

Mid-Carolina High School



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A Proud Past, A Promising Future

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DATES TO REMEMBER

November	15	Underclassmen Picture Make-Up Day
	16	Jostens - Class Ring Delivery
	19	ASVAB
	22	Interim Reports Issued
	24-26	Thanksgiving Holiday
December	4	SAT- 7:45 a.m.
	8	Student Early Release
	10	Season of Sharing Can Food Drive Deadline
	11	ACT - 7:45 a.m.
	16 & 17	High School Exams
	17	½ Day for Students
	20-31	Winter Break (Schools & Offices Closed)
January	3	Teacher Planning & Preparation (Student Holiday)
	4	Students Return 2 nd Semester Begins
	10	Report Cards Issued
	13	Parent-Teacher Conferences
	14	Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL for students
	17	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Schools/Offices Closed)
February	12	ACT
	14	Interim Reports Issued
	18	Professional Development - (No Students)
	21	President's Day - Holiday - Schools/Offices Closed

ALL DATES/ACTIVITIES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

MCHS WEBSITE

Visit our school website, Twitter, or Facebook pages

www.mid-carolinahighschool.org

https://twitter.com/MC_Rebels

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mid-Carolina-High-School/264090993125?ref=bookmarks>

for news, calendar of events, and helpful links.

Alive @ 25

Students must take the ALIVE @ 25 class before they can purchase a parking permit. Please register online at www.scaliveat25.org

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

Reserve your 2021-2022 yearbook today for \$70. After

Christmas the price will increase to \$75.

Yearbook orders are placed on January 23 with the publishing company. A limited number of extras will be ordered. Therefore, if you wish to purchase a yearbook after January 23, your name will be placed on a waiting list. If you receive a yearbook at delivery, payment of \$80 will be expected at time of issue.

INTERIM REPORTS

Interim reports for the second nine weeks will be distributed on **Monday, November 22.**

2021-2022 ACT

Test @ MCHS

December 11, 2021

February 12, 2022

April 2, 2022

July 16, 2022

2021-2022 SAT

Test @ MCHS

December 4, 2021

March 12, 2022

May 7, 2022

June 4, 2022

Free SAT practice through Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Registration for SAT or ACT is online:

SAT website --- www.sat.collegeboard.org

ACT website --- www.actstudent.org

Mid-Carolina High School code --- 411657

EXAMS

Thursday, December 17

Friday, December 18

ASVAB TEST

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Test will be given here at Mid-Carolina High School on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center. Any Senior or Junior who wants to take it can sign up in the Guidance Office.

GUIDANCE NEWS

Individual Graduation Plans (IGP), including course registration for the 2022-2023 school year will begin mid-**January**. Deadline for completion of IGPs is Friday, April 1, 2022. Parents will receive a postcard invitation to a scheduled virtual appointment. Please call your child's counselor, if you need a different time or desire a phone conference.

A-F - Ms. Wicker

G-M - Ms. McAllister

N-Z - Mr. Durant

ATTENTION 11th & 12th GRADE STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS

A Jostens Representative will return to MCHS on **Tuesday, November 16, 2021** to deliver class rings.

www.rhodesgraduation.com

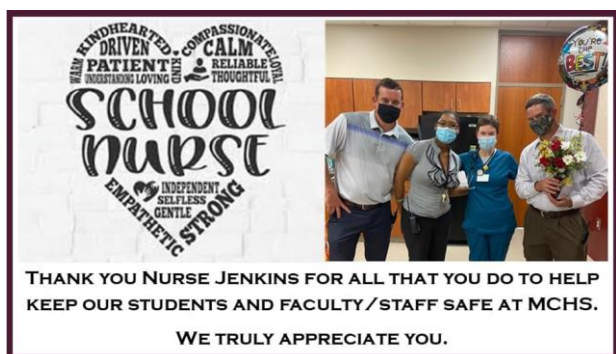
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE DAYS

Parent/Teacher Conference Days will be held on **January 13th & 14th**. Students will attend school all day on the 13th and the 14th is a student holiday.

NEWS FROM THE NURSE

We need your help to reduce the spread of germs! By working together and taking precautions, we can help minimize the impact of any illness that can be spread to others.

- Self-Monitor every morning before coming to school. If you feel sick, stay home.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid kissing, hugging, and sharing cups or eating utensils with people who are sick.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces, such as toys and doorknobs, especially if someone is sick.
- Wash your face mask/covering often especially if it becomes visibly soiled.
- Please consider getting your Flu shot.



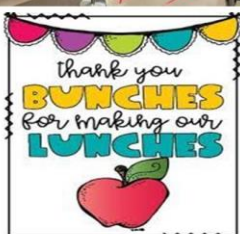
CAFETERIA NEWS



All school lunch and breakfast for students are at NO charge for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. Students who choose to bring their own lunch may still get a fruit, vegetable, fries, or milk at no charge.

Happy National School Lunch Week!

*I'm a
LUNCH LADY
what's your
Superpower?*



BAND



Congratulations to the Rebel Regiment Marching Band for placing 3rd at the Tournament of Bands held at James F. Byrnes High School and their 2nd place finish at the Boiling Springs Festival of Bands.

FACULTY/STAFF

We are proud to welcome the following new faculty/staff members to the Mid-Carolina High School family: **Laura Aquilano** (Spanish), **Kristin Caughman** (Chorus), **Melanie Jenkins** (Nurse), **Renee Joiner** (Math), **Marley Long** (Science), **James Merinar** (Science), **Amber Pennington** (English), **Hanna Reese** (English), and **Yaniet Wheeler** (Spanish). We are enjoying working with them!

Each month MCHS faculty members nominate one teacher and one support staff member to be placed on a ballot for voting.

August 2021 Teacher of the Month
Dr. Jonathan Fowler



August 2021 Support Staff of the Month
Nurse Melanie Jenkins



September 2021 Teachers of the Month
Mrs. Renee Joiner & Mrs. Marie Wise



September 2021 Support Staff of the Month
MCHS Breakfast Cart Ladies



October 2021 Teacher of the Month
Ms. Sarah Wicker



October 2021 Support Staff of the Month
Mrs. Sissy Delesandro & Mrs. Jennifer Long





Congratulations **Mrs. Tabitha Harmon** for being selected as the 2021-2022 Distinguished Teacher of Literacy. This is Mrs. Harmon's 5th year at MCHS, and her 13th year teaching.



Librarian and Teacher Technology Leader Jessica Felker presented at the South Carolina EDTECH Conference on Wednesday, October 20. Her concurrent session was titled, "Biblio(EDTECH)-Using Makerspaces in the Library and the Classroom."

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The months of November and December are very busy on MCHS's campus. Seniors are completing applications to colleges. Exams are right around the corner. The first semester will soon be over and the time for Season of Sharing in Newberry County has begun.



The Season of Sharing program is a tradition for the student body at Mid-Carolina. Cans and nonperishable goods are collected throughout the month of November and donated to Pomaria Food Bank to help less fortunate families in Newberry County. This year's Season of Sharing Can Food Drive began on **Wednesday, November 10th** and will end on **Friday, December 10th**.



For those who are able to adopt students from our Angel Tree, gifts need to be turned in by **Tuesday, December 7th**.

JROTC



On Tuesday, September 28th, Mid-Carolina High School **JROTC Cadet William "Liam" Blair** attended a ceremony at Richland Northeast High School to receive an honorarium and a certificate from the Colonel Jack Van Loan Chapter 303 of the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA). Liam was recognized for being named as a finalist in the Colonel Jack Van Loan Memorial Scholarship Essay Contest for JROTC Cadets. Participating Cadets were tasked with writing an essay based on the following theme: The Legacy of Colonel Jack Van Loan: How Colonel Van Loan Exemplified the Military Code of Conduct. You may know that Colonel Van Loan was a POW in Hanoi during the Vietnam War. He was seriously tortured and held in captivity for six years (1967-73). Submitted essays went to the Board of Directors of Chapter 303 VVA who selected a winner and two runner-up finalists. Pictured above is Liam receiving his certificate from Mr. Ron Hagell, President of the Chapter 303 VVA.



The MCHS JROTC Cadets and Leaders did an outstanding job creating Veterans Day Program Tribute to our veterans on Thursday, November 11. We are always honored to acknowledge the service and sacrifices of our past, present, and future military men and women.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MCHS 2021 HOMECOMING COURT 2021

Homecoming King: Justin Hedgepath
Princess: Erica Davis
Prince: Ethan Waites

1st Runner Up: Ginny Bass
2nd Runner Up: Jill Anderson
Queen: Miss Carissa Wicker



Save THE Date

Saturday, April 23, 2022

Anyone wanting to be on the Prom Committee needs to contact Mrs. Felker or Mrs. Haltiwanger.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

The Mid-Carolina High School Improvement Council would like to welcome our new members and thank those who have served. Our new members are elected student

Addison Bowers, elected student Sam Hawkins, elected student Chauncey Hardrick, elected student Alana Shealy, student body president Josie Blanchard, elected parent Christy Eigner, elected parent Ted Graham, elected parent Stuart Lake, elected parent Josh Parsons, elected parent Bonnie Tedder, elected teacher Jonathan Fowler, elected teacher Peter Lewis, elected teacher John Bass, and teacher of the year Lorraine Kibler. Our next Virtual School Improvement Council (SIC) meeting will be held on Monday, November 16, at 5:00 p.m.

SENIOR COLLEGE APPLICATION DAY

We are excited that over 40 seniors applied to the colleges of their choice. We had support from several college representatives that assisted our seniors with the application process.



STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to MCHS Student Council Representatives for the 2021-2022 School Year:

Freshman Class Representatives:

Addison (Addie) Bowers

Callie Wilbanks

Kynley Mack

Kassidy Harrison

Hannah Quattlebaum

Julianne Wicker

Junior Class Representatives:

Kelsey Buckley

Nada Bookman

Erica Campbell Nolting

Aryn Crouch

Senior Class Representatives:

Emma Wicker

Ashlyn Kinard

Ginny Bass

Executive Board Positions

Student Body President
Josie Blanchard
12th Grade

Student Body Vice-President
Emily Davis
12th Grade

Secretary
Erica Davis
12th Grade

Treasurer
Abby Bass
10th Grade

Historian
Sophia Boozer
11th Grade

Sergeant at Arms
McLenzie Chadwick
11th Grade

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month faculty members nominate one student from each grade level to be placed on a ballot for voting. The following were elected Students of the Month:

August 2021



9th Rafael Sosa



10th Gage Gilliam



11th Ethan Lindler



12th Katie Belle Barbour

September 2021



9th Ryan Conder



10th Abby Bass



11th Jennifer Shealy



12th Rosendo Caldwell & Sam Hawkins



October 2021



9th Callie Wilbanks



10th Robert Stafford



11th Anthony Wicker



12th Ella Morales

Congratulations



Congratulations to **Emily & Erica Davis!** Emily is the MCHS Newberry County Exchange Club Youth of the Month for September 2021 and Erica is the MCHS Newberry County Exchange Club Youth of the Month for October 2021. They were recognized at the Newberry County Exchange Club meeting on Tuesday, October 19.



Congratulations to **Emma Wicker!** Emma is the MCHS Newberry County Exchange Club Youth of the Month for November 2021. She was recognized at the Newberry County Exchange Club meeting on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

ATHLETICS

The Mid-Carolina High School Swim Team finished up their regular season on September 29 with a home meet versus Newberry, Richland Northeast, Brookland-Cayce, Airport, and Newberry Academy. Graduating seniors, William Folk and Sam Hawkins, were recognized for being part of the varsity team for 6 years. Personal best times were achieved by Cassidy Price in the 500 freestyle, Ashleigh Bunce in 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle, Jorja McGee in 100 freestyle and 500 freestyle, William Folk in 200 freestyle, Grant Smith in 200 freestyle, and Braedon Connelly in 100 breaststroke.

For the season, 5 swimmers achieved individual consideration times to swim at the state meet.

Jorja McGee: 200 freestyle, 200 Individual Medley, 100 freestyle, 500 freestyle

Cassidy Price: 500 freestyle

Sam Hawkins: 200 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 500 freestyle

Grant Smith: 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle, 100 butterfly, 50 freestyle, 500 freestyle

Rhett Smith: 200 freestyle, 100 freestyle

The boys 200 medley relay, boys 200 freestyle relay and the boys 400 freestyle relay teams achieved consideration times. The relays are made up of Braedon Connelly,

William Folk, Sam Hawkins, Will Hawkins, Grant Smith, and Rhett Smith.

Sam Hawkins also received automatic qualifying times in 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

The 3A Girls State Swim Meet was held on Saturday, October 9 at the North Charleston Aquatic Center. Jorja McGee competed in the 200 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. Cassidy Price competed in the 500 freestyle.

The 3A Boys State Swim Meet was held on Monday, October 11 at the North Charleston Aquatic Center. Rhett Smith competed in the 200 freestyle. Grant Smith competed in the 100 butterfly and the 500 freestyle. Sam Hawkins competed in the 50 freestyle and the 100 freestyle. All three boys' relays competed, as well.



Congratulations to the MC Lady Rebels Tennis team on being the 2021 Region 4 AAA Champions.



Standing (Lt to Rt) **Katie Smith-Sr., Emma Wicker-Sr., Katelyn Buzhardt-Sr., Coach Shealy, Riley Peel-Jr., Kylie Ringer-9th, Kaley Held-8th, Ava Pullen-9th**

Front (Lt to Rt) **Madison Koon-Sr., Zoe Reid-8th, Sophia Abraham-8th, Maddy Stribble-8th, Hadyn Jacobs-10th**

***Congratulations to Coach Gabrielle Shealy
for being selected
Region 4 AAA Tennis Coach of the Year!***

MCHS ATHLETIC WALL OF FAME

Class of 2021 - MCHS Wall of Fame

- 2010- **Quintavis Cureton** (Benedict College Football) 2010 MCHS Graduate
- 2016-**Carlos Hernandez** (Newberry College Cross Country)—2016 MCHS Graduate
- 2019-**Bryce Medlock** (USC Union Baseball) --- 2019 MCHS Graduate
- 2019-**Wesley Livingston** (USC Union Baseball) --- 2019 MCHS Graduate
- 2017-**Alex Fulmer** (USC Women's Softball) --- 2017 MCHS Graduate
- 2017-**Julie Kinard** (Newberry College Women's Basketball) --2017 MCHS Graduate
- 2016-**Ryan Stoudemire** (Charleston Southern Baseball) 2016 MCHS Graduate
- 2016-**Madyson Murphy** (Columbia College Tennis) 2016 MCHS Graduate

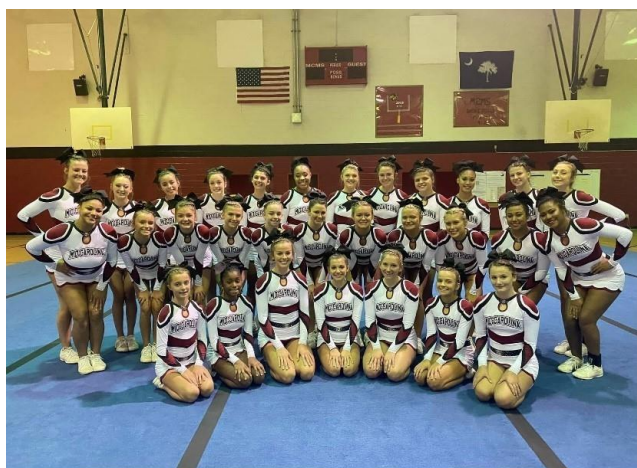
Bryce Medlock will continue his baseball career at Bluefield College in Bluefield, Virginia

Wesley Livingston will continue his baseball career at Newberry College



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Congratulations to the MCHS Cheer team. They placed first at Battle at the Bluff, first at the Gilbert Tomahawk Cheer Classic, first at the Spring Valley Viking Invitational, and first at the Wildcat Invitational. State Qualifiers was held at Irmo High School on Monday, November 8th and the cheer team placed third qualifying them to compete at State. The Cheer State Competition will take place on Saturday, November 20 at Colonial Life Arena.



CONGRATULATIONS MC BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS!

THEY ARE HEADED TO STATE!!!!



On Friday, November 5, both the Mid-Carolina Cross Country Girls and Boys attacked the rolling hills of the PD Johnson Farm to

earn spots in the AAA State Championship Meet.

The MC Girls place 5th in their race with an average time of 22:40. Cameron Wicker (20th – 21:40) and Caroline Matney (24th – 21:58) finished in the top 25. Congratulations to all the MC Girls: Claire Hawkins (23:03), Meredith Koon (23:15), Anna Grace Morris (23:25 personal record), and Torri Bates (24:28).

The boys demonstrated pure determination and finished 8th place in their race with an average time of 19:20. Jon Lawson Cope (8th – 17:47) and Jacob Lindler (19th – 18:11) placed in the top 20. Congratulations to all the MC Boys: Dexter Stinson (19:41 personal record), Adam Meetze (20:28), Frank Elsenheimer (20:35), Triston Alford (21:43), and Conner Amick (22:02 personal record). AAA State Championship is Thursday, November 11 at Sandhills Research Center. The girls race is 11:30, boys is 12:00, and the awards will be held at 12:30.



The MC Girls Cross Country team **won the Region 4 AAA Championship** with a low score of 21. Congratulations to All-Region medalists: Cameron Wicker (1st),

Caroline Matney (2nd), Claire Hawkins (5th), Torri Bates (6th), and Meredith Koon (7th). Other Top 10 overall finishers: Anna Grace Morris 8th and Madison Ringer 9th.

The MC Boys Cross Country team was Region 4-3A Runner-up. Congratulations to All-Region medalists: Jon Lawson Cope (3rd) and Jacob Lindler (6th). Other top 10 finisher was Dexter Stinson.

***Coach Renee Joiner-Region 4AAA
Cross Country Coach of the Year
(2nd Year in a Row)! Congrats, Coach!!!!***

"Unity is strength...
when there is
teamwork and collaboration,
wonderful things
can be achieved."

- Mattie J.T. Stepanek

Congratulations to the MC Lady Rebels Volleyball team for winning the region championship.



Congratulations to the following student athletes on being selected for All-State and All-Region in volleyball! AC Cary was selected as All-State player from our Region. Hailey MacDermott, Cady Gonzalez, and Katie Belle Barbour were selected for All-Region.



Congratulations to the following football players on being recognized at the Newberry County Touchdown Club for their accomplishments on the field.

Hayden Lake – Special Teams Player of the Month
Andrew Washington – Defensive Player of the Month
Anthony Wicker – Offensive Player of the Month



Our mission:

To engage students in educational experiences that ensure success and life-long learning.

Our vision is of a culture where all ideas are valued; a cooperative relationship exists between the school, the district, and the community; collaboration is expected; and people want to work and students want to learn

MID-CAROLINA BASKETBALL

2021-2022 Schedule

Varsity

Mon. - Wed. 11/22 - 11/24	Capital City Tip Off @ Columbia High (Boys Only)
Tue. 11/30	@ Clinton
Wed. 12/1	vs. Union
Fri. 12/3	@ Chapin
Tue. 12/7	@ Saluda
Wed. 12/8	vs. Clinton
Fri. 12/10	vs. Newberry
Tue. 12/14	vs. Saluda
Fri. 12/17	vs. Chapin
Tue. - Thur. 12/28 - 12/30	Bennie Bennett Memorial Tournament @ Newberry High & Clover (Boys Only)
Sat. 1/8	@ Newberry
Tue. 1/11	vs. Lower Richland
Fri. 1/14	@ Lower Richland
Tue. 1/18	vs. Fairfield Central
Fri. 1/21	@ Fairfield Central
Tue. 2/1	vs. Keenan
Fri. 2/4	@ Keenan
Tue. 2/8	vs. Chester
Fri. 2/11	@ Chester

JV

Mon. 11/29	vs. Clinton
Wed. 12/1	@ Union
Thur. 12/2	vs. Chapin
Mon. 12/6	vs. Saluda
Thur. 12/9	vs. Newberry
Mon. 12/13	@ Saluda
Thur. 12/16	@ Chapin
Sat. 1/8	@ Newberry (JV Girls 11:00 AM Tip)
Mon. 1/10	@ Lower Richland
Thur. 1/13	vs. Lower Richland
Mon. 1/17	@ Fairfield Central
Thur. 1/20	vs. Fairfield Central
Mon. 1/31	@ Keenan
Thur. 2/3	vs. Keenan
Mon. 2/7	@ Chester
Thur. 2/10	vs. Chester



Wrestling

Varsity

11/20 - @Woodruff Round Robin Tournament Scrimmage
 12/1 - @Dixie with Whitmire
 12/7 - **HOME** Heathwood Hall & Spring Valley
 12/11 - Silver Fox Individual Tournament
 12/15 - @Whitmire with High Point Academy
 12/22 - @Chapin Quad Match
 12/30 - Chester Dual Tournament
 1/5 - @Airport with AC Flora and Columbia
 1/7 - @Gilbert with Pelion and Airport
 1/12 - **HOME** Westwood & Richland Northeast
 1/15 - @Fairfield Central - Region Duals
 1/19 - **HOME** & High Point Academy
 1/20 - @Woodmont with TBA
 1/25 - @Brookland-Cayce with South Aiken
 1/28 - @Chester Region Individual Tournament
 2/12 - 3A Dual Championships
 2/18-2/19 - 3A Individual Upper State Tournament
 2/25-2/26 - 3A Individual State Tournament

MS/JV

11/20 - Hillcrest JV/MS Individual Tournament
 12/4 - Chester County JV/MS Round Robin
 12/11 - Eagles Round Robin
 12/16 - **HOME** with Chapin
 1/8 - Area 5 Qualifier (Gilbert HS)
 1/15 - The Capital Sectional Tournament
 1/22 - The Carolina Invitational (Lexington HS)

Seasonal Influenza (Flu) Fact Sheet for Parents

In your child's school

Some cases of influenza (flu) have been reported from your child's school. Flu is different from the common cold. It can cause fever, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, and vomiting. Flu can be very serious and may even cause death in some people with chronic health conditions, young children, pregnant women, or elderly persons.

How does the flu spread?

Flu spreads between people when those sick with the flu cough, sneeze, or even talk. The flu virus can be spread to people up to six feet away. Flu can also spread when people touch their face or eyes after touching something that a sick person has touched.

How to prevent the flu?

Use the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) **"Take 3 Actions"**

1. **Take time to get a flu vaccine.** Flu vaccination is the best way to prevent the flu. DHEC strongly recommends all South Carolina residents older than 6 months old get the flu vaccine as soon as possible to prevent the flu, unless they have a medical reason not to be vaccinated.
2. **Take everyday preventive actions.**
 - Avoid close contact with ill persons.
 - Keep your child home if they have a fever (100°F or higher).
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or upper sleeve when you cough or sneeze.
 - Frequently, wash hands with soap and water or alcohol-based hand rub.
 - Frequently clean and disinfect surfaces that are high-touch areas.
3. **Take influenza antiviral medicines, if prescribed.** Antiviral drugs can make flu illness milder and shorten the time a person is sick with the flu. They may also prevent serious flu complications. Flu antiviral drugs are not designed to treat COVID-19.

Quick Stats

In the US every day, an estimated 55 million students and 7 million staff attend over 130,000 public and private schools. Implementing the CDC's "Take 3 Actions" would aid in preventing influenza infection among one-fifth of the total US population (CDC, 2021).

Flu vaccination reduced the risk of a flu-associated death by 65% among healthy children and 51% among children with high-risk medical conditions (CDC, 2017).

Resources

More information is available at the CDC and DHEC websites:

cdc.gov/flu

scdhec.gov/flu

cdc.gov/flu/prevent/preventing.htm

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