

Typical School Health Challenges in Rural Communities

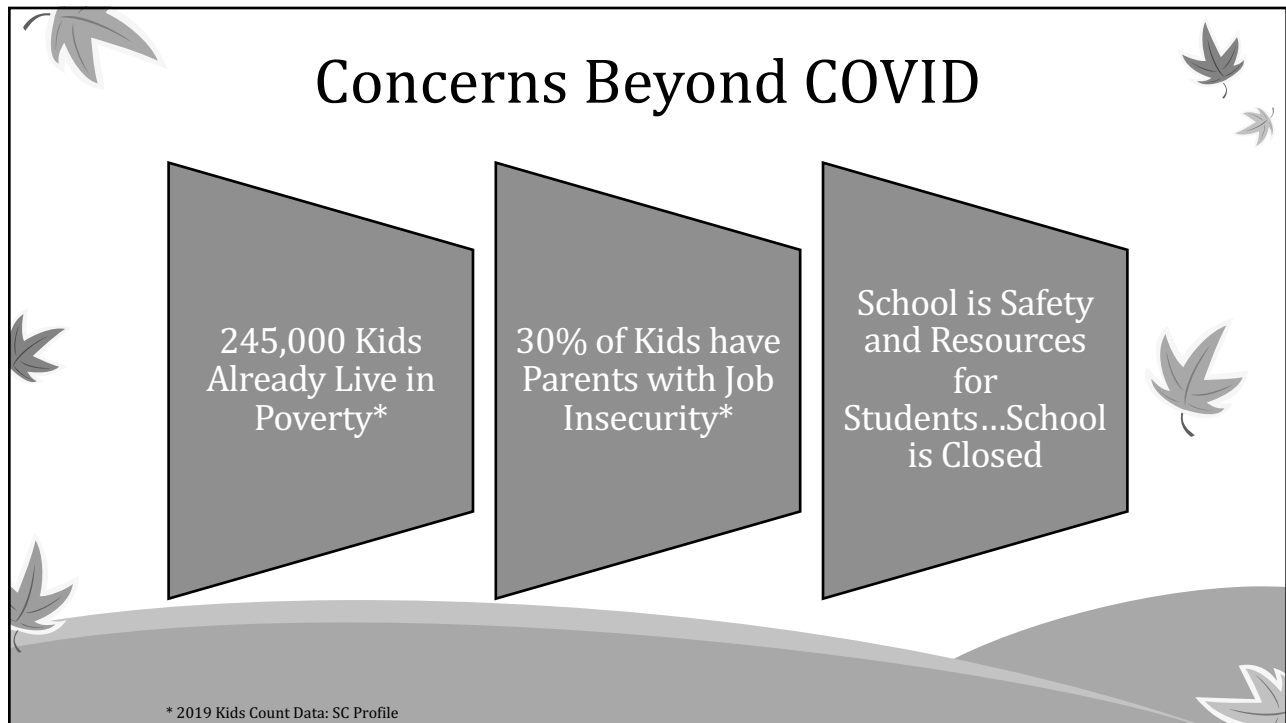
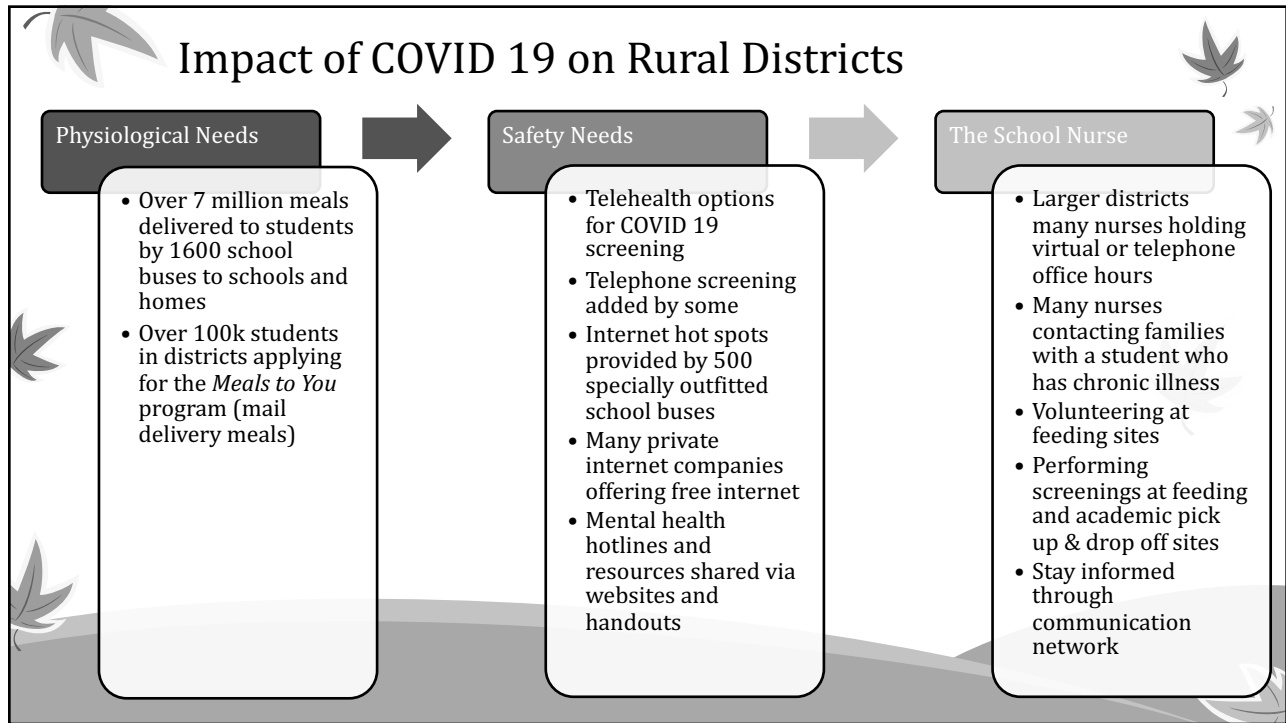
SC Rural Communities = 27% Residents*

- Low population density
- Lack of providers/hospital closures
- Persistent poverty
- Food insecurity
- Bandwidth / internet access

Compensating Mechanisms

- Many larger districts/share resources/ often urban and rural mix
- Telehealth in many schools
- Free and reduced lunch/weekend backpack programs
- Often internet available at school: some virtual learning programs being piloted already

* SC Office of Rural Health



Thank you!
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