

CDE and CHHS Releases Guidance on COVID-19
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Today, March 18, 2020, The State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond hosted a [webinar](#) to discuss the Department of Education, State Board of Education, and California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) guidance documents required by the Governor's [Executive Order N-26-20](#) on school closures due to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

The CDE will be posting this information on its website, with continuous guidance will be provided on a weekly basis. Website: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp>

Available Guidance

- Distance learning
- Accommodations for students with disabilities
- Child nutrition
- Child care and supervision

Special Education

The Department of Education will convene a workgroup of practitioners in special education to assess various models to effectively serve students with disabilities including best practices and specific strategies.

State Testing

Yesterday, Governor Newsom held a press conference and announced he will request a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education to suspend the state's annual standardized tests for this academic year.

Federal Procurement Guidelines

Yesterday, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) issued a memo regarding Procurement Under Grants Conducted Under Emergency or Exigent Circumstances for COVID-19. For information, click [here](#).

Legislative Analyst's Office Report

The LAO has released a [COVID-19 and California's Evolving Fiscal Outlook](#) report on initial observations on the recent volatility in financial markets and the state's fiscal position at the outset of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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