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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. SC COVID-19 STATE REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to develop a shared understanding of the current status of the pandemic at the national, regional, state and local levels. Data at the state level may differ from that available at the federal level. The objective of this report is to use consistent data sources and methods that allow for comparisons to be made across localities. South Carolina data reveals a slight increase in COVID-19 cases state-wide in the past week. This report produced, by the White House, shows where South Carolina stands in its measures taken during the pandemic. To view the report [click here](#).

II. SC CARES PANDEMIC RELIEF GRANTS PROGRAM:

The South Carolina Department of Administration announced a \$40 million grant program for small businesses for revenue loss due to COVID-19. Grants will range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and can be used to reimburse expenditures for staffing, operating, facility and PPE costs as well as revenue loss. The grant application period is from Monday, October 19, 2020 through Sunday, November 1, 2020. To learn more about eligibility for this grant program, [click here](#).

III. CVS & WALGREENS WILL ADMINISTER VACCINES TO RESIDENTS OF LTCF:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Defense have announced a partnership with CVS and Walgreens in conjunction with [Operation Warp Speed](#) to distribute the COVID-19 vaccines to Long Term Care Facilities at no out of pocket expense. Read the release [here](#).

IV. SOUTH CAROLINA COVID-19 VACCINE PLAN:

On October 16, 2020 the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) submitted to the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) the state's COVID-19 Vaccination Plan. The goal of the plan is to detail the equitable distribution of the vaccine across the state, based on the most current federal guidance and recommendations. Currently, there is limited information about the COVID-19 vaccine. South Carolina, like other states, is awaiting a time frame and further reports from the federal government about progress with vaccine development. To view the state's draft plan [click here](#).

V. COVID-19 AUDIT & COST REPORT FILING GUIDANCE:

On October 19, 2020, DDSN sent out the following information to Executive Directors and Financial Directors regarding COVID-19 audit and cost reporting. The purpose is to provide guidance to agencies in our network receiving DDSN grant funds and also obtained or anticipate obtaining COVID-19 related stimulus funding (e.g., Payroll Protection Program (PPP); Cares Act Provider Relief Fund (PRF); and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)). This guidance is needed to ensure agencies in our network using stimulus funding for payroll or other costs do not inadvertently encroach on proper Medicaid cost reporting to DDSN in annual reports. The memorandum can be viewed [here](#) and cost reporting template [here](#).

VI. PROTECTING YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING THE PANDEMIC AND HOLIDAYS:

As the holiday season approaches, many of us continue to experience personal and professional stressors as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Southeast ADA Center is hosting a free webinar to help improve mental health and cope during these difficult times. A panel of mental health professionals will discuss how a socially distant holiday season and colder weather may affect our mental health. The webinar is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register for this webinar, [click here](#).

VII. COVID-19 HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DHEC published guidance to promote safe practices during Halloween celebrations. The purpose of the guidance is to mitigate a spike in COVID-19 cases, which can result in an increase in hospitalizations and even deaths. DHEC asks residents to take Halloween celebrations seriously this year and remember that disease prevention methods don't just protect you, they protect others in your community who may experience severe complications if they contract the virus. View DHEC's COVID-19 Halloween safety tips at scdhec.gov/holidaytips. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides Halloween guidance as well as activity risk levels [here](#).