID, and How COVID Is Testing the Lab](#)

By Scott Morgan • Apr 1, 2020

Premier Medical Laboratory Services in Greenville is the first commercial lab in South Carolina to be validated, via FDA and CDC protocols, to test for COVID-19 in fluid samples.

That's an increasingly important job as the number of test kits ramps up and the number of people being tested for the coronavirus climbs along with it. But the growing number of tests is putting a lot of pressure on small labs like Premier, which are increasingly tasked with getting results back fast.



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### [How COVID Changed the Way You See Your Doctor](#)

By John Lewis & Tabitha Safdi • Jun 11, 2020

The coronavirus forced our healthcare system to make sweeping operational changes. In rural health clinics and in the state's largest hospitals, providers started relying more on telehealth to see patients through live video to limit exposure to COVID-19.

### [Psychiatrists Turn to Telehealth During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

By John Lewis & Tabitha Safdi • Apr 13, 2020

As clinics and hospitals ask patients to stay home to limit exposure to the coronavirus, more mental health providers are turning to telehealth to close gaps between providers and their patients.