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**COVID-19 UPDATE:** The Richland County Health Department is announcing three additional active cases of COVID-19 in Richland County residents. This brings the total case count to 44. At this time, 36 of the total cases are recovered, and 8 are active. Active case updates are as follows:

Case 44: A male between the ages of 10 and 19 who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The investigation is ongoing and contact tracing has begun. The individual was symptomatic.

Case 43: A male in his 80's who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The individual is a named contact to a positive case from another state. The investigation is ongoing and contact tracing has begun. The individual became symptomatic during quarantine.

Case 42: A female in her 80's who is not hospitalized and is isolating at home. The individual is a named contact to a positive case from another state. The investigation is ongoing and contact tracing has begun. The individual became symptomatic during quarantine.

The Health Department continues to monitor more than 25 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. Wear a mask as required and when social distancing is difficult.

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.