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## **City of Charleston Coronavirus April 9 Update**

**Charleston, S.C.**--The city of Charleston remains at OPGON 1, while today, at a press conference, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg was joined by Reverend Dr. Krystal Sears, Senior Pastor at Greater St. Luke AME Church, and Imam Bourouis El-Idrissi of the Islamic Council of Charleston and discussed the city's continued response to COVID-19 and ways area faith leaders are celebrating their respective holidays while avoiding in-person gatherings. Though not able to attend due to the religious holiday, Judi Corsaro, Chief Executive Officer of the Charleston Jewish Federation, provided a written statement that was read on her behalf.

Mayor Tecklenburg said, "I'd like to thank not just our guests here today, but all our area houses of worship for the extraordinary work they're doing to bring our citizens together spiritually, even in this time of distancing. Through a remarkable combination of modern technology and old fashioned determination, they are continuing to work wonders throughout our community each and every day of this crisis."

In other COVID-19 related news, City of Charleston director of Emergency Management, Shannon Scaff, has created a COVID-19 Hurricane Task Force composed of city officials who are beginning a comprehensive review of the city's processes and procedures for hurricane preparation and response and how those may be affected by proper safety protocols related to COVID-19.

Also, the city's department of Traffic and Transportation has now automated pedestrian crossing signals near essential service areas citywide to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 via crossing signal push buttons. Signage was installed today at the automated intersections informing pedestrians of the change and directing them to not touch the push buttons.

For all city of Charleston Coronavirus updates, visit the "Coronavirus Disease 2019 Information" page on the city's website, here: <https://www.charleston-sc.gov/COVID-19>.

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