

Greetings District Testing Coordinators,

This is an unprecedented time in our state, especially now that many communities and counties have extended social-distancing orders or have issued stay-at-home orders. The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education want to emphasize that the health and safety of students, staff, and the community is top priority during this time. Our Commissioner, Dr. Margie Vandeven and DESE Leadership hosted a webinar for Superintendents on April 1 and shared the latest updates and information related to COVID-19. Briefly, DESE officials have and will continue to examine the impact of cancelling spring 2020 testing; the following link outlines developed action plans and guidance:

<https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/Testing-Cancelling-Graduation-Requirements.pdf>.

DESE continues to post new information daily on our COVID-19 webpage: dese.mo.gov/covid19

Our Curriculum and Assessment staff have compiled information and resources to support your educators, students and parents, which can be found at the following link. This page will be updated frequently; please check back often.

<https://dese.mo.gov/college-career-readiness/curriculum/supports-remote-teaching-and-learning>

All Curriculum and Assessment staff are working from home and are available if questions arise. You can send inquiries to the following email. We will respond as quickly as possible.

Assessment: Assessment@dese.mo.gov

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Please be safe during this time. We will work to provide updates and respect that your time is devoted to ensuring the health and safety of your family, students, staff and community.

Thank you for all you do
Curriculum and Assessment