# Geospatial Decision Making: The South Carolina National Guard Data-Driven COVID-19 Response

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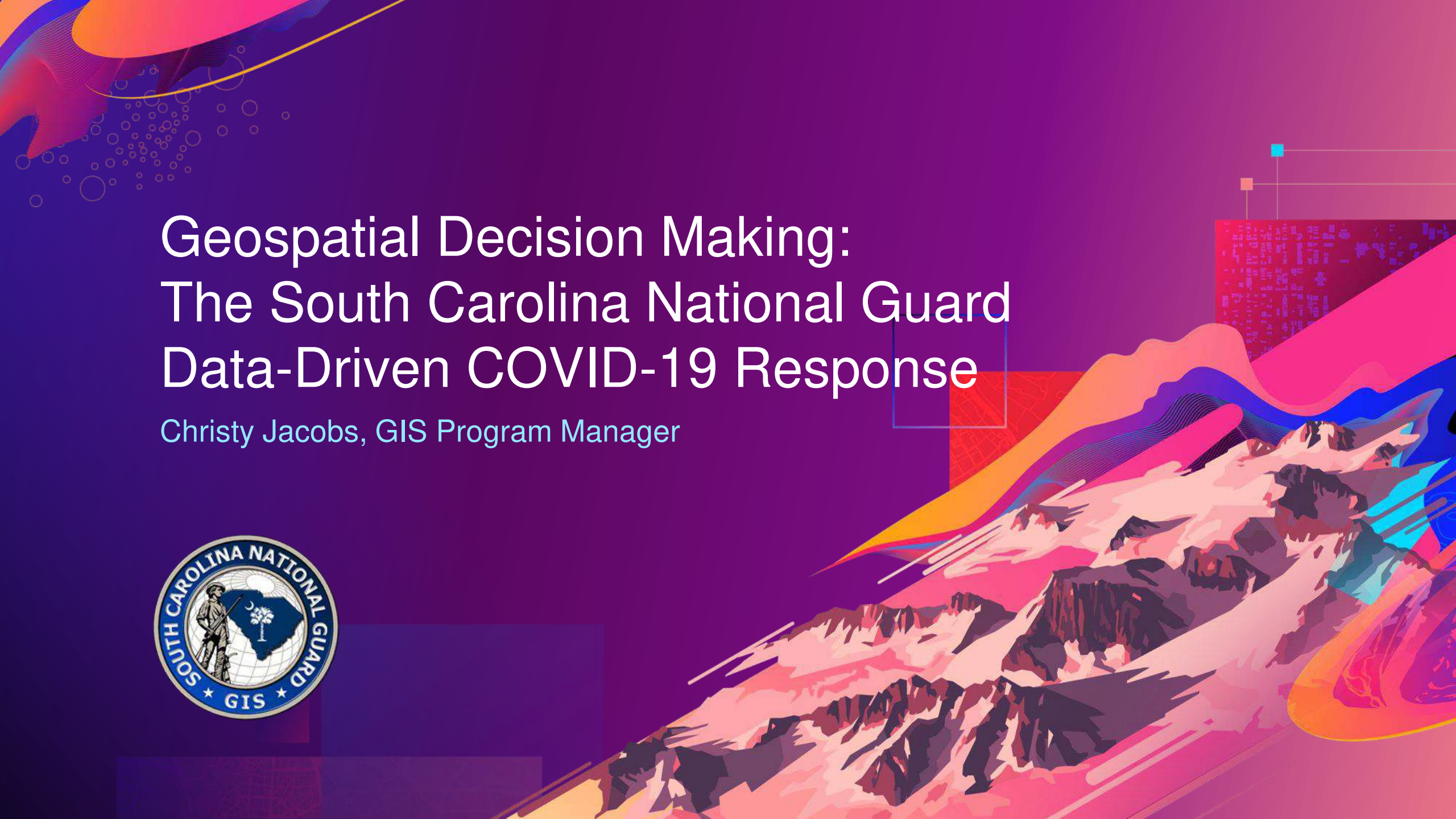


- **SC National Guard leadership relies on GIS as the primary source of information to drive decision making during the COVID-19 mission.**

- **ArcGIS Dashboard became the primary tool for COVID-19 response decision making.**

"I'm being briefed three times a week, but I've relied on that dashboard almost hourly for more than 300 days."

~Major General Stephen B. Owens~

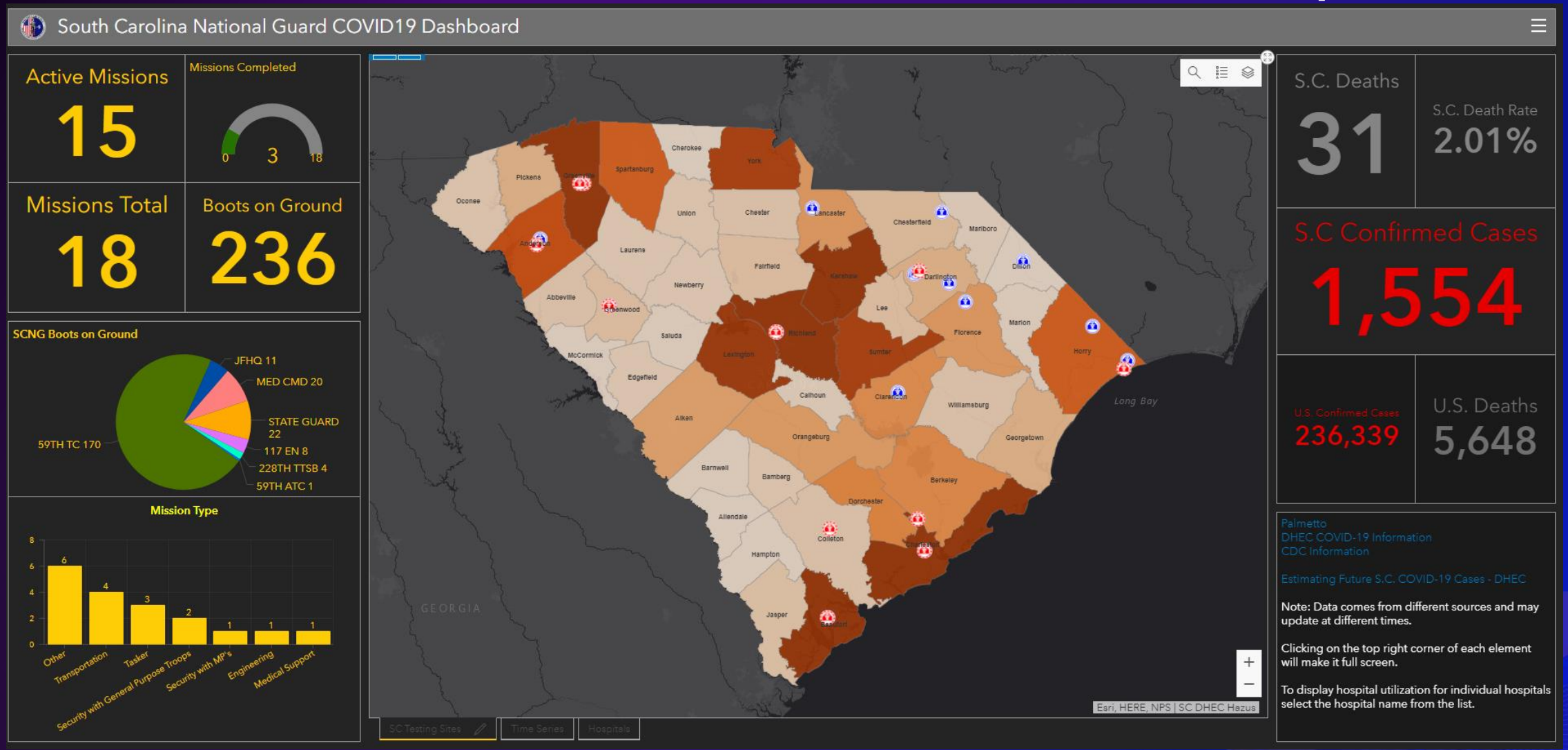
Assistant Adjutant General overseeing all of the SC National Guard COVID-19 response.

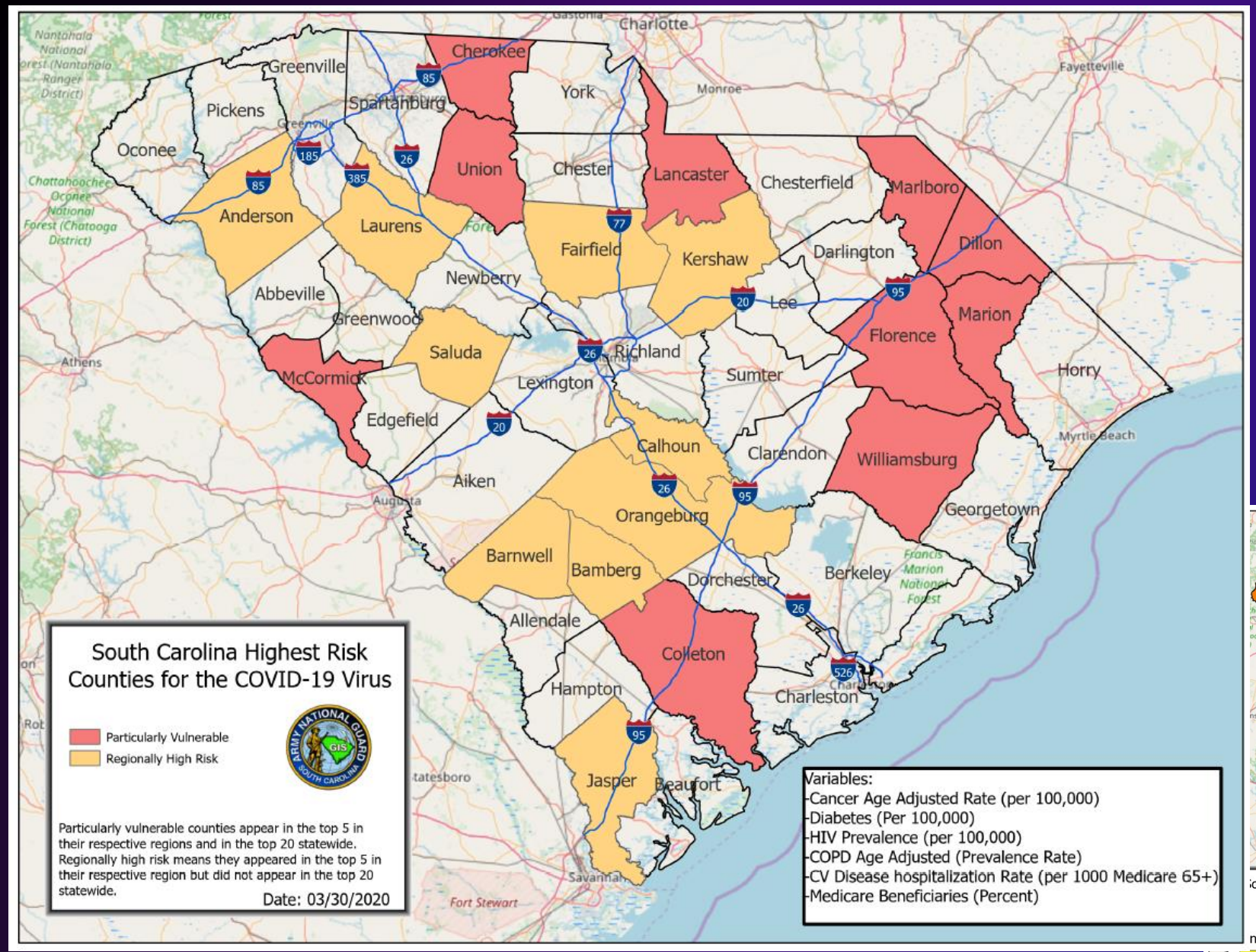
# First COVID-19 Phase

Creation of COVID Dashboard, Health Vulnerability Analysis, Site Suitability Analysis for Testing Sites

# ArcGIS COVID-19 Dashboard 1.0

## April 2, 2020




South Carolina Highest Risk Counties for the COVID-19 Virus
Particularly Vulnerable
Regionally High Risk
Particularly vulnerable counties appear in the top 5 in their respective regions and in the top 20 statewide. Regionally high risk means they appeared in the top 5 in their respective region but did not appear in the top 20 statewide.
Date: 03/30/2020
Variables:
-Cancer Age Adjusted Rate (per 100,000)
-Diabetes (Per 100,000)
-HIV Prevalence (per 100,000)
-COPD Age Adjusted (Prevalence Rate)
-CV Disease hospitalization Rate (per 1000 Medicare 65+)
-Medicare Beneficiaries (Percent)
Cherokee
Greenville
Pickens
Spartanburg
York
Oconee
Union
Chester
Lancaster
Chesterfield
Marlboro
Anderson
Laurens
Fairfield
Kershaw
Darlington
Dillon
Newberry
Abbeville
Greenwood
Lee
Florence
Marion
Saluda
Richland
Sumter
Horry
McCormick
Lexington
Edgefield
Calhoun
Clarendon
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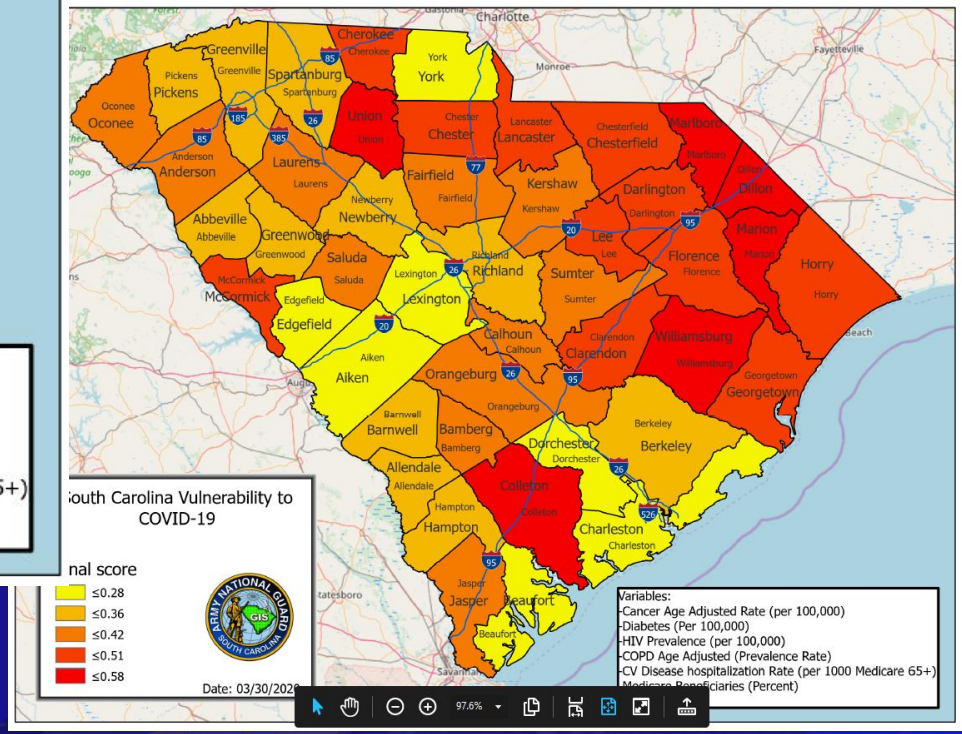
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nal score
≤0.28
≤0.36
≤0.42
≤0.51
≤0.58
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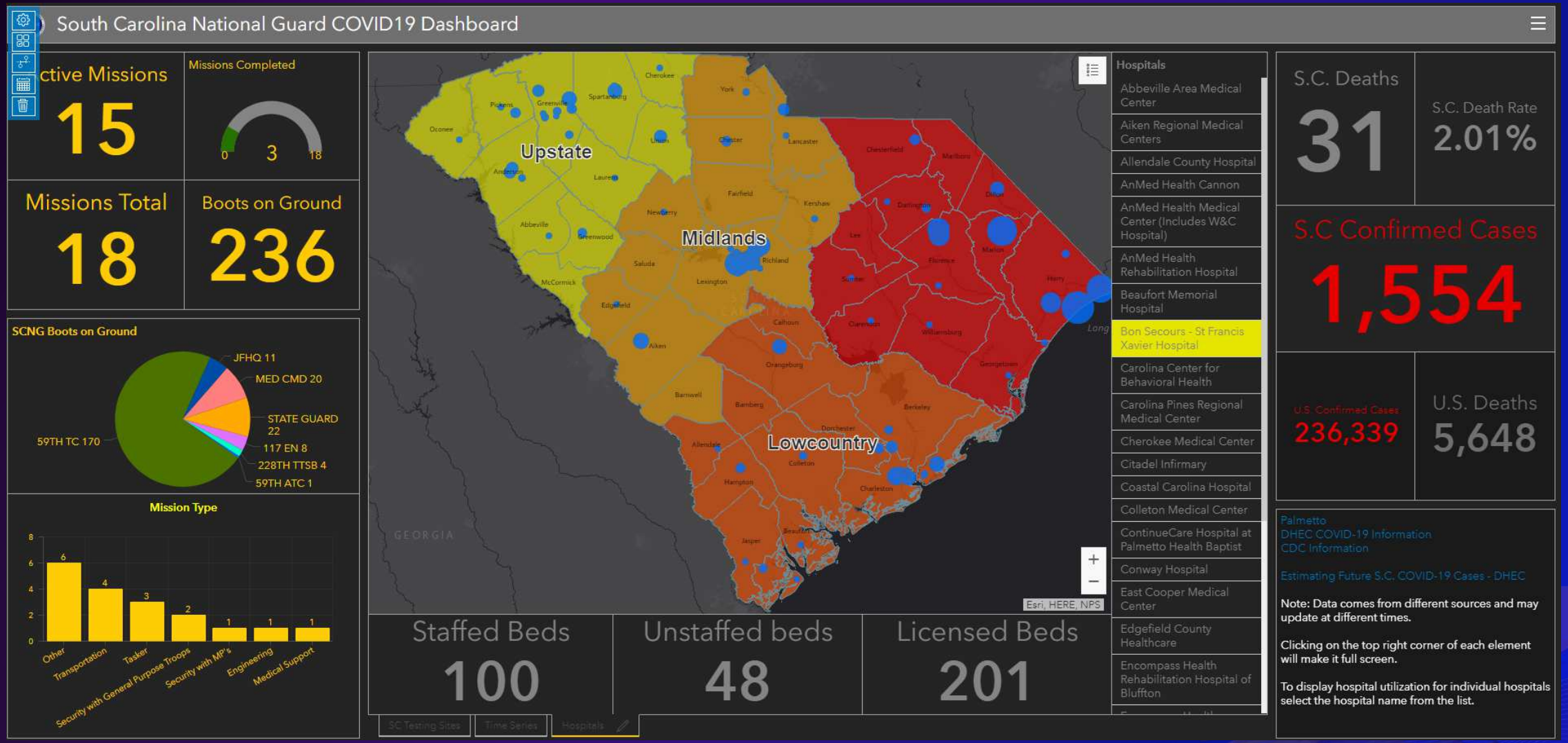


# COVID Testing
## Site Suitability Analysis
### with Rural Health Clinics

### Clarendon County

- Hospital
- Rural Health Clinics
- DHEC Approved Testing Sites

Rank of Suitable Testing Sites

- ≤0.21
- ≤0.66
- ≤0.81
- ≤0.87

**Suitability Analysis based on the following criteria:**

-- Located at a public school AND

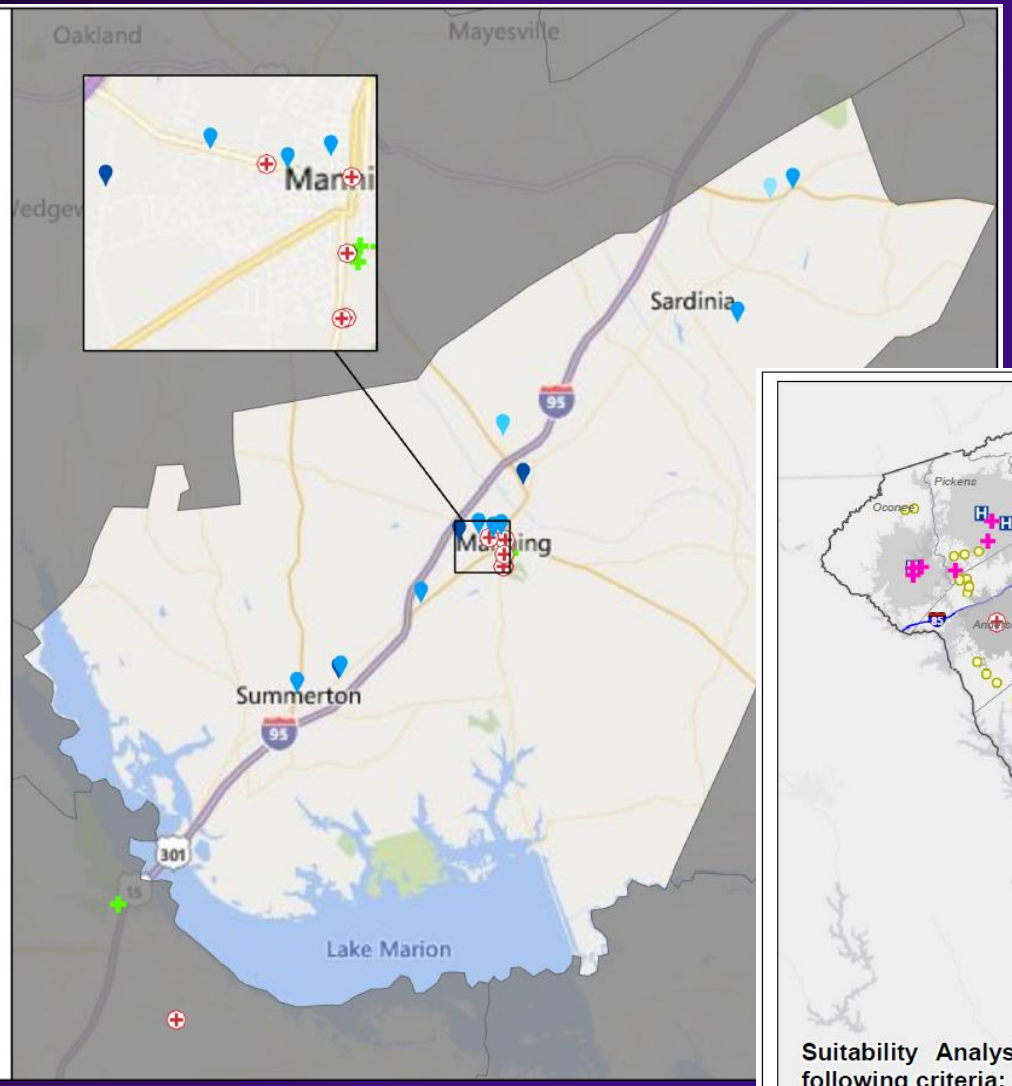
-- Ranks based on

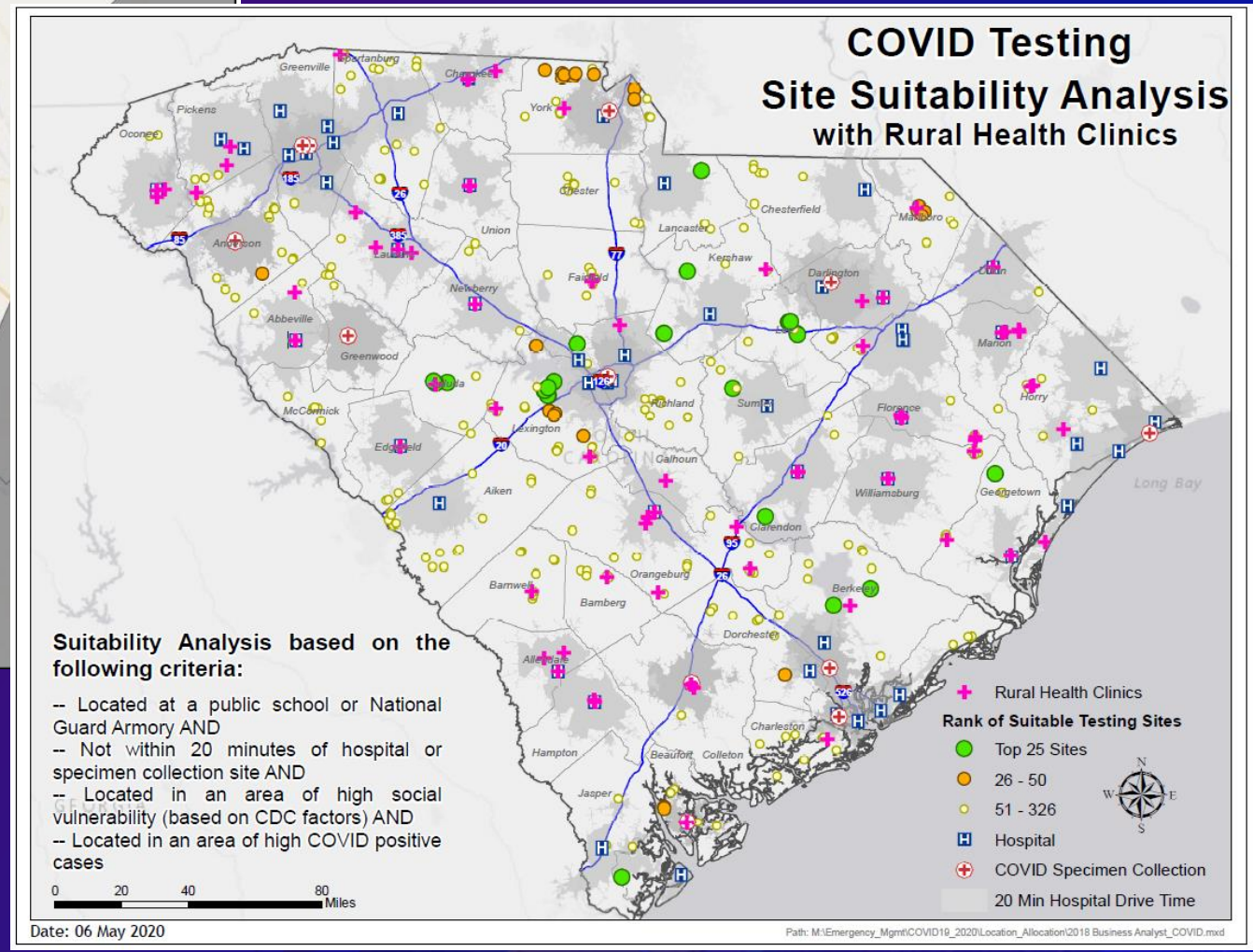
--High Social Vulnerability Index (Based on CDC) -60% Weight

-- High Covid19 cases - 20% Weight

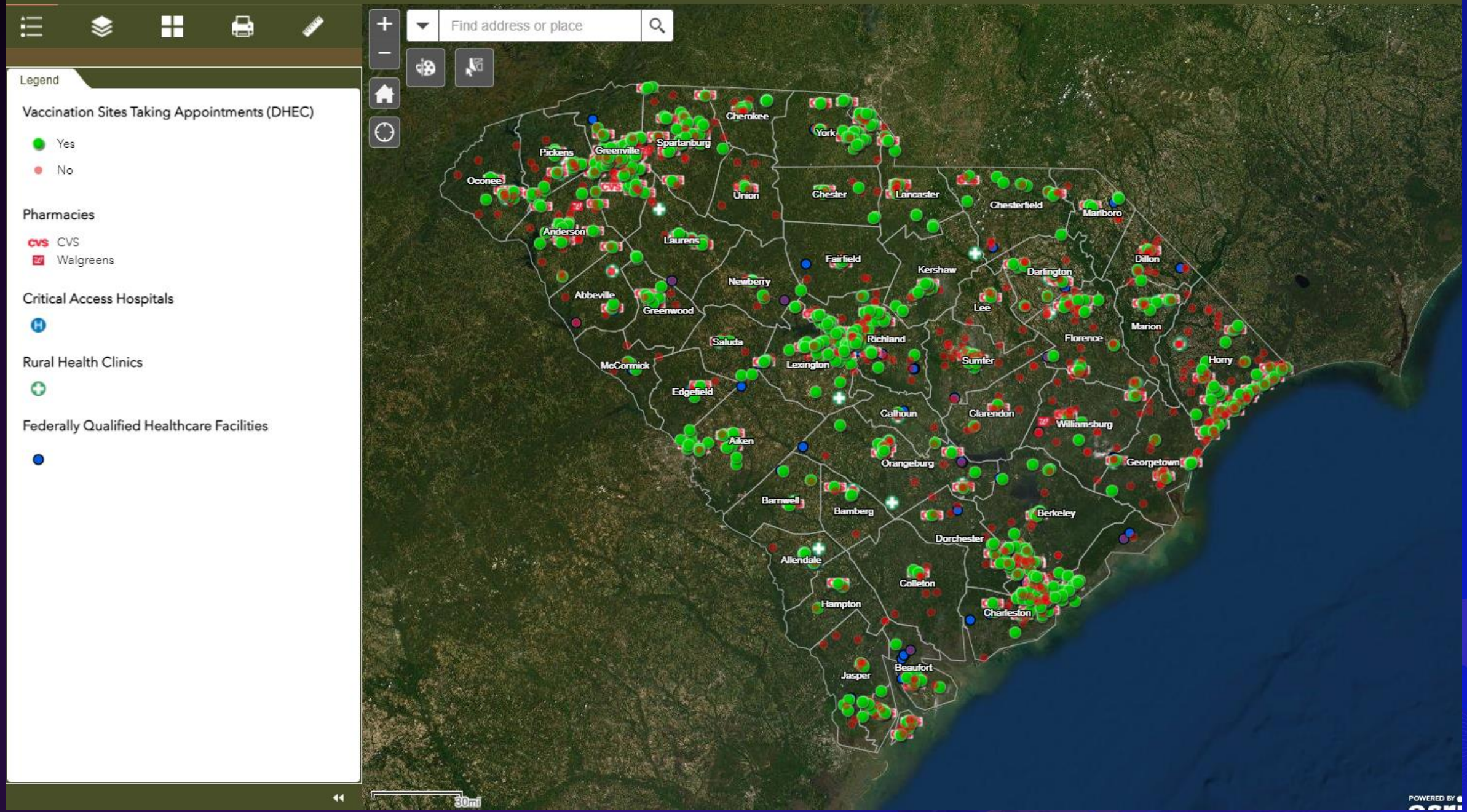
--Not near another testing facility - 20% weight

Date: 07 May 2020



# SC Demographics for Covid-19 Vaccination Planning



# Second COVID-19 Phase

## Data Sharing and Hospital Status

# Data Sharing

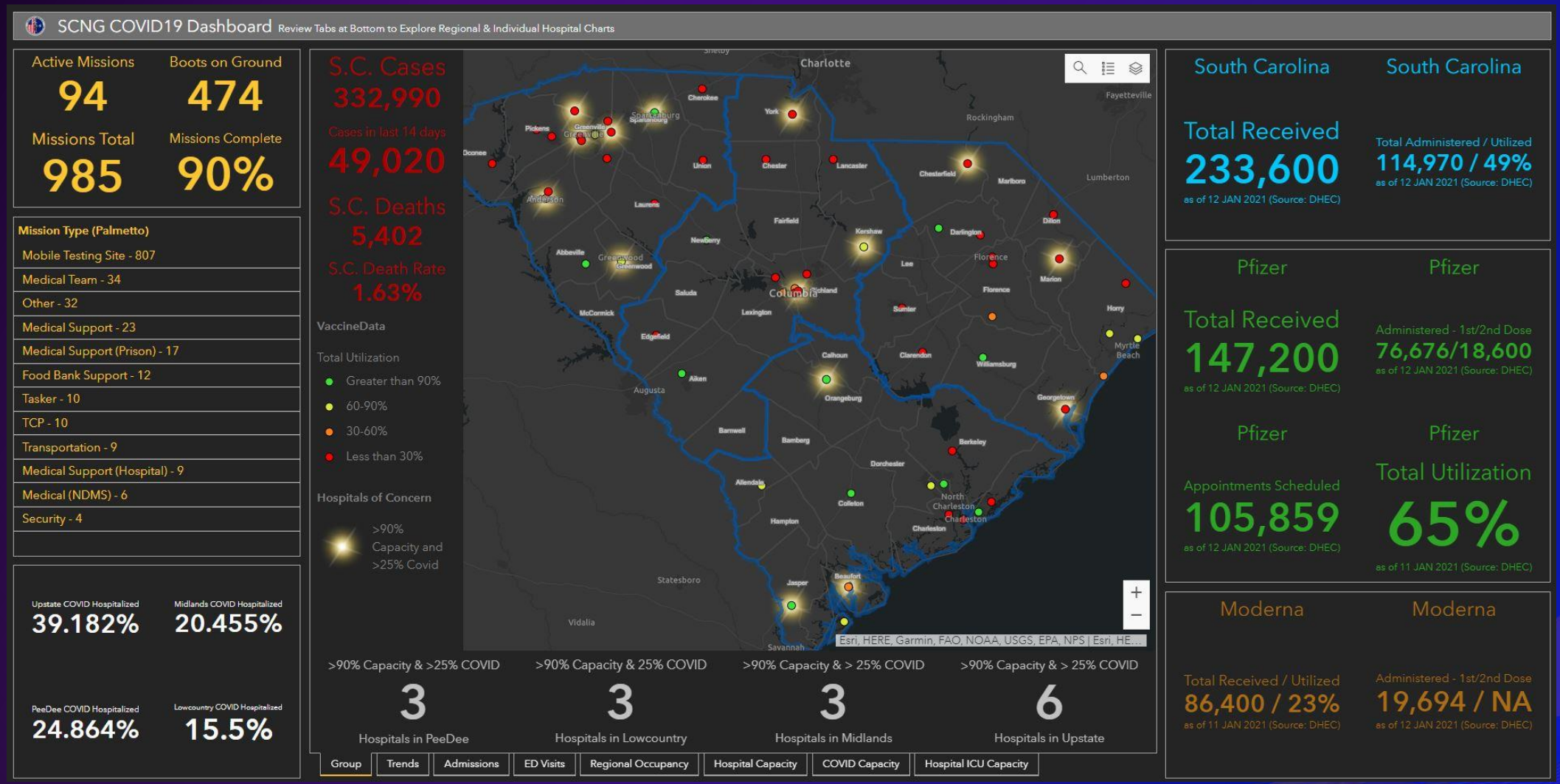
- Second phase began in June 2020
- Data sharing challenges
- Data sharing solutions

## Key Partners

- The SC National Guard
- SC Emergency Management Dept.
- SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control

# ArcGIS COVID-19 Dashboard 2.0

## January 11, 2021



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