I. INTRODUCTION

A. General.

The following Response Timeline describes the major activities from initial suspicion of an Ebola patient in South Carolina through confirmed Ebola cases exceeding State and immediately available Federal medical resources within SC.

The SERT is expected to complete procedures outlined in their respective ESF SOP, the SCEOP and the South Carolina Ebola Preparation and Response Plan.

B. Purpose.

The Timeline assumes limited or no notice Ebola patient presentation to a medical facility, health care provider or EMS entity within the State of South Carolina.

C. Scope.

Actions will be addressed from no suspected Ebola Cases within SC, through confirmed cases that exceed identified capability of resources available within the state. Continuous, ongoing actions show only for the initial occurrence but continue as required.

Items in **BOLD** are time decisions required to enable complete/timely execution of actions identified in consequent stages.

Ebola Response Time Line	
Public Health Situation	**Operational Response Event/Decision/Action**
	OPCON 5
Confirmed Case(s) within the United States **No Persons Under Investigation (PUI) or Confirmed Cases within in SC**	❑ SCEMD: • Day-to-day operations • Monitor the situation • Provide planning assistance to SCDHEC as requested • Monitor/ participate in State and Federal Conference Calls • Disseminate required information to Regional and County Emergency Managers • Process/support EMAC requests as available ❑ SCDHEC: • Day-to-day operations • Monitor the situation • Monitor/participate in Federal conference calls • Host statewide, regularly scheduled conference calls (including medical providers and partner agencies/associations) providing situational updates, preparedness actions and current state of readiness • Provide status update to the Governor as requested • Coordinate/conduct state, regional, and facility training, workshops, seminars and tabletop exercises • Maintain status of PPE within the State • Distribute all policy and procedure revisions from Federal agencies to partner agencies/associations • In conjunction with medical partners, revise/update plans to include latest Federal Agency and CDC changes • Coordinate Federal requests for support with medical providers and associations in SC
Confirmed Case(s) within North Carolina or Georgia	❑ SCEMD: • Participate/monitor adjacent states' Emergency Management Conference Calls • Process/support EMAC requests as available ❑ SCDHEC: • Participate/monitor adjacent states', CDC's, and other federal agencies' Public Health Conference Calls • Provide daily summary to the Governor as requested. • Coordinate adjacent State requests for support with medical providers and associations in SC • Coordinate actions of supporting SC State Agencies in response to adjacent states' needs ❑ SCDPS - Coordinate, support and facilitate movements of materials or waste (as permitted by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA)) through SC as requested

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Public Health Situation	**Operational Response Event/Decision/Action**

Persons Under Investigation (PUI) within SC
 	
No Confirmed Cases within SC
	❑ SCEMD:
	• Day-to-day operations
	• Monitor the situation
	• Provide planning assistance to SCDHEC as requested
	• Monitor/participate in State and Federal Conference Calls
	• Disseminate required information to Regional and County Emergency Managers
	• Process/support EMAC requests as available
	
	❑ SCDHEC:
	• Monitor and report status of available resources
	• Conduct surveillance
	• Conduct active monitoring and reporting of PUI cases
	• **Consider Public Health Orders as required.**
	• Provide Public Information
	• Expand capacity through partner agencies/associations
	• Coordinate with Federal Agencies and adjacent states to include medical augmentation, interaction, and congruity of operations.
	• Coordinate PUI movement
	• Coordinate/support patient activities to include:
	  o Assessment and Confirmation
	    – In consultation with CDC, Division of Acute Disease Epidemiology (DADE) determines if the case is a PUI and requires testing
	    – Patient Under Investigation (PUI) designation
	    – DADE/BOL receives labs, and forwards sample to CDC for additional testing
	  o Notification
	    – State Health Officer coordinates "unfolding event" inquiries and cases flagged by DADE
	    – State Health Officer/State Epidemiologist coordinates information with the CDC Director, CDC EOC, and SCDHEC EOC, if activated.
	  o Consequence Management
	    – PUI case
	      ▪ Referring Facility/DADE determines if patient is PUI
	      ▪ Monitor patient isolation status
	      ▪ Monitor hospital care and advise waste disposal with the facility, State agencies, associations or contractors
	      ▪ Household/ Close Contacts
	        • SCDHEC conducts active monitoring with twice daily phone calls
	        • Coordinate wrap around services with appropriate agencies, organizations, and/or contractors

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Public Health Situation	**Operational Response Event/Decision/Action**
	• Monitor voluntary quarantine confinement • DADE investigates, determines requirements, and coordinates involuntary quarantine/ confinement ❏ SLED - Assist in enforcement of quarantine/confinement as required
	OPCON 4

A Confirmed Case within SC
 	
50% or Greater of SC Ebola Response Capacity Available
	❏ SCEMD:
	  • In consultation with SCDHEC and the Office of the Governor, upgrade OPCON status as appropriate
	  • Advise key personnel and ESFs to begin preparation for possible activation
	  • Alert ESFs 1, 2, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19 of possible activation
	  • Limited or no SEOC/SERT presence
	  • Conduct conference calls with County Emergency Management as required/requested
	  • Verify GIS and Palmetto Vision continuity with SCDHEC GIS
	  • Provide support to DHEC JIC (if activated)
	❏ SCDHEC:
	  • Monitor and report status of available resources
	  • Conduct surveillance
	  • **Consider Public Health Orders as needed**
	  • Expand capacity through partner agencies/ associations as needed
	  • Coordinate with Federal Agencies and adjacent states to include medical augmentation, interaction and congruity of operations as needed
	  • Coordinate patient movement
	  • Request SNS PPE support, if requested from Regional Treatment Hospital
	  • Conduct regularly scheduled conference calls with planning partners
	❏ SLED
	  • Assist in enforcement of quarantine/isolation as required
	  • Provide escort as required/requested
	❏ SCDLLR - Ensure dissemination of CDC guidelines, best practices and protective measures to emergency response personnel
	❏ SCDTO - Be prepared to issue additional 800 MHz radios to supplement health care and emergency communications
	❏ SCDOE:
	  • Ensure, establish, or coordinate continuity of education for quarantined school children
	  • In consultation with SCDHEC, provide information to potentially affected schools

Ebola Response Time Line	
Public Health Situation	**Operational Response Event/Decision/Action**

	❑ SCDSS:
	  • Provide support for dependant individuals separated from their primary care giver(s) or from their residence as the result of quarantine(s)
	  • Provide Resource Officer and Case Workers to SCDHEC as requested
	❑ American Red Cross:
	  • Provide comfort kits to quarantined persons as requested
	❑ Work with partners to assist non-Ebola support needs of affected families

Multiple Confirmed Cases within SC
 	
At least 50% or Greater of SC Ebola Response Capacity Available
	OPCON 3
	
	❑ **Governor (following consultation with Public Health Emergency Plan Committee): (Consider)**
	  • **Public Health Emergency Declaration**
	  • **Executive Order**
	  • **Governor's State of Emergency Declaration**
	  • **Request for Federal Emergency Declaration**
	❑ **Director, SCDHEC**
	  • **Issue Public Health Orders as needed**
	  • **Advise the Governor on Public Health Emergency Declaration**
	❑ SEOC:
	  • In consultation with SCDHEC and the Office of the Governor, upgrade OPCON status as appropriate
	  • Partial activation of the SEOC/SERT (ESFs 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19)
	  • Activate SEOC JIC (in support of DHEC JIC)
	  • Alert remaining ESFs for possible activation
	  • **Consider establishment of a Unified Command (SCEMD/SCDHEC)** if both a Public Health Emergency Declaration is in effect **and** the SCEOP is activated

Multiple Confirmed Cases within SC
 	
Less Than 50% of SC Ebola Response Capacity Available
	OPCON 2
	
	❑ **Governor (following consultation with Public Health Emergency Plan Committee): (Consider)**
	  • **Public Health Emergency Declaration**
	  • **Executive Order**
	  • **Governor's State of Emergency Declaration**
	  • **Request for Federal Emergency Declaration**
	  • **Implementation of a Unified Command (SCEMD/DHEC)**
	  • **Activation of the National Guard to State Active Duty**
	❑ SEOC or Unified Command:
	  • Initiate OPCON activities as required
	  • Full activation of the SEOC (as appropriate)

Ebola Response Time Line	
Public Health Situation	**Operational Response Event/Decision/Action**
	• Recall SCEMD staff • Continue county conference calls, as scheduled, to discuss Governor's guidance, decisions and future actions • In consultation with SCDHEC and the Office of the Governor, upgrade OPCON status as appropriate • Request Federal medical support to augment capacity ❑ SCDHEC (if not a Unified Command) or ESF-8 – Request Federal medical support to augment capacity
Multiple Confirmed Cases within SC **SC Ebola Response at Full Capacity** **Federal Response Required**	**OPCON 1** ❑ **Governor (Consider with consultation from Director of SCDHEC)** • **Establish policies for public transportation to include screening/debarkation for ports, airports, rail and bus travel** ❑ SEOC or Unified Command: • Initiate OPCON activities as required • Increase SEOC activation staffing as required by conditions • Continue to coordinate assistance to State agencies and counties • Coordinate requests for support with Federal Agencies ❑ SCDHEC or ESF-8 – Coordinate requests for Federal medical support