

To: Corporation Test Coordinators, Superintendents

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Subject: COVID-19 Assessment Update

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) announces the cancellation of the upcoming Spring 2020 assessment windows. Please note this guidance applies to all corporations and/or schools responsible for delivering state assessments within Indiana. The specific assessments are noted below with additional details.

- IREAD-3
 - The Spring 2020 IREAD-3 assessment is cancelled.
 - A decision about the Summer 2020 IREAD-3 Retest for currently enrolled fourth and fifth graders needing this requirement will be made at a later date.
- ILEARN (3-8, End-of-Course Assessments)
 - The Spring 2020 ILEARN assessment is cancelled.
 - The Winter 2020 ILEARN Biology results and rescore opportunity will be deployed at a later date more conducive to corporation and school availability to engage in the review of student responses.
- ISTEP+
 - The ISTEP+ Part 1 and 2 First Time Administration is cancelled for the remaining duration in Spring 2020.
 - ISTEP+ Spring 2020 results will be deployed on April 6, 2020 as previously scheduled to inform decisions about remediation and graduation requirements.
 - A decision about the Summer 2020 ISTEP+ Retest will be made at a later date.
- I AM
 - The I AM assessment is cancelled.
- WIDA Screener
 - WIDA Screeners should be provided to students per federal guidance to the extent the corporation or school is open to determine associated services upon enrollment. No action is required if the corporation or school

building is formally closed to students. Contact our office for additional guidance in varying circumstances.

- ISPROUT Early Learning Assessment
 - ISPROUT continues to be available for early childhood providers to indicate ratings to the extent providers are open and available to do so. ISPROUT administration should be deprioritized as rationale for decisions regarding provider access. Contact our office for additional guidance in varying circumstances.

CTCs will receive guidance in the coming days about the return of test materials. IDOE will continue to communicate to CTCs on a daily basis until all subsequent dependencies of these decisions regarding spring assessments are communicated.

IDOE is committed to swift review and determinations of policy implications related to this decision to ensure corporations and schools have next steps clearly defined for student-specific decisions tied to these assessments. IDOE will be seeking a waiver for federal accountability associated with annual state assessments. More details on the submission of this waiver will follow.