

To: Corporation Test Coordinators, Superintendents

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Subject: COVID-19 Assessment Plans and Recommendations

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) received information from schools about potential delays related to the COVID-19 virus. IDOE collaborated with the Indiana State Board of Education to review the potential reporting timelines and offers the following guidance for the upcoming Spring test administration windows. Please note this guidance applies to corporations and/or schools where the physical school buildings were closed for an extended period of time (e.g., school was closed for a week or more).

- IREAD-3
 - IREAD-3 is currently scheduled from March 16 to April 3.
 - An extension to assess students until April 10 may be granted to schools who are unavailable during the prescribed test dates.

- ILEARN 3-8 and End-of-Course Assessments (ECAs)
 - ILEARN 3-8 is currently scheduled from April 20 to May 15.
 - ILEARN ECAs are currently scheduled from April 20 to May 22.
 - An extension to assess students until May 29 may be granted to schools who are unavailable during the prescribed test dates.

- ISTEP+ First Time Administration
 - ISTEP+ Part 1 is currently scheduled from February 24 to March 13.
 - An extension to assess students until April 10 may be granted to schools who are unavailable during the prescribed test dates.
 - ISTEP+ Part 2 is currently scheduled from April 6 to May 1.
 - An extension to assess students until May 15 may be granted to schools who are unavailable during the prescribed test dates.

- I AM
 - I AM is currently scheduled from April 6 to May 15.
 - An extension to assess students until May 29 may be granted to schools who are unavailable during the prescribed test dates.

Recommendations:

- Schools should consider assessing students during the prescribed window and make arrangements to initiate testing earlier in the window as opposed to waiting towards the final days of the window. Procrastination is not likely advantageous considering the current situation.
- State reporting and rescore windows will likely be delayed if there is a large population of schools impacted by testing delays. It is our intent to limit the delay of reporting to within two weeks of the currently scheduled date.
- Corporation Test Coordinators must initiate a request for an extension by completing this [form](#). IDOE will review each request and relevant documentation regarding school closures to determine approval.

Assessment	Standard Window	Extended Window
I READ-3	March 16 to April 3	March 16 to April 10
ISTEP+ First Time Administration Part 1	February 24 to March 13	February 24 to April 10
ISTEP+ First Time Administration Part 2	April 6 to May 1	April 6 to May 15
I AM	April 6 to May 15	April 6 to May 29
ILEARN 3-8	April 20 to May 15	April 20 to May 29
ILEARN ECAs	April 20 to May 22	April 20 to May 29