

To: Deans, Unit Leaders, Certification Officers, Field & Clinical, and Assessment Directors
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Re: Governor Parson Waives Remainder of On-Site Activities
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In consideration of the challenges educator preparation programs (EPP) are facing with respect to Coronavirus (COVID-19), Governor Parson has waived the requirements of remaining on-site classroom and school visits for candidates already participating in culminating clinical experiences and internships in the current academic term. Please see the official announcement from Governor Parson here:

<https://governor.mo.gov/press-releases/archive/governor-parson-signs-executive-order-20-04-easing-regulatory-burdens-during>

The culminating clinical (student teaching) experience and internship are essential components of the educator preparation process and are designed to help prepare candidates to become professional educators ready for entry into Missouri PK-12 classrooms. Given recent restrictions and the closure of many PK-12 districts in response to COVID-19, we understand the need for EPPs to design innovative and alternate ways for educator candidates to practice the skills of professional educators in supervised settings. We appreciate the Governor's action to waive the remaining on-site classroom and school visits for candidates in their culminating clinical experiences and internships.

Should you have any specific questions concerning a particular candidate or situation, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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