



HENRY McMASTER  
GOVERNOR

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Mr. Mark Elam  
Chairman  
South Carolina Board of Health and Environmental Control  
2600 Bull Street  
Columbia, SC 29201

Dear Chairman Elam,

I ask that the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) begin developing a process to collect, compile and disclose information regarding confirmed COVID-19 cases among students and staff in every school district in the state.

It is my understanding that this information can be collected in a confidential manner and de-identified at both the school and school-district level. To the extent that this non-identifying information can be provided in a format that is consistent with state and federal privacy laws, I ask that DHEC make these figures available to the public on a daily basis.

The disclosure of this information is in the public's interest, and it will ensure that parents, teachers and the public have accurate and authoritative information.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry McMaster".

Henry McMaster

cc: Superintendent Molly Spearman  
SC DHEC Board  
Mr. Marshall Taylor, Acting Director, DHEC