

COVID-19

2020 Response Efforts

From the outset of the pandemic, the

Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education worked to ensure:

- Missouri students continued to be supported, fed and provided high-quality learning
- School leaders had the resources and flexibility necessary to remain focused on the health and safety of students and personnel

Data as of Jan. 12, 2021



Hundreds of pages
of guidance created about

- Alternative Methods of Instruction
- Assessment
- Attendance
- CARES Act Grants
- First Step Services
- Food Service
- Graduating Seniors
- School Finance
- Special Education
- Reopening Plans



17 statutes waived
temporarily for added flexibility



Working to distribute

\$308 million+

in CARES Act grants to support school's efforts to meet student needs



236,520
Antigen Tests

shipped to date to

356 participating schools

8.6 million
masks



provided to schools



Approved **553**

local plans for alternative methods of instruction

3,600+

substitute teachers

earned certification through new online training to support increased demand from schools

Missouri Learning, Engagement and Preparation resources to support acceleration of learning

Social-emotional learning supports created to address student and staff mental health challenges



New online testing options for teacher candidates to ensure the teacher pipeline remains strong



61.6 million+
meals served to students and families

Nearly **62,000**

Pandemic EBT applications processed for

118K+ children



100+ webinars and virtual meetings for stakeholders

10 hours

of free distance learning professional development that's been viewed

11,500+ times



Normal Business
during Abnormal Times

Nearly

27,000

teacher certificates processed

98% of sheltered workshops maintained operations

78,086

Disability Determinations claims processed

Uninterrupted access to services for **over**

12,000

Vocational Rehabilitation consumers

20,187

individuals served at

22 Independent Living Centers