

Hi, my name is Anita McDaniel SCAD Executive Director.

SCAD made a temporary COVID-19 medical communication card. It is free to South Carolina deaf and hard of hearing community.

You can print this card at home or save it on your phone. If you don't have a printer, call and let us know. We can print and mail it to your home.

If you do not have a phone, bring your own paper and pen or white board.

Bring an emergency bag with items you need to communicate. Label the bag and items with your name. Leave space on the label to add your hospital room number. The emergency bag can include:

Paper and pens or markers

White board if have one

Plugs and chargers for your phone

Tablets and/or laptops and chargers

A cellular hotspot in case the hospital WiFi is not working

An extension cord or power strip in case your bed is far from an outlet

Extra eyewear supplies you might need, such as reading glasses to read the speech to text on a phone app

Extra batteries for your hearing aid or cochlear implant

Emergency contact information for family members or friends

For DeafBlind people, Braille device and charger

*Please understand that some hospitals may change their rules and not allow live interpreters because of fast spread of coronavirus. Everyone needs to protect himself or herself. Doctors and nurses will have masks on. You may need to use VRI if allowed. You may need to communicate using you phone text. You may need to write on white board or paper. Or you may not have any communication if in isolation.

*Make sure you have your bag and things ready to bring. Family members or friends may not be allowed to visit you.

If you need us to print you a communication card, contact us at:

South Carolina Association of the Deaf

VP 803-403-9255 or VP 803-602-6100

Website: sc-deaf.org