



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Guidance:

A. Survey & Certification Guidance: www.cmssurveyguidance.gov

B. Guidance for Personnel with Potential Exposure to COVID-19: [Click Here:](#)

II. Financial Resources:

DDSN recognizes that the response required by your business to this threat can cause financial distress for your business, as well as for your employees. A variety of financial resources may be available for your business and your employees. While DDSN does not manage these programs, we want to provide suggested resources as we identify them. We are not familiar with the specific eligibility requirements, your particular situation, or the timeframes associated with receiving any kind of assistance.

Below are a variety of links for you to consider/share:

Business Financial Resources:

[US Small Business Association Guidance and Loan Resources](#)

[Local Assistance Resource Identification](#)

[SBA - Apply for Disaster Assistance](#)

[Business Interruption Insurance Resources](#)

[US Chamber of Commerce Resources](#)

[South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Resources](#)

[South Carolina Department of Revenue Tax Resources](#)

[Internal Revenue Service Information](#)

Employee Financial Resources:

[Health Insurance Resources](#)

[Unemployment Resources](#)

[Local United Way Links](#)

We will provide additional financial resources as we become aware of them.

III. Provider Supply Level Alert Form - ([LINK to FORM](#))

Please use this form in order to inform DDSN when there is a concern about a supply level running low or if you have a surplus and are willing to assist other providers. While DDSN cannot guarantee that supplies will be available to meet the need we WILL use this information to assist in various ways including assisting in redistribution and in coordinating with other state agencies that may have supplies available. Thank you and your personnel for your continued commitment to those we serve.

IV. Labor, Licensing, & Regulation (LLR) Update:

The Board of Directors for Long Term Healthcare Administrators has published their recommendations during the current public health emergency which can be found by clicking on the “Alert” button on the Board website at <https://llr.sc.gov/lthc/>. LLR included guidance to minimize risks by following DHEC Visitation Restrictions and CDC’s Preparing for COVID-19 Long-term Care facilities, Nursing Homes to reduce potential risk. LLR also indicated CEUs for the 2019/2020 renewal for Health Care Administrators can be obtained via online NAB-approved courses through July 1, 2020. Licensees will be receiving notice from LLR via email this afternoon/evening.

V. Resource Links to Stay Abreast of Surveillance Data, Infection Prevention & Control:

- A. Centers for Disease Control (CDC)-<https://www.cdc.gov/>
- B. SC Dept. Health & Environmental Control (DHEC)-<https://www.scdhec.gov/>
- C. John’s Hopkins University-<https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/>
- D. DDSN Website-<https://ddsn.sc.gov/providers/emergency-management>

VI. Screening and Testing:

Several South Carolina health systems are offering telehealth options to the public. These options are available to anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms in South Carolina. In order to access the free consult, use the promo code COVID19.

1. MUSC-Online screening 24/7, no appointment necessary at-
<https://campaigns.muschealth.org/virtual-care/index.html>
2. McLeod Health- <https://www.mcleodhealth.org/services/care/telehealth/>
3. Prisma Health-<https://www.prismahealth.org/virtual-visit/>
4. Roper St. Francis-<https://www.rsfh.com/virtualcare/>
5. DHEC Care Line-1-855-472-3432; 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY- there are drive through testing clinics at the following hospitals (Patient must be ordered by a physician via Virtual Care Visit.): Prisma Health Richland Prisma Health Greenville MUSC at Charleston’s Citadel Mall Roper St. Francis Transition Clinic on Rivers Ave. in North Charleston

VII. Health Risk Screening, Inc. has provided the DDSN provider network with access to timely training on (1) infections and (2) COVID-19 and people with ID.

“Fatal Five Fundamentals: Infections” Video

A free 22min training video on “Infections”, taken from our Fatal Five eLearn series on the topic. We have removed all the knowledge checks and testing and kept it strictly to information. Good information for anyone.

Link to video here: <https://hrsonline.com/video/fatal-five-infection-video/>

“COVID-19 and People with IDD: Impact, Prevention and Action”

Free 30 Minute Webinar presented by Dr. Craig Escude

Wednesday, March 25, at 11:00am EST

Space is limited. Register Now [Click here to register:](#)

This free, 30 minute webinar will focus on the on how people with IDD and those who support them can reduce the risk of acquiring the disease, reduce transmission to others and what actions should be taken to prepare for the possibility of needing healthcare during this time of crisis. A recording of the presentation will be available after the presentation for those who are unable to attend. NO CEUs will be provided for this program.

VIII. Directive Public Comment Period Extended:

The public comment period for directives 300-05-DD and 100-01-DD has been extended through April 8, 2020.