



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC): EOC@DDSN.SC.GOV; 803-898-9754
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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. CDC UPDATED SYMPTOM LIST:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has added several new symptoms to its existing list of symptoms for COVID-19. The CDC initially included fever, cough and shortness of breath as indications that someone might have the disease caused by the novel coronavirus. It has now added [six more](#) conditions that may come with the disease: chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell. DDSN Providers are encouraged to update their screening checklists accordingly.

II. REQUESTING PPE THROUGH DHEC:

Hospitals, EMS and other medical providers that need to request resources or supplies during emergencies should:

1. Ensure suppliers routinely used cannot meet request.
2. Utilize any mutual aid agreements that are in place.
3. Request assistance through your local healthcare coalition:
RCC-Upstate-PPE@dhec.sc.gov (Piedmont Region)
rcc-lowcountry-supplies@dhec.sc.gov (Coastal Region)
phillist@dhec.sc.gov (Midlands Region)
rodgeryw@dhec.sc.gov (Pee Dee Region)

- * Copy your County Emergency Management Division* to submit a resource request. For Greenville County only, email EM@greenvillecounty.org. Provide
 - Main contact person's email and cell phone along with a back-up contact
 - In which county is your facility located
 - Items needed
 - quantity request (how many pieces)
 - current supply

4. Payment for the fulfillment of the request is the responsibility of the requesting agency.

III. DHEC GUIDANCE FOR REOPENING BUSINESSES: [\(Click Here\)](#)

On April 23, 2020, the SC Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) published guidelines businesses can employ to prevent the spread of coronavirus in preparing to reopen.

IV. CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & MEDICARE STRATEGIES:

CMS is providing additional blanket waivers related to care for patients in Long-Term Care Hospitals (LTCHs), temporary expansion locations of Rural Health Clinics (RHCs) and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), staffing and training modifications in Intermediate Care Facilities for individuals with Intellectual disabilities (ICFs/IID). See page 16 for specific information related to ICFs/IID.

[Guidance](#)