

## **General**

Question: How do I deal with the problem of having some employees come to work and others stay home (teachers verses CNP workers)

Answer: LEA decision based on the needs of your community, identification of “essential personnel” and specific functions that will maintain the operations of your LEA (as applicable). The identification of essential personnel involves critical discussions around mandatory processes that must go on in your district.

Question: Will we have to make up these days?

Answer: No

Question: How will this impact ESSA and the report card?

Answer: We have received some initial guidance from Washington that indicates they are willing to waive some of the rules. We will provide additional guidance as it becomes available.

Question: Is school open Monday, March 16? If it is open, are there ramifications if students don't attend Monday, March 16 – Wednesday, March 18?

Answer: Yes; however, if the students do not attend, they will be excused.

Question: Once we close, how do we reopen schools?

Answer: We will provide guidance as we receive more information.

## **Child Nutrition Program**

Question: Are schools required to serve meals to students during the school closure?

Answer: No

Question: There is at least one school district that has published a meal schedule. Have we received approval from the USDA to waive the congregant feeding requirement? If so, this only applies to the districts that participate in one of USDA's summer meal program.

Answer: Alabama's approved waiver indicates that the congregate feeding requirement is waived.

Question: How will meals be provided for those students in rural areas who cannot get to the centralized location?

Answer: Follow the plan that has been established because each community has individual needs that are addressed in the LEA plan.

Question: Should we partner with churches and community agencies to provide meals to students?

Answer: This is at the discretion of the LEA. However, if you want to receive federal reimbursement as set forth by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, you must follow the associated guidelines.

### **Curriculum & Instruction**

Question: How will services be provided for students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), inclusion and AAA students, if schools are closed beyond April 6<sup>th</sup>?

Answer: All educational service guidance will be updated if schools are closed beyond April 6, 2020.

Question: If we move to distance learning after April 6<sup>th</sup>, how will students in low-income areas, like the Black Belt, who do not have access to electronic devices or the internet receive instruction?

Answer: We will provide updated guidance if schools are closed beyond April 6.

Question: Do we have to take ACAP?

Answer: A decision regarding state assessments has not been made at this point. We will provide guidance in the near future.