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## City of Charleston March 30 Coronavirus PM Update

**Charleston, S.C.--** The city of Charleston continues to operate at OPCON 1 and the city's <u>Stay at Home ordinance</u> remains in effect with non-essential businesses closed citywide.

In an effort to resume trash service (yard debris and bulk items such as furniture, appliances, bedding and other large objects) while maintaining proper safety protocols, the city's Public Service department has put together a temporary plan to provide modified trash collection.

Beginning tomorrow, neighborhoods in outer West Ashley, serviced by Carolina Waste, will resume normal trash collection.

Next week, Johns Island and Daniel Island, which are serviced by Republic Waste, will resume normal trash collection.

Other areas of the city will transition back to normal trash collection after a special weekly pickup schedule in the month of April. During these weekly schedules, all citizens are asked to have their trash out on Monday, with the understanding that it will be collected at some point during the week as crews move throughout the area. The weekly schedules are as follows:

Over the week of April 5, city crews will collect in West Ashley, inside I-526. The following week of April 12, crews will collect on James Island. Then, during the week of April 19, crews will collect throughout the peninsula. Again, these schedules are weekly, so all citizens are asked to put their trash out on Monday of the appropriate week to ensure that it is collected.

In addition to these schedules, this week the one small truck that is currently available for trash collection is picking up excess debris where possible on the peninsula.

The City of Charleston Office of Cultural Affairs today formally announced that the Piccolo Spoleto program of ticketed events planned for May 22 to June 7 will not proceed as planned. Once updated venue and artist availability can be assessed, select performances might be

rescheduled for presentation later in 2020, or for inclusion in the 2021 Piccolo Spoleto Festival.

Piccolo Spoleto's outreach programming and free-to-attend series are being re-evaluated presently by Festival staff and its partners, including discussion of shifting some initiatives to digital platforms and possible rescheduling to future dates.

Updates will be posted at <a href="www.piccolospoleto.com">www.piccolospoleto.com</a> and on the Piccolo Spoleto Facebook Page. The 2021 Piccolo Spoleto Festival is scheduled for May 28 – June 13, 2021.

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