



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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COVID-19

DHEC Routine Asymptomatic Testing and Vaccinations for 2021-22 School Year

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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) has been awarded funding from the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Prevention and Control of Emerging Infectious Diseases (ELC) to develop a 16-month in-school COVID-19 testing program. This program provides routine asymptomatic testing (screening) in schools for the 2021-22 school year. The program is designed to be flexible and scalable and will offer choices to districts and schools that meet their varied needs and resources.

Funding for the program will allow for expansion of current diagnostic testing programs, to develop a new program, or to outsource testing services to third-party vendors or partners. The goal of this program is to provide testing options that reduce school staff burdens while also reducing community transmission. For districts choosing to participate by offering screening on campus through BinaxNOW administered by school nurses and athletic trainers, funding will cover test administration fee and other incurred costs like PPE, infectious waste storage and transport, and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) fees through a reimbursement method.

DHEC is asking that districts and/or school leaders complete the below survey by **Wednesday, July 21, 2021**.

[Routine Asymptomatic Testing and Vaccinations Survey](#)

DISTRICT & ENTITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

Reminder: DEIM Updates

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Report Card Coordinators, Technology Coordinators, PowerSchool Coordinators

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The South Carolina Department of Education provides a communication system to ensure key stakeholders receive essential information. That system is dependent on school district personnel maintaining and updating the roster of contacts in the agency database. The District & Entity Information Management (DEIM) system tracks the contact information of district personnel in those key roles. The maintenance of those records is a core district function and failure to update those roles can result in essential communication not reaching key personnel. The DEIM can and should be updated continuously as roles change in your district.

[Reminder: DEIM Updates - Memo](#) PDF (133 KB)

FACILITIES

2021 Vacant School Buildings Survey

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Facilities Managers

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The Office of School Facilities (OSF) is required by South Carolina Code § 59-40-170 to maintain a listing of district owned vacant and unused buildings that are suitable for charter school use. OSF asks that you share the survey in the below linked memorandum with district facility managers or appropriate staff to update information on vacant/unused school facilities. A copy of OSF's last statewide listing is embedded within the survey and can be used to assist you in updating your district's information. Even if your district does not have any vacant or unused facilities, you must still complete the survey indicating such.

Please submit all survey responses by **Friday, August 27, 2021**.

[2021 Vacant School Buildings Survey - Memo](#) PDF (139 KB)

INSTRUCTION HUB

Instruction Hub

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

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As we continue work on the South Carolina Instruction Hub, districts are asked to complete an updated Needs Assessment form, which includes district level contacts for both Curriculum and Instruction and Technology. [Click Here for the Needs Assessment](#). All districts should be in full operation mode. If a district does not have access to the Instruction Hub icon in the Learning Management System or teaching and learning digital environment, please contact Lee D'Andrea at ldandrea@ed.sc.gov.

Professional development for the Instruction Hub is ongoing during summer 2021, and schedules are available from Instruction Hub provider, SAFARI Montage.

[Instruction Hub - Memo](#) PDF (163 KB)

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS

State Funding for School Resource Officers

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Chief Financial Officers

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In accordance with Proviso 63.9, the administration of state funds for school resource officers (SRO) has been transferred to the South Carolina Department of Public Safety, effective July 1, 2021.

[State Funding for School Resource Officers - Memo](#) PDF (162 KB)

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