



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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Missed last week's memos?

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COVID-19

COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Report

The last Isolation & Quarantine survey for this school year will be sent **Thursday, June 2, 2022** for the week of May 30-June 3, 2022. This survey will be due by Monday, June 6 at 5:00 p.m. There is no need to report Isolation & Quarantine numbers if your school is already out for the summer. DHEC has no current plans to continue collecting this information next year but may reinstitute weekly reporting should a change in circumstances call for it.

COVID-19 Outbreaks and Testing

20% or more of a cohort (class, drama program, summer trip, etc.) in isolation due to a COVID positive test or symptoms is considered an outbreak. Outbreaks are immediately reportable to your regional public health office. Maintaining COVID-19 testing capacity is an important prevention measure for disease spread and outbreaks. At-home tests for distribution at school events may be ordered with [this form](#). For additional testing information, please contact Kendra Neely at COVID19SCschools@dhec.sc.gov.

ESSER

ESSER Update

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Chief Financial Officers, District School Business Officials, ESSER Points of Contacts

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This memorandum provides updates to key areas related to funds provided under the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) programs. The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) has received several inquiries related to additional pay for personnel and has now sought additional legal guidance.

[ESSER Update - Memo](#) PDF (94 KB)

NUTRITION

2022-23 USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District School Food Service Directors/Supervisors, Elementary School Principals

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Funding for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) is available for the 2022–23 school year through Section 19 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act. The purpose of the FFVP is to provide students in participating schools with a variety of free fresh fruit and vegetables as healthy snack options throughout the school day (at times other than at breakfast, lunch, or in an afterschool program).

The FFVP targets elementary schools with the highest percentage of students eligible for free and reduced-price meals (at least 50 percent or higher). Schools will be selected based on the highest percentage of eligible students using the October 2019 Meal Count Data by Site (SNP Lunch) data collected in the South Carolina Automated Payment System (SCAPS).

[2022-23 USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program - Memo](#) PDF (121 KB)

CONTACT

New DEIM Role - RBHS Coordinator

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Medicaid Coordinators, District Special Education Contacts

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In anticipation of Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services (RBHS) implementation effective July 1, 2022, districts should identify district personnel who will serve as the programmatic point of contact with the SCDE's Office of Medicaid Services and the SC Department of Health and Human Services. This individual should be someone who will play an integral role in executing RBHS Medicaid-related policies and procedures and can provide insight regarding service delivery and staffing.

A new role, RBHS Coordinator, has been added to the District and Entity Information Management (DEIM) system. As you develop or redesign your School-based Mental Health Services programs to include RBHS, please add this district contact into DEIM.

[New DEIM Role - RBHS Coordinator](#) PDF (121 KB)

SURVEY

Grow Your Own Educator Candidates

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders

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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) is considering a partnership with the National Center for Grow Your Own in an effort to increase the number of educator candidates and provide a pathway to the classroom with candidates you know and trust. More about the center can be found at [National Center for Grow Your Own Teachers and Registered Apprenticeships for Teaching \(ncgyo.org\)](https://www.ncgyo.org).

Through this partnership, the SCDE will work with selected colleges and universities who agree to participate in Grow Your Own and increase our pipeline of well-prepared educators. Please complete the [Grow Your Own Survey](#) no later than June 7, 2022. Your responses will assist in determining the level of interest and how soon we move forward with this partnership.

[Grow Your Own Educator Candidates - Memo](#) PDF (31 KB)

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