

SEPTEMBER 2021

# THE PATIENT PRESCRIPTION



Your Health Begins Here

## HopeHealth on Pine Needles Opens Sept. 7



### HopeHealth on Pine Needles Road in Florence

Dr. Krista Kozacki, Sydney Murphy, physician assistant, and family nurse practitioner Tim Weaver will begin seeing patients in our newest Florence location next week.

Visit [hope-health.org/news](http://hope-health.org/news) for the latest updates.

## Advocacy in Action National Health Center Week 2021 Wraps Up

In August, Governor Henry McMaster proclaimed Aug. 8-15 as S.C. National Health Center Week and HopeHealth kicked off the week with proclamations from the Florence City Council and the Lake City City Council echoing the state-wide proclamation. A proclamation was also made in Orangeburg.

This year, HopeHealth held a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at our Greeleyville location as part of NHCW celebrations and hosted guests from North Central Family Medicine, who visited our facilities to see how we provide services, and elected officials at various sites.

Staff also shared images on social media as part of our annual Advocacy Wednesday drive to bring awareness about the importance of community health centers. Check out more photos of our activities on the HopeHealth [Facebook page](#)!

## What you can do to help community health centers

### Sign up to be an advocate

Being an advocate means helping us let elected officials know you value community health centers and the bills that impact them. If you haven't signed up already, visit [hcadvocacy.org](#) today and sign up. It only takes a few moments! Don't forget to select HopeHealth as your community health center.

### Take action when asked

Watch for action emails from the Health Center Advocacy Network and TAKE ACTION! These emails let you know what bills are important to community health centers and provide an easy way to contact your elected official. They often come from grassroots@nachc.org - so check your junk folder, and make sure you don't miss the next one.

You can also send a personalized letter to your members of Congress and give your specific reasons why it's essential to invest in community health centers

- [hcadvocacy.org](#) makes it very easy to contact your officials.



# COVID-19 Updates & Reminders

## Visitor Policy

Only one caregiver may accompany patients to an appointment.

## Masks

Masks must be worn by anyone entering HopeHealth facilities. Masks should cover the nose and mouth.



**DON'T**  
wear your mask  
below your nose



**DON'T**  
wear your mask  
low on your nose



**DON'T**  
leave your chin  
exposed



**DON'T**  
wear your mask  
under your chin or  
temporarily remove  
it in public



**DON'T**  
let your mask hang  
loosely with gaps  
around your face



**DO**  
wear your mask up  
to the top of your nose  
and under your chin;  
snug and without gaps

## Testing

Due to increasing demand for COVID-19 testing, HopeHealth has added more testing times to our schedule. Testing at HopeHealth is available by appointment to HopeHealth patients only. If you think you may have COVID-19, do not come into your provider's office. Instead, call your [provider's office](#) to schedule a testing appointment.

## COVID-19 Vaccinations

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for those ages 16 and older! The Pfizer vaccine is available at various community

locations for anyone age 12 and up. Vaccine locations can be found at [\*\*S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control\*\*](#). HopeHealth only offers the Moderna vaccine for those 18 years and up.

COVID-19 vaccinations are provided by appointment only. Call your [\*\*provider's office\*\*](#) to schedule your vaccine.

## Vaccine Boosters

HopeHealth offers vaccination boosters during COVID-19 vaccine clinics for patients with a qualifying immunocompromising condition and provider's approval. It is preferred that the booster is the same vaccine, Pfizer or Moderna, as given with the first two doses. **HopeHealth can not provide boosters to those who received the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.** There must be at least four weeks between a second dose of mRNA vaccine and the booster.

### Qualifying Conditions

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and taking immune system suppression medications
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or taking immune system suppression medications
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency such as DiGeorge syndrome or Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome
- Untreated or advanced HIV infection (CD4 Count <200)
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress the immune response

Visit [\*\*CDC.gov\*\*](#) for more information regarding vaccines for severely immunocompromised individuals.

## VACCINE LOCATOR

## Welcome to our Newest Providers



**Amanda Coker Burnette,  
MD**

Primary Care Services  
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in  
Florence



**David Garrell, MD, FACP**

Primary Care Services  
HopeHealth in Orangeburg



**Debbie Garrison,  
MSN, APRN, FNP-C**

Access Hope  
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in  
Florence



**Caitlin Jordan,  
MSPAS, PA-C**  
Primary Care Services  
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in  
Florence



**Veronica Ridpath, DO**  
Behavioral Health Services  
Psychiatry  
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in  
Florence



**Padigar Shyamanand  
Tantry, MD**  
Endocrinology  
HopeHealth Medical Plaza in  
Florence

## Accessing Care From Home

HopeHealth offers a secure Patient Portal for those who wish to participate in telehealth services using a smartphone or computer. Visit [hope-health.org/televisit](http://hope-health.org/televisit) for more information.

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