



COVID-19

SCEMD LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The South Carolina Joint Information Center, ESF-15, is fully activated supporting the Department of Health and Environmental Control. All public information related to COVID-19 is now available at scemd.org and in the SC Emergency Manager mobile app, which is in “Emergency Mode.” Information includes the continually updated information from DHEC, links to the CDC, the state Department of Insurance, links to telehealth services, school information. The homepage of scemd.org will be updated as new information becomes available. Some additional links and information are also provided below.

PROCURING MEDICAL RESOURCES AND SUPPLIES

If you receive calls from hospitals, EMS, medical first responders, and other medical providers asking about the procedures for requesting resources or supplies during the Covid-19 emergency response, please advise them to take the below steps, in the order stated.

1. Ensure suppliers routinely used cannot meet the request.
2. Utilize any mutual aid agreements that are in place.
3. Request assistance through their local healthcare coalition.
4. Contact County Emergency Management (EM) Division to submit a resource request. If the County EM cannot fulfill the request, they must submit the request to the SCEMD Supply Unit. Afterwards, the SCEMD Supply unit will then task to the appropriate ESF (or other sources), or provide vendor information to the requestor.

Reminder: Payment for the fulfillment of the request is the responsibility of the initial requesting agency.

Important Links

[SCDHEC](#)

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

For general questions about COVID-19, the DHEC Care Line is here to help. Call 1-855-472-3432. Staff are answering calls from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week. For *telehealth* options click [here](#).

[SCEMD](#)

South Carolina Emergency Management Division

Provides important links to important information, including the [South Carolina Department on Aging](#), [SC Childcare](#), the [South Carolina Department of Employment and Workforce](#), and the [South Carolina Department of Insurance](#).

[CDC](#)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Provides background and the most up to date information about Covid-19.

Schools

South Carolina Department of Education

Provides information for parents and educators regarding statewide school closures.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

- [Workplace, School, and Home Guidance](#)
- [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)
- [How COVID-19 Spreads](#)
- [Symptoms](#)
- [Steps to Prevent Illness](#)
- [Testing](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [What to Do If You Are Sick with COVID-19](#)
- [Stigma Related to COVID-19](#)
- [What You Need to Know](#)
- [Facts about COVID-19](#)
- [Information for People at Higher Risk and Special Populations](#)
- [Communication Resources](#)

SITUATION UPDATES

- [Situation Summary](#)
- [Cases in the U.S.](#)
- [Global Locations with COVID-19](#)
- [Risk Assessment](#)
- [CDC in Action: Preparing Communities](#)

INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

- [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers](#)
- [Information for Communities, Schools, and Businesses](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations – Community Facilities](#)
- SBA: [COVID-19 Resources](#)
- DOL: [Guidance for Preparing Workplaces for Coronavirus](#)
- DOL: [OSHA Resources for Workers and Employers on COVID-19](#)
- WHO: [Get Your Workplace Ready for COVID-19](#)
- CISA: [Risk Management for COVID-19](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

- [Information for Travel](#)
- [Guidance for Ships](#)
- [Guidance for Airlines and Airline Crew](#)
- State: [Travel Advisories](#)

- State: [Traveler's Checklist](#)
- State: [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](#)
- DOT: [FAQs from FTA Grantees Regarding COVID-19](#)

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

- [Information on COVID-19 for Pregnant Women and Children](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Household Readiness](#)
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations for U.S. Households](#)
- [Guidance for Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in Homes and Residential Communities](#)
- [FAQ: COVID-19 and Children](#)
- EPA: [Disinfectants for Use Against COVID-19](#)

INFORMATION FOR MILITARY RESPONSE

- DOD: [Department of Defense Coronavirus Response](#)

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