County Declares State of Emergency

By Staff Report

On March 17, Berkeley County Council officials declared a state of emergency in response to the local threat of novel coronavirus, officially called COVID-19. The declaration was necessary for Berkeley County to implement emergency planning for unanticipated problems and prepare for emergency action needed to confront the challenges of COVID-19.

According to county officials, Berkeley County Emergency Management moved on January 7 to the Council Meeting. This means a disaster or emergency is likely to test the county’s ability to respond. Berkeley County Emergency Management continues to coordinate plans with its partners at the local, state, and national levels. Berkeley County officials said they wanted to prepare responsibly to take precautions and provide the best response possible.

Public health officials also continue to advise proper preventative measures that have been issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to help maintain a healthy lifestyle during the spread of the virus. Alas Berkeley County has closed a majority of its buildings and facilities to the public. All Berkeley County updates can be found on the Berkeley County website under “Emerging COVID-19 Issues.”

Around the region, South Carolina’s beaches were closed just a day after officials said they were too early to shut down. The decision of keeping a low-traffic lane on the sand during the current sunny days has helped spur the overview.

Folly Beach Council on Friday morning moved forward the access to the island from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at least until March 31.

Jobs grow to new record

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The monthly survey of households across the state estimated the number of South Carolinians working has continued charting record levels of low unemployment while more people are 되취(2,251). In January 2019 the percent to 2.5 percent. A year ago unemployment while more people are

By Dan Ellzey, executive director of the S.C. Department of Employment and Workforce, “South Carolina continues to charting record levels of low unemployment while more people are surprising because we now.

“More jobs are available than people to fill them…that’s the reality as we

Go to new record

One of the under-utilized tools we have are Unit Needs Assessments,” said U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Aaron Smith, a mental health technician assigned to the 628th OMRS. “Whenever we embedded in a unit we are in direct communication with leadership. If we start noticing mental health trends on a unit, we can act as the feedback channel for any Airman who doesn’t feel comfortable going to leadership with issues themselves.” It is just as important for Airman toasses mental health issues like they would physical injuries, and that seeking help for even seeming minor issues is encouraged, even if it seems obvious.

“We have been working in this area since it seems mental health has always had a stigma,” said U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Miranda Guittar, a mental health technician assigned to the 628th. "Even when people happen, unfortunately, people want something to blame. Collectively, it’s everyone’s problem.”

Gunter, chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Kaleth O. Wright’s statement on Airman mental health as an example of how leaders should be thinking of a way forward.

On Aug. 1, 2019, Wright announced an official video “74 Airman committed suicide during the year. The number would eventually increase to 137 across active duty, guard, and reserve components.”

“Our team is doing their own outreach,” said Wright. “We lose more Airman than we’d like to see. We need someone to do whatever they can, whatever it is, to make this better. We have to dole ourselves every single day to build strong and healthy Airman.”

Air Force addresses suicides

BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS BRENNEN LEGER

JOINT BASE CHARLESTON — According to the 628th Operational Medical Readiness Squadron (OMRS) Mental Health Clinic, workers are thinking of a way forward.

“Internal Health and Wellness is very important as ever to get involved in Airmen’s mental health.

Trident Health changes visitation policy amid COVID-19 pandemic

BY JOY RINALDA

Trident Health has made changes to its COVID-19 pandemic spread throughout the hospital.

For the continued protection of its patients and staff, Trident Health will only allow one visitor per patient at a time. Visitors who are sick or have symptoms of COVID-19 are prohibited from entering the hospital. Other visitors will have to wait outside the entrance area, until the first visitor exits the hospital.

Regular visiting hours end at 7:30 p.m. One overnight visitor is allowed for hospice and palliative care patients and patient advocates for pre and post-surgery patients. No visitors under the age of 18 will be allowed in the hospital unless they are receiving medical care for a child under the age of 18. Medical care for children under 18 are allowed in the Labor & Delivery and Intensive Care units of a visiting new sibling. These changes also apply to Trident Medical Center, Summerville Medical Center, Trident Medical Center, and Trident Center Pointe emergencies.

All visitors are screened upon entry. Their temperatures to taken and they are asked several questions including whether they have a cough or fever.

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