



# SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORANDA

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## Missed last week's memos?

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## COVID-19 CASES

### COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff and Students

DHEC began reporting positive COVID-19 cases in K-12 schools on September 4, 2020. Since that time, there have been **18,651** [positive cases among K-12 students and staff](#) who attended school face to face during their infectious period. During that same time period (9/4/2020 to 5/29/2021) DHEC has reported **464,571** [positive cases among all South Carolinians](#).

This means that positive cases among K-12 students and staff who attended school account for **4.0%** of South Carolina's total since K-12 positive case reporting began. Public and private K-12 students and staff make up approximately one fifth of South Carolina's total population.

[COVID-19 Cases Associated with Staff & Students](#) (as of 5/26/2021)

[Recent Disease Activity, by County Report](#) (as of 5/26/2021)

## ESSER III

### Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Public Information Officers

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The American American Rescue Plan's (ARP) ESSER III program requires that Local Education Agency's (LEAs) create, submit to the SCDE, and publicly post a Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan by **June 24, 2021**. The below provides clarification for those LEAs that developed plans **prior** to the ARP's passage.

Please note the following from the ARP and the U.S. Department of Education's guidance:

*“This requirement will also ensure that an LEA that developed a safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services plan prior to enactment of the ARP Act and the requirement will, at least within six months of receipt of its grant, revise, as necessary, and post its plan so that it addresses all of the safety recommendations included in the requirement.”*

If you created a plan before **March 24, 2021**, then before **November 24, 2021**, you will need to revise it, with stakeholder input, using the most up-to-date CDC guidance and must ensure you are completing all fields in the [SCDE template](#). LEAs will need to post the plan on the LEA's website and submit both a copy of it as well as the link where it is posted to [scesser@ed.sc.gov](mailto:scesser@ed.sc.gov).

For those of you who had plans already developed, please e-mail [scesser@ed.sc.gov](mailto:scesser@ed.sc.gov) prior to June 24, 2021 with a copy of your plan and the link where it is posted. We also encourage you to consider revisions over the summer (with public input) and have one developed and posted before school starts.

## ADULT EDUCATION

### Administration of Adult Education Program

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Adult Education Directors

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Please use this link <https://tinyurl.com/AdminofAE21-22> to complete a survey verifying your adult education director's areas of certification, assignment status, and salary for the 2021–22 school year. This survey must be completed no later than **Friday, July 30, 2021**. Your 2021–22 adult education allocation cannot be determined without this information.

There are three status options which your adult education director may be assigned. Please choose the option that reflects your adult education director's assignment. Remember that the information listed on this survey must match the information listed on the Professional Certified Staff (PCS) listing. You may only list one individual as being the adult education director.

[Administration of Adult Education Program - Memo](#) PDF (160 KB)

## SPECIAL EDUCATION

### Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, District Finance Officers, District Special Education Directors

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As additional funds under the Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) program are sub-granted to Local educational agencies (LEAs), the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) wanted to address the use of these funds and the potential impact on LEA fiscal responsibilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for the IDEA local Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement.

[Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief Funds - Memo](#) PDF (163 KB)

# STUDENT INTERVENTION

## Professional Development Series

**AUDIENCE:** District Superintendents, Principals, Attendance Supervisors, Student Services Directors

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The Office of Student Intervention Services will be host a series of professional development opportunities to address learning loss and attendance interventions due to the COVID pandemic. Please review and share the attached flyer for a brief description of each session.

[Professional Development Series - Memo](#) PDF (165 KB)

[Professional Development Series - Attachment](#) PDF (116 KB)

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