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Statement from Mayor Tecklenburg on New Year's Eve Celebrations

Charleston, S.C.—*Today, Charleston Mayor John Tecklenburg released the following statement with regard to New Year's Eve celebrations:*

“Thanks to continued responsible practices by our citizens, Charleston has so far been spared the worst of this second COVID-19 wave. But now is not the time to let our guards down. While we're all anxious to ring in 2021 after a historically difficult year, it's critically important that we continue to practice good judgment by washing our hands, wearing our masks and avoiding large social gatherings. The time for celebrations will come, but right now our focus must remain on keeping our citizens healthy, and the best way to do that this New Year's Eve is to celebrate responsibly at home.”

Mayor Tecklenburg's remarks came on the same day that South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Epidemiologist Dr. Linda Bell also asked citizens to celebrate at home to prevent an additional surge.

Earlier today, DHEC reported 2,323 new confirmed COVID-19 cases and 42 new confirmed COVID-19 deaths statewide. To date, there have been 280,024 confirmed cases and 4,846 confirmed deaths due to COVID-19 in the state of South Carolina.

For more from DHEC, please visit <https://scdhec.gov/covid19>.

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