



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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**EVENT: COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

## **I. ANCOR & DDSN PARTNER TO HOST WEBINAR ON CMS OMNIBUS COVID-19 HEALTH CARE STAFF VACCINATION INTERIM FINAL RULE**

The South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs (DDSN) is partnering with ANCOR to host a webinar addressing tenets of the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccine Interim Final Rule (IFR). The memorandum attached and the link below allow you and your team members to register for this important learning event. Also, in the attachment, is information about the presenters, ANCOR, and additional hyperlinks to pertinent resources.

[Register in advance for this webinar here.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar

## **II. DDSN PARTNERS WITH DHEC TO HOST INFECTION CONTROL WEBINAR**

DDSN is partnering with the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) to host our third infection control webinar. This webinar will highlight strategies to combat the surge of the Omicron Variant, provide education on the most recent Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) and DHEC guidance on options to shorten isolation and quarantine periods, and provide resources for case managers and early interventionists to share with parents of young children. The webinar is slated for Friday February 4, 2022 at 1 pm. You may login to the webinar at the following address:

<https://scdhec.webex.com/scdhec/j.php?MTID=ma391085a445783c57d350ddb7726a354>

## **III. INFORMATION FROM DHEC ON CONTRACTED TESTING PROVIDERS**

If you are having trouble accessing testing locally, DHEC has contracted with Phi Life Sciences to provide testing capability.

If you have unmet testing needs contact Dorothy [dorothy@philifesciences.com](mailto:dorothy@philifesciences.com) or Kerry [Kerry@philifesciences.com](mailto:Kerry@philifesciences.com) at Phi Life Sciences for assistance. If you need further assistance in regard to any access to testing, contact the DHEC Testing ACC at this email address, [acc-testing@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:acc-testing@dhec.sc.gov)

**IV. DHEC OFFERS VACINE AND TESTING MOBILE CLINICS IN THE UPSTATE**

DHEC is offering the option for Upstate organizations to host a mobile Vaccination/ Testing clinic at your location. Requests may be made using this [form](#). Once complete, the form should be sent to Eric Ridings ([ridingde@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:ridingde@dhec.sc.gov)) while copying Daisy Schwarz ([schwardv@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:schwardv@dhec.sc.gov)) and Karen Butts ([buttskd@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:buttskd@dhec.sc.gov)). If you have any questions, Eric, Daisy, and Karen should be able to answer them.

**V. CDC ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE FOR MASKS AND RESPIRATORS**

On January 14, 2022, the CDC updated its guidance regarding mask, and respirators. The guidance takes into account the continuing buildup of supply for these types of personal protective equipment. It also clarifies which types of masks and respirators provide more protection than others. You can find the guidance [here](#).

**VI. NEW CDC UPDATE GIVES NEW INFORMATION ON A VARIETY OF TOPICS**

The February 1, 2022 update from CDC gives updated information regarding CDC Guidance in a number of topics. Updates on safe gatherings, proper wearing of N-95 and KN-95 Respirators, updated testing information, and general updates on cases around the country are included in the newsletter. You can view the update [here](#).