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DESE Special Education Guidance

New COVID-19 Related School Reentry Question and Answer Guide Now Available

After receiving many questions from constituents, DESE's Office of Special Education developed a COVID-19 question and answer guide. The compliance team utilized information from a variety of resources, including guidance documents posted by other states and national organizations and questions received from Missouri educators serving special education students. State and local education agencies are tasked with planning school reentry in the midst of changing conditions in our communities. The challenge is to craft plans that provide flexibility and continuity of learning for all students, while staying true to the intent of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for students with disabilities. Please remember to review the daily LRP site for new information.

Find the DESE Office of Special Education Compliance COVID-19 Related School Reopening and Distance Learning Question and Answer Guide at <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information> in the Special Education Information and Guidance section (for a direct link to the Q&A, go to <https://dese.mo.gov/sites/default/files/se-Covid-19-Reopening-Distance-Learning-QA.pdf>).

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