



SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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DHEC UPDATE

Management of Suspect and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control has updated its *Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Schools: Management of Suspect and Confirmed COVID-19 Cases* document with additional information.

The updated document can be found [here](#). The AccelerateED final report has been updated to reflect this new information and can be found [here](#).

- [DedicationtoEducation.com](#) includes audience-based resources for parents and students, educators and districts and schools.
- Find the summary that highlights key excerpts from the full plan [here](#).

ADULT EDUCATION

Administration of Adult Education Program

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, Adult Education Directors
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Please use the link in the below memo to complete a survey verifying your adult education director's areas of certification, assignment status, and salary for the 2020–21 school year. This survey must be completed no later than Friday, August 7, 2020. Your 2020–21 adult education allocation cannot be determined without this information.

[Administration of Adult Education Program - Memo](#) PDF (161 KB)

[Administration of Adult Education Program - Survey](#) PDF (117 KB)

ASSESSMENTS

2020-21 Assessments

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Test Coordinators, District Instructional Leaders

In order to meet students' individual needs, the following assessments/measures, listed in the memo linked below, are still required for the 2020–21 school year. Consistent with the language of [Act 124 related to CARES Act Appropriations](#), the SCDE will request a waiver from the United States Department of Education (USED) for 2020–21 (fall 2020, spring 2021, and summer 2021) federally-required assessments and related accountability requirements,

Until such time as the USED responds approving a waiver, the SCDE will proceed with preparing for and administering assessments. Please refer to the memo below for more information and details regarding these assessments.

[2020–21 Assessments - Memo](#) PDF (203 KB)

COVID-19 TRUANCY

Thank you for submitting to the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) the number of students in your district that have had no contact with their school during COVID-19 school facility closures. The statewide number of unreached students is concerning.

If you have students where school officials have exhausted all methods and resources [recommended by the SCDE](#), and still no contact has been successful with the student since school facility closures in March, the South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) has requested school districts provide the names and corresponding information in the attached spreadsheet template of these students by July 17, 2020. The completed spreadsheet (saved as districtcode_student_contact.xlsx ie. 4603_student_contact.xlsx) should be loaded in to Advanced Data Transfer System (ADT). Place the file in the "Technology Data Coordinator" folder. Please email Dan Ralyea Dralyea@ed.sc.gov when this process is complete and SCDE will relay the information to DSS on your behalf.

Once this information is received by DSS, the agency will first cross reference the data provided with their pre-existing database to identify which students have active records with DSS. Should such records be a match to a student with whom the school has had no contact, the student's DSS caseworker will be alerted and work to make contact with the student and their parent or guardian. When matched records do not exist, the student's information will be shared with the local DSS office who will work with the local school and/or district on additional methods of contact and reporting.

FINANCE

Disbursement Guidance for Coronavirus Relief Funds - Academic Recovery Camps and Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, School Business Officials

The South Carolina General Assembly authorized the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) to reimburse public school districts up to \$210,700,000 from Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) for the cost of providing unbudgeted instructional support beyond the number of days and hours required by state law. The additional support is to focus on face-to-face instruction for (1) any at-risk students in kindergarten through third grade residing in the school district for Academic Recovery Camps (ARC) in reading and mathematics during the summer and (2) students in grades pre-kindergarten through eighth for five additional instructional days at the start of the school year. These five early days have been identified as Learn, Evaluate, Analyze, and Prepare (LEAP) days. The guidance listed in the memo below provides information related to the recording and reimbursement of expenditures related to ARC and LEAP.

[Disbursement Guidance for Coronavirus Relief Funds - Memo](#) PDF (38 KB)

REOPENING PLANS

Reopening Districts for the 2020–21 School Year

AUDIENCE: District Superintendents, District Instructional Leaders
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The South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) appreciates the hard work districts are undertaking to prepare for reopening schools for the fall semester of the 2020–21 school year amidst continued levels of uncertainty. The SCDE is aware that districts are considering a variety of options to meet the local needs of their students, faculty, and their families.

In consideration of the authority granted to the State Superintendent of Education under the [Continuing Resolution](#), the SCDE is requiring districts to submit information regarding their reopening plans for review and approval.

[Reopening Districts for the 2020–21 School Year - Memo](#) PDF (63 KB)

