

Good Afternoon, Families-

I hope this finds you healthy and safe and getting into some sense of a "new temporary normal". Attached please find DESE's FAQ which was revised on March 26, 2020 in light of the Governor's extended closure until May 4, 2020. This FAQ describes a shift from the previous advisory and requires schools to now provide a free and appropriate public education (FAPE). As explained by DESE, "how a district will provide FAPE will look different during this unprecedented period of national and state emergency". Further it states, "schools may not be able to provide all services in the manner they are typically provided pursuant to a student's IEP." It is our number one priority to continue to work on a plan to deliver FAPE to our students and support our families. We greatly appreciate your patience as we work, as quickly as possible, to develop individual plans and creatively determine how to deliver services for your student. Your student's special education liaison, teachers and service providers will be reaching out to you next week. I have also attached a list of tips for accessing virtual platforms that I thought you might find helpful. Please understand that while we will be providing more opportunities for learning, instruction and services as we move forward, you as the parent, can determine how much or how little your child does based on availability of technology, your family's schedule, and your child's well-being.

Thank you for your continued support and patience. I wish you a safe, healthy and happy weekend.

[covid19-faq.docx](#)

[Parent-Virtual-Tips-SWD-Final-03.24.20.pdf](#)

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