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COVID-19 UPDATE: The Richland County Health Department is announcing one additional active case of COVID-19 in a Richland County resident, and four cases that have been released from isolation and are considered recovered. This brings the total case count to 19. Nine of the total cases are recovered, and 10 are active. A full case update will be provided at a later time. Case updates are as follows:

New, active case

Case 19: A male in his 20's who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The case investigation is ongoing, and contact tracing has begun. The individual was symptomatic.

Recovered cases

Case 9: A female in her 40's who has recovered. The case was not hospitalized and isolated at home. The case was identified through contact tracing.

Case 8: A female in her 40's who has recovered. The case was not hospitalized and isolated at home. The case is believed to have been acquired through domestic travel.

Case 7: A male in his 20's who has recovered. The case was not hospitalized and isolated at home. The case was named as a close contact to a positive case.

Case 5: A male in his 40's who has recovered. The case was hospitalized, released and continued to isolate at home. The case is a household contact to a positive case.

The Health Department continues to monitor more than 50 close contacts daily. The Health Department's investigations show that residents could be doing more to follow COVID-19 preventative recommendations, particularly in regard to not going out when sick, staying home after being tested, and avoiding large gatherings.

It is imperative that Richland County residents follow instructions from the Health Department and healthcare providers. The following are important reminders:

- If you are not feeling well, particularly including symptoms of a dry cough, fever, shortness of breath, headache, and other cold-like symptoms, stay home until you feel better. This means that you do not go to work, do not attend regular activities, and cancel or postpone appointments.
- If you have been tested for COVID-19 for any reason, including preoperative testing, you must stay home until test results are received. This means that you do not go to work, do not attend regular activities, and cancel or postpone appointments.
- All residents should be practicing social distancing, including limiting the number of close contacts. This means avoiding large gatherings where social distancing is difficult. Wearing a mask in situations where social distancing is difficult is also recommended.

Together we can slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please do your part so Richland County can recover socially and economically from this pandemic.