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# South Carolina Department of Disabilities and Special Needs

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**EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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## **I. COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE**

The South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (DHEC) is asking agencies operating **Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs-IID)** to use DHEC's Vaccine Locator tool ([click here](#)) to identify pharmacy providers in your area(s) of operation to schedule vaccination appointments for your personnel and those you serve.

If you encounter barriers to expeditiously schedule these appointments, please contact Ms. McColloch Salehi, who serves on DHEC's Vaccination Advisory Committee, via email ([salehims@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:salehims@dhec.sc.gov)). Feel free to contact Robb McBurney via email ([Robert.mcburney@ddsn.sc.gov](mailto:Robert.mcburney@ddsn.sc.gov)) or by dialing 803-898-9723.

DHEC has opened a new Vaccine Information Line-**COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line: 1-866-365-8110**. The new vaccine information line has launched with 240 phone operators and **is available from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week**. People who have **questions about the COVID-19 vaccines or who need help finding vaccine providers** and their contact information are asked to call this Covid-19 Vaccine Information Line.

Governor Henry McMaster and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) have announced that **beginning Monday, February 8, any South Carolina resident aged 65 or older, regardless of health status or preexisting conditions, can begin scheduling their appointment to receive COVID-19 vaccine**. DHEC's online tool at [scdhec.gov/vaxlocator](http://scdhec.gov/vaxlocator) shows locations currently accepting appointments for COVID-19 vaccine and provides contact information for scheduling appointments at those locations.

## **II. DHEC OFFERS FREE TESTING**

DHEC would like to offer FREE COVID-19 Testing at your facility. Please complete the following form to notify the DHEC Testing Branch if you **WOULD** like to us to administer FREE COVID-19 Testing at your facility. You can find the DHEC Free COVID-19 Testing Request Form [here](#).

If you have any questions regarding this testing, please contact [ACC-Testing-Sites@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:ACC-Testing-Sites@dhec.sc.gov).

**III. THE BRAIN INJURY ASSOCIATION OF SC ISSUES GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH BRAIN INJURIES**

The Brain Injury Association has released guidance on COVID-19 vaccines for those with brain injuries. The BIASC encourages those with brain injuries to get vaccinated. See the guidance [here](#).

**IV. OSHA ISSUES NEW COVID-19 WORKPLACE GUIDANCE**

In response to the new executive order on worker health and safety, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration has issued new guidance on identifying coronavirus exposure risks and implementing a COVID-19 Prevention Program at work. You can find the new guidance [here](#).

**V. INFECTION CONTROL TRAINING VIDEOS FROM PROJECT FIRSTLINE.**

The new Project First Line (PFL) grant is a collaborative effort to provide frontline healthcare workers with the infection control training needed to protect them and their patients from infectious disease threats.

New videos and training will be produced for frontline staff based on the results of the recent Project Firstline survey. To get started a set of infection control training videos can be found [here](#).