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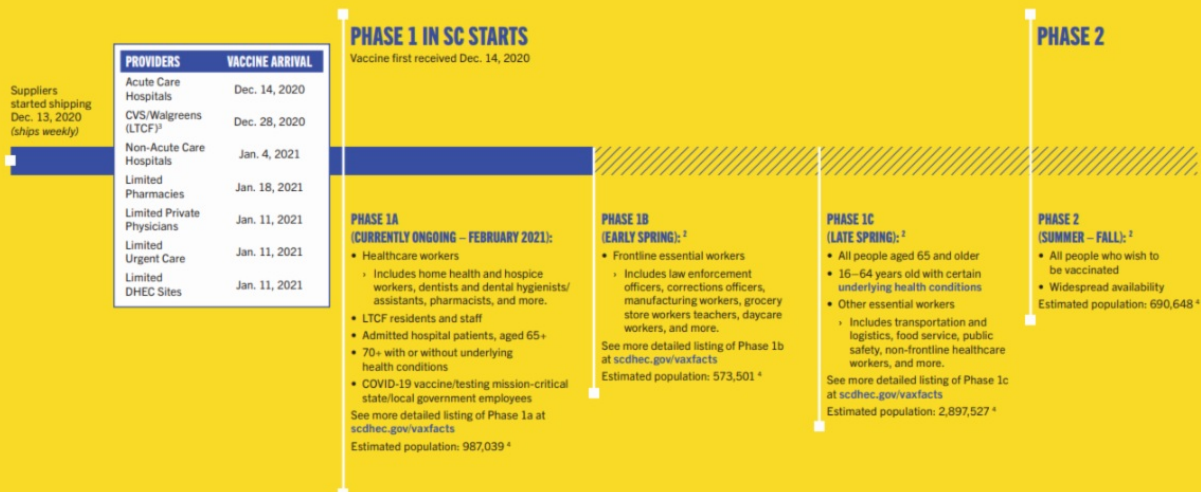
Missed last week's memos?

All SCDE weekly memo communications are archived [here](#). Individual memos can be found on the [School District Memoranda Archive](#).

COVID-19 VACCINE

COVID-19 VACCINE FLOW IN SC

This graphic shows the progression of the vaccine from the federal government to the state and the steps along the way from providers to vaccine recipients.¹



THE COVID-19 VACCINE

FOOTNOTES:

- All phase groups are subject to change based on CDC/ACIP/VAC recommendations
- All estimates subject to change due to vaccine availability, demand, and provider participation.
- Vaccine allocated to Long-Term Care Facilities (LTCF)
- Sources: SC Department of Commerce and DOD Tiberius Planning Tool

[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.

S.C. DHEC Assistant State Epidemiologist Dr. Jane Kelly Discusses COVID-19 Vaccine with Lexington One



COVID-19 SURVEY

Educator and Support Staff COVID-19 Vaccine Survey

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents

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In preparation for the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine for educators and support staff, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has been asked to collect district level information and supply it to state level decision makers. This data will be used to better inform and expedite the COVID-19 vaccination process for school district employees. We ask that **one person** in each district complete the below survey no later than **Wednesday, January 27th at 5:00 p.m.**

In order to collect this information and report it to the SCDE, your district will have to survey your staff and ask them to indicate whether or not they will take the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to them. When collecting this information, we HIGHLY recommend that you collect the names of the staff who answer YES as this can be compiled in a roster and given to the local hospital or healthcare provider at a later date. This information, however, DOES NOT have to be submitted to the SCDE. Districts SHOULD include substitute teachers and student teachers in their surveys and employment counts. Employees with questions about the COVID-19 vaccine can find answers through [DHEC's COVID-19 Vaccine & Vaccination FAQs](#).

Districts are also being asked to indicate whether or not they have concrete plans in place with local hospitals or health care providers to aide in the vaccination process. We realize that many hospitals have not engaged or have not provided clear information to school districts when the district has attempted to coordinate vaccination plans with them. If your local hospital has begun or is fully engaged in consultation with your district about vaccination plans of district employees, we ask that you provide the name of the hospital.

<https://scde.formstack.com/forms/covid19vaccine>

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 **8,849** [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 1/24/2021) DHEC has reported **295,557** [positive cases among all South Carolinians](#).

This means that positive cases among K-12 students and staff who attended school account for **3.0%** 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 1/24/2021)

[Recent Disease Activity, by County Report](#) (as of 1/20/2021)

[MUSC Study on COVID in Charleston County School District](#)

ACCOUNTABILITY

FY 2021 Title IV, Part A Waiver

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, ESEA Title IV-A Coordinators

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In light of the continued disruption to learning caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has been granted flexibility under the Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant Program (Title IV, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA)).

These are challenging times, and we recognize that many schools and communities are facing unprecedented obstacles as the 2020-21 school year continues and would benefit from greater flexibility in the use of Title IV, Part A funds.

[FY 2021 Title IV, Part A Waiver - Memo](#) PDF (165 KB)

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Perkins V Secondary/Postsecondary Allocation Formula - For Public Comment

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Public Information Officers

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is seeking public comment on the subrecipient allocation formula for the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V). During the development of the South Carolina Perkins V State Plan, the SCDE Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) and the South Carolina Technical College System (SCTCS) discussed the possibility of a change in the secondary-postsecondary subrecipient allocation formula. The current allocation for subrecipients is 68 percent for secondary and 32 percent for postsecondary. The proposed change would gradually increase the allocation for the postsecondary subrecipients to 35 percent over three years. Thereby at the end of the three year period, the subrecipient allocation formula would be 65 percent for secondary and 35 percent for postsecondary. All other requirements for Perkins V funding continue to apply.

Any change in the allocation formula requires a sixty day public comment period before it can be approved by the U.S. Department of Education. The SCDE must provide notice and a reasonable time to comment. This notice must be provided to local education agencies, other subgrantees, and the general public. Comments regarding this allocation must be submitted via Formstack at https://scde.formstack.com/forms/cte_public_comme by Friday, March 19, 2021.

[Perkins V Secondary/Postsecondary Allocation Formula - For Public Comment - Memo](#) PDF (133 KB)

