



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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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 **18,651** [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 5/29/2021) DHEC has reported **464,571** [positive cases among all South Carolinians](#).

This means that positive cases among K-12 students and staff who attended school account for **4.0%** 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 5/26/2021)

[Recent Disease Activity, by County Report](#) (as of 5/26/2021)

COVID-19 VACCINE

School Based COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

SC DHEC would like to provide assistance and coordination of **OPTIONAL** school vaccine clinics for students and their family members 12 and older and staff before the end of the school year. DHEC understands that this is a hectic time of year, and the time frame for planning is very limited, so participation is **COMPLETELY OPTIONAL**. This is meant only to be a service to school districts that wish to plan vaccine events in this time frame. We will continue to coordinate with the SCDE and school districts to plan summer and back-to-school vaccination events as well.

Certain retail pharmacies are interested in partnering with schools to coordinate end-of-year clinics. Additionally, DHEC compiled a list of Pfizer vaccine providers that are able to coordinate with school districts and schools. DHEC will aid in coordination and may be able to

provide some clinics. Please be aware that DHEC and its partners wish to provide as many end of year clinics as possible and as dosage allocations allow. DHEC will need the information provided in this survey in order to help with coordinating any end of year events. Please review the attached information and answer the survey below so that DHEC can provide coordination assistance in these efforts.

[School Partnership Youth and Family Vaccination Toolkit](#)

[Pfizer Providers for School Partnerships](#)

[School District Survey](#)

[Charter School Survey](#)

ESSER

ESSER III and Public Input Requirements Webinar

AUDIENCE: Public Information Officers

The South Carolina Association of School Administrators, South Carolina Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association, and the South Carolina Department of Education will host a virtual meeting **TOMORROW, Wednesday, June 2**, on the public input requirements for ESSER III.

The meeting will take place from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

To register for the meeting, please use the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMsf-yvqjsqGdUJxUxm32VYkwLjR9K79dz7>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

P-EBT

Errors in Data Entry of Virtual Attendance Must Be Corrected - Due June 20, 2021

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Attendance Supervisors, Principals

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I am writing to ask that district superintendents, principals, and attendance supervisors take immediate action to correct attendance records that could be depriving your students of Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) monetary benefits.

Attendance records in PowerSchool always impact your districts' funding (average daily membership), truancy, and chronic absenteeism metrics. During the pandemic, those records also determine whether some of your students are eligible for additional monetary benefits from the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the S.C. Department of Social Services (DSS). Families are eligible for \$6.82 per day that an eligible student attends virtually while enrolled at a school participating in the National School Lunch Program. Rather than asking districts and schools to supply this information to DSS, the S.C. Department of Education (SCDE) agreed to compile attendance records from PowerSchool based on your data updates in January (for September–December 2020), March (September 2020–February 2021), May (September–April 2021), and June (September–June 2021). The SCDE's ability to supply accurate records depends upon the data quality of the attendance

[Errors in Data Entry of Virtual Attendance Must Be Corrected - Corrected Records Due June 20, 2021 - Memo](#) PDF (177 KB)

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Career and Technical Education - Senior Extensions and Waivers

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Career and Technical Education (CTE) Directors, Instructional Leaders, School Counselors

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As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closing of schools, the Office of Career and Technical Education (OCTE) is providing information and guidance for districts and multidistrict career centers regarding extensions for specific programs of study. The programs include Certified Nurse Aide (CNA), Firefighting, Barber/Master Hair Care, Cosmetology, Esthetics, and Nail Technology. Seniors enrolled in these programs are granted extensions beyond the date of graduation for completing hours and certification requirements.

[Career and Technical Education - Senior Extensions and Waivers - Memo](#) PDF (181 KB)

SAFETY

Enhancing School Safety: Summer/Fall 2021 Training Series

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Principals, District Safety Directors, Instructional Leaders, School Counseling Personnel Directors, Student Services Coordinators

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The Office of Student Intervention Services will continue its *Enhancing School Safety* series of trainings designed to provide participants with practical strategies and resources to expand their capacity to develop high quality emergency operations plans and offer enhanced safety and social emotional support services for staff and students.

All trainings are virtual and being offered at no cost to districts or individuals; however, **registration is required.**

[Enhancing School Safety: Summer/Fall 2021 Training Series - Memo](#) PDF (217 KB)

