

January 11, 2021

Board members,

I wanted to reach out and share with you the latest information we have received from the SC Department of Education (SCDE) regarding the availability of the COVID-19 vaccines for certain school personnel. Please find a short Q&A document below that was provided by the SCDE, along with contact information for vaccination sites around the state.

Licensed individuals who qualify in Phase 1a were sent an email from the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation with detailed information about accessing the COVID-19 vaccine. If eligible employees have any difficulty in getting vaccinations scheduled with area hospitals, they should contact the SCDE as soon as possible.

DHEC is expected to share additional information regarding Phase 1b (educators and school support staff) this week. We will keep you informed and continue to post information on our COVID-19 Resources page here: <https://scsba.org/covid-19/>.

Thank you,
Scott Price
SCSBA Executive Director

Who in K-12 schools qualifies for the vaccine in Phase 1a? This includes school nurses, physical and occupational therapists, speech language pathologists and audiologists, and athletic trainers (only those assisting with school based COVID-19 testing) who are working face to face with students. It is important to note that just because someone has an eligible title does not mean they are in Phase 1a. Employers are encouraged to submit names of qualifying employees to area hospitals. DHEC suggests employers provide eligible employees with a letter stating their eligibility.

Must you be vaccinated in the county you work in? No, those identified as eligible in Phase 1a can [follow the instructions](#) to find a hospital in a neighboring county that is offering appointments. We have clarified this with the SCHA that hospitals are allowed to offer vaccination to anyone in the appropriate phase regardless of their county of residency.

Individuals in Phase 1a who want to be vaccinated should [contact their local hospitals](#) to request and schedule an appointment no later than Jan. 15, 2021. Employers are also encouraged to reach out to their local hospitals as soon as possible, and no later than Jan. 15, 2021, with a list of names and contact information of employees who want to be vaccinated.

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[Vaccination Sites and Contact Information Linked Here and Listed Below](#)

Abbeville Area Medical Center covid19vac@abbevilleareamc.com 864-625-0582
Aiken Regional Medical Centers LLC Aikencovid@uhsinc.com
Allendale County Hospital beckyr@achospital.org 803-632-3311; ext 235
AnMed Health covidvaccine@anmedhealth.org
Beaufort Memorial Hospital healthupdates@bmhsc.org
Bon Secours St Francis Health System SCCovidVaccine@bshsi.org 864-351-9527
Carolina Pines Regional Medical Center covidvaccine@cprmc.com
Coastal Carolina Hospital HRRH_COVID_VACCINE_INFORMATION@tenethealth.com
Colleton Medical Center 843-782-2653
Conway Medical Center CMCCovidVaccineRequest@cmc-sc.com
East Cooper Medical Center 843-881-0100
Grand Strand Medical Center 843-692-1000
Hampton Regional Medical Center vaccinerequest@hamptonregional.org
Hilton Head Hospital HRRH_COVID_VACCINE_INFORMATION@tenethealth.com
Kershaw Hospital LLC covidvaccine@kershawhealth.org
Lake City Community Hospital (activated Pee Dee Family Practice) 843-394-5471
Lexington Medical Center covidvaccine@lexhealth.org, 803-739-3363
McLeod Health Lesli McGee, lkennedy@mcleodhealth.org, 843-777-8502
MUSC Health covidvaccinerequest@musc.edu
Newberry County Memorial Hospital (803) 405-7487
Prisma Health COVIDVaccine@Prismahealth.org
Providence Health 803-256-5866, Accepting calls Monday-Friday from 8am-2pm
Regional Medical Center Mickey Whisenhunt, mwhisenhunt@regmed.com, 803-707-6476
Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System signupcovidvaccine@srhs.com
Summerville Medical Center (843) 970-5000
Tidelands Health <https://tidelandshealth.org/employerenrollment>
Trident Medical Center (843) 797-7000

Will substitute teachers be included in Phase 1b along with educators and school support staff? Yes,
substitute teachers will be included in Phase 1b.