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EVENT: COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. CDC ISSUES NEW MASK GUIDANCE FOR THE FULLY VACCINATED

On May 13, the CDC issued new guidance for fully vaccinated individuals, relaxing the mask and social distancing guidance for individuals in **non-healthcare settings**. That guidance can be found [here](#).

The CDC guidance for health care settings, visitation, and communal activities updated on April 27, 2021, remains in place. The guidance contains some relaxation of source control guidance for visitors and residents that both fully vaccinated. It also relaxes guidance for communal group activities and dining for fully vaccinated individuals. The April 27, 2021 guidance for health care facilities can be found [here](#).

II. CMS ISSUES INTERIM FINAL RULE ON VACCINATION FOR LTCF AND ICFS

CMS has issued an interim final rule, which took effect on May 21, 2021, regarding vaccinations at long-term care facilities. CMS is taking public comment on the interim final rule for 60 days after the effective date. The interim final rule to ICFs-IID, but for now ICFs-IID are exempt from reporting to CDC's National Health Care Safety Network (NHSN).

The interim final rule requires long-term care facilities (LTCFs) to offer COVID-19 vaccines and educational materials including risks to individuals served and staff. It also requires ongoing education about the safety and efficacy of vaccines for staff. You can read the final rule [here](#).

III. TEN TOOLS TO COMBAT VACCINE HESITANCY FROM THE CDC

Here are ten links to educational tools that can help with vaccine education for individuals served and staff.

[Safety of COVID -19 Vaccines](#)

[Long Term Care Facility Vaccine Tool Kit](#)

[Vaccine Communication and Confidence Checklist](#)

[Vaccines are a Tool to Fight the Pandemic](#)

[Answering Common Questions-residents](#)

[Answering Common Questions-Staff](#)

[Reasons to Get Vaccinated-staff poster](#)

[Why Get Vaccinated?-staff poster](#)

[Getting Back To Normal](#)

[COVID-19 Facts](#)

IV. **DISABILITY RIGHTS OF SOUTH CAROLINA ISSUES REPORT ON MONITORING COVID-19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

Disability Rights of South Carolina recently issued a report on COVID-19 monitoring in SC placements. DRSC and DDSN appreciate the time that providers took to provide DRSC information in the report. You can find the report [here](#).

V. **DHEC ANNOUNCES IN-HOME VACCINATION PROGRAM**

DHEC recently coordinated with **H&M labs and Welcome Family Pharmacy** to identify a June 1st start date for the In-Home Vaccination Program. Individuals who need in-home COVID-19 vaccination services should contact DHEC's COVID-19 vaccine information line **1-866-365-8110**. Individuals will be asked to provide their name, date of birth, address, and email address. DHEC will send the individuals information to the vendor for scheduling. **Please note community members should not directly contact the vendors.** All calls must be routed through dialing **1-866-365-8110**.

VI. **DHEC DEVELOPS CUPP (COMMUNITY UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS PLAN)**

To provide greater access to Covid-19 vaccines, DHEC developed a **tool for groups** who experience significant barriers in accessing community vaccine clinics to coordinate with providers offering on-site Covid-19 vaccination service. DHEC identified more than 80 providers statewide, mapped their service areas, identified CUPP program-specific points of contact, and recorded service details for each provider. We are asking people to "apply" to get access to the map. The application portal is only 5 questions and should take less than 3 minutes to fill out. If they select any population type other than "other" an automated email will be sent with the link to the map. If they select "other" someone will review the application and direct the person to the appropriate community resource. This process also allows us to automate map delivery, know who has requested access, understand where we may need to direct more outreach, and spot-check how successful community partners have been in scheduling appointments. After applying for the resource, the community partner or planner will receive a link to the map and instructions that will allow them to identify and coordinate on-site vaccination clinics with willing providers. The link to the application portal for distribution is accessible [here](#). **Please feel free to share the link with any interested community partners or groups.**

VII. **COVID-19 VACCINATION UPDATE**

As of May 24, 36.1 percent of all South Carolinians have completed full vaccination. Additionally, 44.0 percent of all South Carolinians are now at least partially vaccinated. South Carolina has received over 4.9 million doses of vaccines of which 94.3 percent have been administered. You can view the DHEC vaccine dashboard [here](#).

For those needing to find a vaccination site in their area, please see the DHEC [Vaxlocator](#).