

3/18/2020 Webinar

COVID-19 Guidance

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- Updating on a weekly basis on guidance will be sent out every Friday.
- Every school district will receive funding.
- Governor supports suspending k-12 state testing
- SPI will work with labor leads on expectations. More to guidance come.

Linda Darling Hammond- Thank you

Wes Smith- Encouragement

Governor's advisor- EO was designed to provide clarity and guidance

- "Do what calls you to the work and we will have your back!"

Distance learning

- [Distance Learning](#)
- [Appendix 1: Resources that Support Distance Learning](#)
- [Appendix 2: Lessons from the Field: Remote Learning Guidance](#)
- [Appendix 3: Designing a High-Quality Online Course](#)(DOCX)

Next steps is to reach out to publishers for additional on-line resources

Special education

- LEA's should design learning with Accessibility in mind
- Teachers and specialist should work together to adapt instruction to meet the unique learning needs of students with disabilities as outlined in the IEP
- Assess the extent to which a student with a disability will be able to attain educational benefit
- LEA's may need to assess and adjust IEPs
- LEA's should continue to provide related services consistent with the IEP This may involve coming to a school location
- Students may need access to assistive technology
- Continue payment to NPS and work collaboratively with them
- Federal government has not waived the federal government requirements of IDEA
- CDE will convene a workgroup of practitioners and experts in special education to assess various models for effectively serving students with disabilities in distance learning environment, including promising practices and specific strategies that LEA's are implementing in California and around the country. (Equitable, Access, Out of the box thinking)

Adhering to timelines and IEP's

- Waiting on guidance

Nutrition and meals- students are required to be present per USDA, more than one meal can be provided

- First area of consideration- Site locations, multiple sites, social distancing
- 2nd area- Meal counting
- 3rd area- Meal time, Non-congregate setting
- 4th area Distribution plan- using bus stops, libraries, and food banks
- Consider outreach for families on food distribution
- Summer Meal plan is the best resource for guidance and is the most flexible
- Department of Health has great resources and requirements
- Next steps
 - Working with USDA in submitting multiple waivers
 - Meal pattern flexibility
 - Asking for students not having to be present
 - Homedelivery options
 - Federal legislative should be passed on Friday with Adult and children meal plan guidance

School Meals

Requirements for school meals request

Schools or other community organizations that are approved to operate the SSO or SFSP can serve non-congregate meals during COVID-19 at school sites that are dismissed or closed **by submitting a request to SNPINFO@cde.ca.gov**. CDE staff are monitoring this email address regularly. No meal applications or fees are collected from children. The following is important information to include in the request:

- Name of organization/school and list of school site closures the non-congregate food distribution will serve
- Timeframe for starting meal distribution
- Method(s) of meal distribution
- Outreach efforts to communicate meal distribution
- Method to focus services to families with children eligible for free and reduced-price meals
- Basic information on meal counting, food safety, and oversight of the meal distribution, including information to offer foods for multiple days

To be eligible for federal reimbursement, meals can be served to all children 18 years and younger in communities where 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free and reduced-priced meals. In communities with schools that have a student eligibility of less than 50 percent free or reduced-priced meals, the non-congregate meal distribution method needs to focus services to children who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals.

Supporting families with child supervision

- [Child Care and Student Supervision\(DOCX\)](#)
- Consider using your campus for Community based care

- Consider using your campus for Pop-up care
- Releasing management bulletin for childcare and preschools

Essential employees

- Cal HR is working on guidance on this
- If shelter in place, work with County Health Officials