



South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. REMINDER: CRITICAL INCIDENT REPORTING MODIFICATION FOR COVID-19

As testing options for COVID-19 become more widely available, DDSN providers may have many more staff who are tested. **DDSN will NOT require a Critical Incident Report for persons who are tested in the community at publicly available testing sites, unless the staff member is positive and there is reason to believe other residents and/or other staff may have been exposed. Providers should wait until staff test results are received and only report those that are positive, using the notification date as the date of discovery.** This change in reporting procedures for COVID-19 testing was effective June 1, 2020.

Please continue to report Critical Incidents for residents that are tested with symptoms present for COVID-19 and those who are tested due to possible exposure. It is not necessary to report COVID-19 testing for residents required prior to an outpatient procedure or other medical appointment, with no suspicion of symptoms/exposure.

If you have any questions, please contact Quality Management at qualitymanagement@ddsn.sc.gov.

II. DHEC STATEWIDE CASES UPDATE

The latest statistics from DHEC Epidemiology show the need for continued vigilance in social distancing practices. DHEC attributes the recent spike in new cases to three factors, 1) the opening up of businesses and increased contact, 2) an aggressive increase in testing statewide, and 3) **relaxed attitudes regarding social distancing among the public.** The third factor is most concerning to Dr. Linda Bell, the State Epidemiologist. It is important to remember proper social distancing practices and the wearing of masks when six feet of distancing is not possible. Thorough hand washing is essential. Keep meetings and contact with others virtual whenever possible. We must continue to follow these practices to maintain the safety of our fellow employees and those we serve.

III. DHEC ANNOUNCES 90 MOBILE TESTING CLINICS SCHEDULED STATEWIDE

As part of the ongoing efforts to increase testing in underserved and rural communities across the state, DHEC is working with community partners to set up mobile testing clinics that bring testing to these communities. Currently, there are 90 mobile testing events scheduled through July 2 with new testing events added regularly. Find a mobile testing clinic event near you at scdhec.gov/covid19mobileclinics.

Residents can also get tested at one of 173 permanent COVID-19 testing facilities across the state. Visit scdhec.gov/covid19testing for more information.

IV. COVID-19 AND PETS [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

We are still learning about the virus that causes COVID-19, but it appears that it can spread from people to animals in some situations. A small number of pets worldwide, including cats and dogs, have been infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, mostly after close contact with people with COVID-19.

Infected pets might get sick or they might not have any symptoms. Of the pets that have gotten sick, most only had mild illness and fully recovered.

V. CHANGES TO PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

President Trump has signed into law the Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act (PPFPA), an attempt to address challenges around the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) aimed at providing COVID-19 relief. The legislation:

- reduces the amount of the loan needed to be spent on payroll from 75% to 60%
- extends the time period to use funds from 8 to 24 weeks
- pushes back a June 30 deadline to rehire workers to December 31, 2020
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- adds additional exceptions for a reduced number of FTEs. The law states a business can still receive forgiveness on payroll amounts if it:
 - Is unable to rehire an individual who was an employee of the eligible recipient on or before February 15, 2020;
 - Is able to demonstrate an inability to hire similarly qualified employees on or before December 31, 2020; or
 - Is able to demonstrate an inability to return to the same level of business activity as such business was operating at prior to February 15, 2020.
- extends the repayment term from 2 years to 5

To read the legislation, go to [Take Me To The Bill](#)

VI. GASB AND AICPA ISSUE ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE RELATED TO COVID-19

GASB and the AICPA have issued some additional guidance related to unique accounting issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The GASB has issued a proposed technical bulletin while the AICPA has issued some guidance in the form of technical question and answers related to FASB reporting. You can access these resources below.

[GASB Technical Bulletin - Proposed](#)

[AICPA FASB Guidance TQA](#)

VII. FINANCE AND AUDIT RESOURCES WEB PAGE RELEASED

We are committed to providing helpful resources to our provider financial personnel and to our provider auditors. Our commitment is to offering a variety of training opportunities as well as providing guidance that is timely and beneficial. One of our most recent efforts was to create a one-stop shop experience to access a variety of financial resources and guidance versus having to scour our web site, our portal, emails, memos, etc. We hope you find this page helpful and will share suggestions on how it can be improved or to suggest additional resources that could be added. Please visit the page at the link below.

<https://ddsn.sc.gov/providers/finance-and-audit-resources>