



# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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## **I. COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE**

The South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) has made an allocation of vaccine available to **Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs-IID)**. Providers should use DHEC's Vaccine Locator tool ([click here](#)) to identify pharmacy or medical center providers in your area(s) of operation to schedule vaccination distribution for your personnel and those you serve. If you encounter barriers to expeditiously schedule these appointments, please contact Ms. McColloch Salehi, via email ([salehims@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:salehims@dhec.sc.gov)). Feel free to contact Robb McBurney via email ([Robert.mcburney@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:Robert.mcburney@ddsn.sc.gov)) or by dialing 803-898-9723.

**Johnson and Johnson Vaccine-** This week, Johnson and Johnson has applied for FDA approval for its COVID-19 vaccine. This is a one dose vaccine that can be stored at normal freezer temperatures. The FDA has set a meeting on February 26 to discuss approval of the clinical trial data for this vaccine. If approved, this will dramatically increase the number of vaccine doses available each week beginning in March.

The Federal Government notified DHEC today that possible severe weather at the Fed Ex and UPS shipping hubs in Memphis and Louisville could delay shipments of Vaccine to South Carolina in the coming week. Click [here](#) for more information.

## **II. CDC ISSUES NEW GUIDANCE FOR VACCINES RELATING TO QUARANTINE AND TB TESTING**

On Wednesday, the CDC updated its guidance relating to currently authorized vaccines. Individuals who are fully vaccinated, are no longer required to quarantine after exposure to someone with COVID-19.

Also, the CDC updated its guidance related to tuberculosis (TB) testing. TB testing can be done before or at the same time as mRNA COVID-19 vaccination, or otherwise delayed for greater than 4 weeks after completion of mRNA COVID-19 vaccination. You can view the CDC guidance [here](#).

## **III. CMS ISSUES GUIDANCE FOR ICF VISITATION**

CMS has issued new guidance for visitation during the Public Health Emergency at **Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs-IID)**. The guidance seeks to balance protection for individuals served from COVID-19 exposure and the psychological effects caused by isolation from family and loved ones. You can view the guidance [here](#).

**IV. DHEC FLU WATCH UPDATE**

Reported cases of the influenza have declined in South Carolina for a second consecutive period. The infection control measures being taken to combat COVID-19 appear to have dramatically curtailed the spread of influenza in the state. You can view the most recent Flu Watch surveillance report from DHEC [here](#).

**V. NACCHO TO HOLD NATIONAL FORUM ON COVID-19 VACCINE**

The National Association of County and City Health Officials is holding a national forum on the Covid-19 vaccine. The topics include building trust in the vaccine and making vaccine as available as possible to at risk groups. You can get information of the forum [here](#).