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Dear Child Care Provider,

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) is sending you this email to provide information related to the COVID-19 vaccine.

On March 2, 2021, Governor Henry McMaster and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) announced that South Carolina will advance to Phase 1b of the state's COVID-19 vaccination plan. Those eligible under Phase 1b of the plan includes "daycare workers".

Beginning Monday March 8, 2021 child care workers can make appointments to get the COVID-19 vaccine.

Please reach out to your employees to notify them that they are eligible for vaccination beginning March 8th, and encourage them to make an appointment as soon as possible.

To make an appointment, visit DHEC's Vaccine Locator at scdhec.gov/vaxlocator and choose a location near you for contact information. You may also call DHEC's COVID-19 Vaccine Information Line at **1-866-365-8110** to get additional information as well as help finding a vaccine provider near you.

COVID-19 vaccines are available free of charge to all South Carolina residents.

To learn more about COVID-19 vaccines, visit scdhec.gov/vaxfacts.

Thank you.