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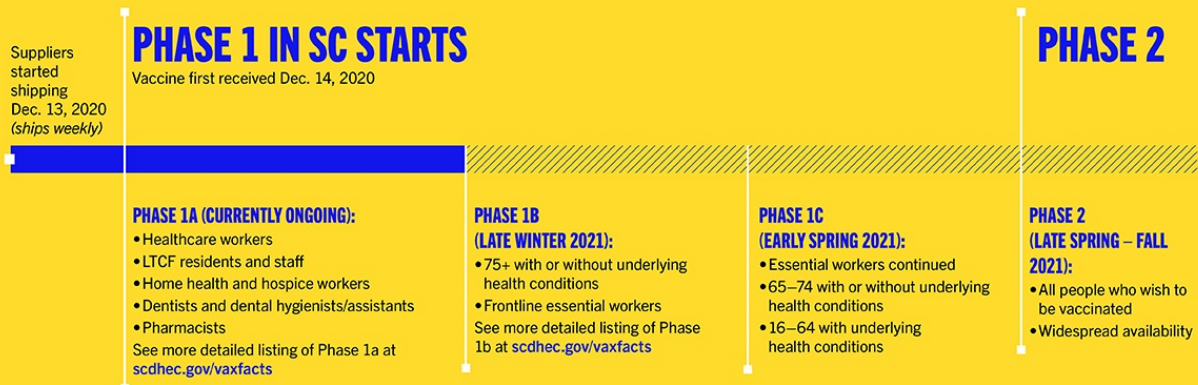
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COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 VACCINE FLOW IN SC



THE COVID-19 VACCINE

[DHEC COVID-19 Vaccine Webpage](#)

[COVID-19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Healthcare workers, anyone 70 years and older, and state & local government employees and contractors who perform COVID-19 vaccinations and testing in S.C. can make appointments to get a vaccine.

[See the complete listing for who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine in Phase 1a.](#)

Find vaccine provider locations by:

1. Using scdhec.gov/vaxlocator to see locations accepting appointments for COVID-19 vaccine. Pick a location and call the phone number listed to make an appointment. The map itself is not a way to schedule an appointment.

2. Calling DHEC's Care Line at 1-855-472-3432 for help finding contact information you need to make an appointment. The Care Line can't schedule an appointment but can give you phone numbers for locations you can call to make an appointment.

Please find additional information here. Current vaccine information is available at scdhec.gov/vaxfacts.

Who in K-12 schools qualifies for the vaccine in Phase 1a? This includes school nurses, physical and occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and audiologists, and athletic trainers (only those assisting with school based COVID-19 testing) who are working face to face with students. It is important to note that just because someone has an eligible title does not mean they are in Phase 1a. Employers are encouraged to submit names of qualifying employees to area hospitals. DHEC suggests employers provide eligible employees with a letter stating their eligibility.

Must you be vaccinated in the county you work in? No, those identified as eligible in Phase 1a can follow the above instructions to find a hospital in a neighboring county that is offering appointments. Hospitals are allowed to offer vaccination to anyone in the appropriate phase regardless of their county of residency.

Have a general question about COVID-19? Call the DHEC Care Line at 1-855-472-3432 between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. daily.

COVID-19 TESTING

Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Result COVID-19 Test Kits

A reminder that if a resupply of BinaxNOW tests are needed, please email PHPWarehouse@dhec.sc.gov to request tests and coordination receipt. Please include the name of the district or school and point of contact information.

BinaxNOW tests have expiration dates and should not be used once expired. If a district or school has a large supply of unused inventory, they may contact PHPWarehouse@dhec.sc.gov to arrange exchange of those tests. This must be done 2 weeks prior to the expiration date. Please include the number of test kits to be exchanged, the expiration date, the district or school name, and point of contact information.

Consent must be obtained before administering Abbott BinaxNOW tests. The unaltered universal staff or student consent form provided by DHEC must be used in order to participate in BinaxNOW testing. If a district or school wishes to use its own form to address policies or procedures that are unique to the school or district and not represented in the universal consent form, a school/ district form can be used in addition to the DHEC consent form.

[Abbott BinaxNOW Rapid Result COVID-19 Test Kits](#)

COVID-19 CASES

COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

DHEC began reporting positive COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools on September 4, 2020. Since that time, there have been **8,080** [positive cases among K-12 students and staff](#) who attended school face to face during their infectious period. During that same time period (9/4/2020 to 1/17/2021) DHEC has reported **267,780** [positive cases among all South Carolinians](#).

This means that positive cases among K-12 students and staff who attended school account

for **3.3%** of South Carolina's total since K-12 positive case reporting began. Public and private K-12 students and staff make up approximately one fifth of South Carolina's total population.

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 1/17/2021)

[Recent Disease Activity, by County Report](#) (as of 1/13/2021)

ACCOUNTABILITY

Addendum to Consolidate State Plan Related to COVID-19

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Accountability Coordinators

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) intends to request an addendum to the ESSA accountability plan related to the pandemic as permitted under a streamlined process established by the United States Department of Education (USED). The [addendum application form](#) outlines the elements that may be included in the addendum. The USED's [frequently asked questions document](#) further identifies changes that must be submitted through a formal plan amendment rather than on the streamlined addendum. This addendum assumes that the state will be administering assessments in spring 2021; the SCDE has separately filed its [request](#) for a waiver of that testing requirement.

[Addendum to Consolidate State Plan Related to COVID-19 - Memo](#) PDF (159 KB)

ATTENDANCE

12-Year Perfect Attendance Recognition

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, High School Principals, Attendance Supervisors

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In light of the impact of COVID-19 on school operations and attendance from March 2020 through the current academic year, the South Carolina Department of Education has decided to conclude its annual 12-Year Perfect Attendance Recognition activities.

Districts and schools, however, may continue to host attendance recognition activities in accordance with district policies and practices.

[12-Year Perfect Attendance Recognition - Memo](#) PDF (130 KB)

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Affirmation of Consultation with Private and Homeschool Representatives

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Special Education Directors

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The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires each local educational agency (LEA) to effect timely and meaningful consultation with private school representatives prior to implementing Child Find activities to determine the number of parentally-placed students with

disabilities attending private schools located in the LEA. Because the state treats students with disabilities in homeschools in the same manner as parentally-placed students with disabilities in private schools, with regard to the provision of special education and related services, homeschool representatives and representatives of parents of students in homeschool programs must be included in the consultation. To ensure meaningful consultation, the LEA must consult with private school and homeschool representatives and representatives of parents of parentally-placed private school students and homeschool students with disabilities during the design and development of special education and related services and any decision that affects the opportunities of eligible private and homeschooled students.

[Affirmation of Consultation with Private and Homeschool Representatives - Memo](#) PDF (163 KB)

