



COVID-19 RESOURCES

SC Agencies & Partners Providing Early Childhood Services

(last updated: 11/30/2020)

Department of Health and Humans Services - [COVID-19 information](#)

- [BabyNet provider crisis guidance](#)
- [COVID-19 Testing Fee Schedule, Provider FAQ](#)
- [SC Healthy Connections – Medicaid updates \(telehealth and more\)](#)
- [Coronavirus Preparation, Response, Resources and Updates](#) - The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (SCDHHS) is taking proactive steps to protect South Carolina Healthy Connections Medicaid members by ensuring ongoing access to care during the current outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). These steps support important social distancing measures, include new resources for Healthy Connections Medicaid members and give more flexibility to help health care providers safely and effectively treat patients.

Department of Social Services - [COVID-19 information](#)

- [Support Grants for Child Care Providers](#) - A one-time grant is available to licensed and registered child care providers to assist them in remaining open or reopening quickly and safely
- [News and Announcements for Child Care Facilities](#) - Child care providers can find resources just for them. Find child care openings and closures, Covid-19 guidance for child care and preschools, videos on caring for children during the pandemic.
- [SC Child Care Voucher Updates](#)
- [Emergency Child Care Needs \(Child Care Resource & Referral\)](#) (888) 335-1002
- [Finding Open Child Care Providers](#) - Many child care facilities have reopened to help support families. During this uncertain time, the DECE staff is working hard to track the facility closures as they are reported. Parents looking for child care can access the South Carolina Child Care link to view open and closed early childhood programs.
- [Kinship Care Resources](#) - During times of crisis, families sometimes need to make arrangements for children.
- [Pandemic-EBT](#) - Emergency SNAP supplements are only for those households already receiving SNAP benefits or households who meet all income and other eligibility requirements for the regular SNAP program. SNAP households who already receive the maximum benefit amount will not receive an emergency supplement.
- [Sanitation/Cleaning Grant](#) - A one-time grant funding available for license-exempt providers enrolled in the ABC Quality program and not operating in a school building to

clean and sanitize their child care facility to reopen; or to continue to purchase additional cleaning supplies or services necessary to keep the center or child care home safe and sanitary.

Department of Education - [COVID-19 updates affecting students](#)

- [Free and Lower Cost Internet in Response to Covid-19](#)
- [SCRemoteLearning.com](#) - A website offering digital teaching and learning resources for teachers, parents and students, was launched in response to the pandemic. The Office of Early Learning and Literacy has developed a month-long sequence of lesson plans and instructional resources for teachers for grades PreK to 5th grade. The lessons include both virtual resources like online videos as well as lessons that can be used by teachers for non-virtual instruction. The lessons are categorized by grade and subject area and will be updated daily as plans are created. The lessons may be found on the [remote resources website](#).
- [School food site map](#)
- [SC WiFi hot spots map](#)
- [Social-Emotional Learning Portal](#) - An online resource to help parents, students, teachers and support professionals to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships and make responsible decisions.
- [Virtual SC](#) -Free educational resources for students, parents and teachers while schools are closed.

Department of Health and Environmental Control - [COVID-19 information](#)

- [COVID-19 Screening & Testing sites in South Carolina](#) - DHEC is working with community partners to set up permanent and mobile testing clinics.
- [Daily updates on COVID-19 in South Carolina](#)
- [Guidance](#) for various COVID-19 exposure scenarios for businesses
- [Interim COVID-19 guidance for schools: Management of suspect and confirmed COVID-19 cases](#)
- [Protect yourself and those around you \(COVID-19\)](#) - Includes directions on how to make a homemade face mask
- [Steps to Return to School \(pdf\)](#) (also available in [Spanish](#)) - Steps that should be taken to return safely to school in numerous COVID-19 situations
- [StaySCStrong.com](#) – DHEC provides helpful links to fight COVID-19 and educational video messages on steps residents can take to protect themselves. The site's toolkit includes tips on how to use the hashtag #StaySCStrong to create videos and share them on social media.
- [WIC \(Women, Infants, Children Nutrition Program\) Remote Access - Updates](#) - The Women, Infants, Children (WIC) nutrition program team at the Department of Health and Environmental Control is working hard to ensure participants can use WIC benefits during these challenging times. Starting Monday, April 13, DHEC began [offering 100 percent of WIC Nutritional Services over the Phone. Participants are now allowed more shopping options.](#)

South Carolina First Steps

- [Resources for Parents and Early Childhood Educators](#)
- [SC First Steps invests over \\$1 million to support families with young children during the COVID-19 crisis](#)

Department of Disabilities and Special Needs - [Situational reports and resources](#)

- [DDSN continues to accept eligibility applications accordingly to the normal process.](#)

Children's Trust of South Carolina - [Words of support and ways to cope for children, families and communities](#)

- [COVID-19 Impact on South Carolina Children's Well-Being Data Snapshot](#) - This COVID-19 data snapshot contains state-level data on the impact of the pandemic on South Carolina child and family well-being as well as ways to provide and advocate for supports.
- [Continuing to help children and families access program services across SC.](#) - Children's Trust has continued its work to support children and families through local prevention partners who deliver our evidence-based programs across the state. Learn how all of us have adapted to safely providing program services during the global pandemic.

Head Start /Early Head Start

- [Resources, ask questions and connect with other Head Start programs](#) (Explore these resources to help families connect.)
- [A Notice to Partners](#) (Administration of Children and Families)
- [MyPeers Communities](#)
Connect with staff from around the country to exchange ideas and share resources. There are regularly scheduled [orientations for new users](#). Consider joining communities such as PFCE Deepening Practice; Health, Safety, and Wellness; Mental Health Consultation; Teacher Time; Home Visiting; and Economic Mobility.
- [Disaster Recovery Funding for 2018 and 2019 Disasters ACF-PI-HS-19-01](#) (ECLKC)
- [General Disaster Recovery Flexibilities ACF-IM-HS-19-01](#) (ECLKC)
- [Video: Managing Infectious Disease](#) (ECLKC)
- [Head Start Responds to COVID-19](#) (National Head Start Association)
- [Child and Adult Care Food Program \(CACFP\) Flexibilities](#) (Office of Head Start)
- [COVID-19 Wages and Benefits](#) (Office of Head Start)
- [Temporarily Repurposing Head Start and Early Head Start Centers: Partnering to Support Emergency Child Care During the COVID-19 Crisis](#) (Office of Head Start)

Commission on Higher Education - [Announcements](#)

Department of Mental Health - [Coping with Coronavirus](#)

SC Educational Television (SCETV) - [News and resources for Early Learning during COVID-19](#)

SCETV will modify regularly scheduled programming to offer specific pre-K – 12 resources between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. each weekday. Program modifications will take place throughout the duration of school closures and will address a wide variety of content areas. [See the full article here.](#)

SC State Library - [Read with Me - links to online stories](#)

SC Governor's Office - accelerate.sc.gov, South Carolina's one-stop-shop for COVID-19 response information. Child Care guidance, provided by the South Carolina Department of Social Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, gives up-to-date guidelines for child care providers and parents and a map of open child care providers. ([Click here for child care guidance](#))

SCMAPP ([South Carolina Multi-Agency Partnership Portal](#)) - A secure portal to apply online for health and human services programs

Resources for Financial Assistance

Department of Employment and Workforce

- [How to apply for Unemployment Insurance and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program from the First Five Years Fund](#) - Step by step guidance for help paying employees and keeping the business afloat.

Main Street Alliance - [Small Business Support](#)

SBA Coronavirus Relief Options -

<https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options>

Healthy at Home and in the Workplace

Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

- [Up-to-date information about prevention, symptoms, testing, and the current situation](#)
- [Guidance for Childcare Programs that Remain Open](#)
- [Considerations for wearing masks](#)

Zero to Three

- [Webinar Series: Addressing Abuse and Neglect During COVID-19](#): The 5-part Zero to Three webinar series will highlight the role of early childhood sectors in preventing child abuse during the COVID crisis.
- [States Modify Home Visiting Services in Response to COVID-19](#): The Zero to Three resource highlights states that support home visiting programs as they continue working with families virtually.
- [Considerations for Infants and Toddlers in Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers](#): Zero to Three provides recommendations for policymakers and advocates as they work to design

systems to deliver care and respond to the needs of infants and toddlers of essential workers.

American Academy of Pediatrics - [HealthyChildren.org](https://www.healthychildren.org)

- [Working and Learning from Home During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#)
- [Social Distancing: Why Keeping Your Distance Helps Keep Others Safe](#)
- [Tips for Coping with a New Baby During COVID-19](#)
- [Positive Parenting & COVID-19: 10 Tips to Help Keep the Calm at Home](#)

Home Grown Child Care

- [Home-based child care for school-age children distance learning](#)

Institute for Child Success

- [What to expect when you're expecting during a pandemic](#)

National Women's Law Center

- [Child Care's Struggle to Survive Covid-19: State Impacts and Responses](#) This report examines how COVID-19 is affecting state child care systems, how states are responding to the impacts, and what is needed to sustain these systems.

Ready Rosie

- [Healthy at Home Toolkit](#)

Sesame Street

- [Caring for Each Other](#)

SC State Library

- [Be Clean and Well](#)

SC First Steps

- Healthy Hero [flyer](#) and [activity sheet](#) - practice healthy habits at home

Appleseed Legal Justice Center - SC School Districts School Breakfast and Lunch

- [Breakfast/Lunch distribution locations and times](#)
 - [\(Version En Español\)](#) Planes de Distribución de Comida Actual de los Distritos Escolares de Carolina del Sur

The Nation Responds to COVID-19 – Policy and Action

The Alliance for Early Success - [Live updates on all state responses and resources for help](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics - [Critical updates on COVID-19 for families and clinicians](#)

Bipartisan Policy Center and Morning Consult - Child care in the United States is still necessary for parents to work, even amidst changing work environments. But child care is difficult to find and in many circumstances, closed indefinitely. This leaves parents who are working at home on their own to juggle their work and caregiving responsibilities. At the same time, frontline or essential workers who need formal child care face widespread program closures which can prevent them from finding the care they need. ([Read the full blog post](#))

Child Care Aware of America - The national association for Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) provides a [resources hub](#) and offers technical assistance specifically for child care providers

The Hunt Institute - [State by state responses; policy recommendations](#)

World Health Organization - [Helping Children Cope with Stress During the 2019-nCov Outbreak](#) (infographic)

Home Grown - [Home Grown Home-Based Child Care Emergency Fund](#): Home Grown launched a fund to catalyze the development of regional Home-Based Child Care (HBCC) Emergency Funds that provide direct financial support to HBCC providers. Homegrown will make grants of up to \$100,000 to these regional funds.

Institute for Child Success

- [List of COVID-19 Policy Priorities](#)
- [Initial Economic Impact of COVID-19 Findings from the SC Child Care Sector Survey](#)

National Council of State Legislatures - NCSL has developed [four resource guides](#) related to child welfare during COVID-19.

Support Resources for Parents of Young Children

- [211 Assistance](#) (United Way)
- [Emergency Child Care Needs](#) (Child Care Resource & Referral) - (888) 335-1002
- [Information for Military families](#) (Military Child Education Coalition)
- [Resources to Help Cope with Coronavirus](#) (SC Department of Mental Health)
- [Services to Children with Disabilities During COVID-19 Outbreak](#) (US Department of Education)
- Everyone can be a Healthy Hero -Use the [free, printable flyer](#) and [activity sheet](#) to encourage your child to practice healthy habits at home, school, and play. (SC First Steps, DHEC and DSS)
- [Tips for talking to kids about COVID-19](#) (Center for Disease Control)

- [Age-based tips to help juggle parenting and working from home](#) (American Academy of Pediatrics)

Early Childhood Events Cancelled , Postponed or Held Virtually Due to COVID-19

Children's Trust of SC 2020 Home Visiting Summit (Cancelled)

Palmetto Pre-K Jamboree Summer 2020 Professional Development (Postponed to March 5, 2021)