



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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COVID-19 CASES

COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

As of February 2, 2022, DHEC has reported the following student and staff quarantines and isolations since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year:

- 405,460 student quarantines
- 117,836 student isolations
- 15,212 staff quarantines
- 20,678 staff isolations

[Student, Staff Isolation & Quarantine Report](#) (as of 2/2/2022)

[South Carolina County-Level Data for COVID-19](#) (as of 2/6/2022)

BROADBAND ACCESS

Internet Survey

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Information Technology Leaders, HR Directors, Student Services Directors

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We anticipate that the legislature will be acting soon to appropriate significant funds for expansion of broadband internet in South Carolina. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) is creating [maps of our state](#) indicating which areas are in most need of high-speed internet. Because internet for educational use is a high priority, ORS has asked for our assistance in determining which students and staff live in households without adequate high-speed internet, whether it is because of service providers' unwillingness to provide it to the home, the cost, or the lack of cell coverage. To that end, ORS has created the [I Need Internet](#) survey. Data from the survey will be used to update the maps with more specific information

on internet service around the state. We would very much appreciate your distributing this information to your students, staff, and families so that decisions on where to spend broadband resources can be fully informed of the educational needs for broadband in our state.

[Internet Survey - Memo](#) PDF (137 KB)

EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT

2022 ESSA Virtual Academy

AUDIENCE: Chief Financial Officers, District Instructional Leaders, Federal Programs Directors

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The South Carolina Department of Education, Office of Federal and State Accountability, is pleased to announce the 2022 ESSA Academy on March 28–30, 2022, 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. each day. This free, three-day, virtual event is designed to build the capacity of education professionals in South Carolina by sharing updates and best practices related to the successful implementation of ESSA programs.

Continuing Education Unit (CEU) credits will be awarded to attendees upon completion, as verified through attendance logs throughout the event and a post-conference survey.

[2022 ESSA Virtual Academy - Memo](#) PDF (134 KB)

[2022 ESSA Virtual Academy - Attachment](#) PDF (1735 KB)

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