





# SEASONAL ALLERGIES. YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

From late February all the way into July, more than 50 million Americans struggle with seasonal allergies that manifest themselves in several different ways. As a matter of fact, studies show that seasonal allergies are found in more than just "pollen season." Any change in climate can cause symptoms to arise, no matter whether that be in the summer, winter. spring or fall.

Some Treatment Options Include:

- Saline nose spray These can be used throughout the day to help flush out pollen triggers.
- Eye drops These can help with itchy and dry eyes, which can be a major problem during pollen season.
- Oral antihistamines These are available over the counter to prevent and counteract symptoms.
- Combination Medications These combine an antihistamine with a decongestant.

Always check with your primary care provider to ensure that over-the-counter products will not interfere with other medications you take. Also, be aware that over-the-counter allergy options may include a decongestant that can elevate blood pressure and heart rate.

### 5 Tips to Manage Spring Allergies:

- 1. Try to stay indoors during pollen's peak times. Typically, this is in the morning.
- 2. Keep your doors and windows closed during the spring and summer months. (This can also help with your power bill.)
- 3. Clean and replace air filters in your home often.
- 4. Wash your hair after going outside because allergens can collect there.
- 5. Vacuum your house often because pollen, as well as dust and other substances can be trapped in carpet.

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# CareSouth Carolina Unveils NewTechnology

CareSouth Carolina is unveiling a program to help our patients receive access to valuable health information through one of the most popular communication platforms in the world today: Text Messaging.

Through CareMessage, patients can receive health education tips regarding chronic diseases, knowledge on programs being offered and a variety of other useful health information all through text messages.

Before a patient receives a text of any kind from CareMessage, they receive an optin message. If they choose to opt-in, they will be enrolled in specialized educational programs based on their gender, health conditions and risks.







### Fresh Produce "Pop Ups" at CareSouth Carolina locations

CareSouth Carolina will be offering fresh produce at several of its medical locations to promote healthy dieting and proper nutrition across the Pee Dee.

The produce stand will be set up from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at CareSouth Carolina's Bishopville main site (545 Sumter Hwy); from 10 a.m.

to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Hartsville medical center (1268 South Fourth Street); from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Bennettsville main site (999 Cheraw Street) Thursdays; and every other Friday at the Rosa Lee Gerald Center (737 South Main Street, Society Hill).

Visa, Mastercard, Discover, Local Checks, Money Order, Cashier's Checks and Cash are accepted.

## June is National Men's Health Month

The purpose of National Men's Health Month is to heighten the awareness of preventable health problems and encourage early detection and treatment of disease among men and boys.

### Quick Facts (from the Center for Disease Control-CDC):

- Men are 100 percent less likely to visit the doctor for annual examinations and preventative services than women.
- On average, men die almost five years earlier than women.
- Depression in men often goes undiagnosed and can contribute to the fact that men are 4 times as likely to commit suicide.

During the month of June, people are encouraged to wear blue for Men's Health Month to raise awareness about health issues impacting men like prostate and testicular cancers. Men are encouraged to make appointments with their primary care provider for health screenings, examinations and preventative treatment.

## New Health Initiative Brought to Lee County

CareSouth Carolina is partnering with Lee County to bring an all-new healthcare program exclusively for those employed by agencies insured through the Public Employee Benefit Authority (PEBA). This includes county, school district, municipal and state government employees and retirees in the area.

Beginning in June, CareSouth Carolina will offer primary care exclusively for public employees and their dependents in a separate suite located in the SCDHEC office in Bishopville as part of its new "Public Employee Health Services—Lee County" program.

The suite (810 Brown Street- Suite 1) will have its own entrance on the side of the building and will be available to offer physical examinations, diagnosis and treatment of many common acute and chronic conditions, medication prescription and management, wellness visits, drug testing, flu vaccines and many other services.

For more information on the site, please contact 803.588.7943.

