

Considerations for Reopening Schools- English Learner Programs

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- Under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and the Equal Educational Opportunities Act, districts have legal obligations to English Learners (ELs) and their families.
- These obligations are still required to be met during the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Part of those obligations are meeting the Kentucky entrance and exiting criteria for English Learner Programs. However, the WIDA screener cannot be administered virtually.
- If the student is placed temporarily, then the student records will be updated once a WIDA screener can be administered.
- The guidance provides a list of FAQs and responses for operating EL programs during the COVID-19 Pandemic to ensure all requirements are met.

- There is not an extension or waiver on the identification timeline set by USED.
- Once a student is identified and placed permanently or temporarily, remote services should begin immediately. The guidance provides some considerations on how to provide EL services remotely.
- Districts have two options of conducting parent PSP meetings and notifying parents of their child's placement in an EL program.
 - Option 1: schedule a face-to-face meeting while practicing the safety guidelines set by the CDC, the state and your district
 - Option 2: conduct the meeting virtually

- More information may be forthcoming from the U.S. Department of Education. The Kentucky Department of Education will update guidance as needed to keep districts informed.
- For questions about EL programs not answered here, email [Jessica Sanderson](#) or [Erin Sudduth](#) or call (502) 564-3791.
- For updates and information about KDE's response to COVID-19, refer to [KDE's COVID-19 webpage](#).
- Visit the WIDA website for [WIDA COVID-19 response and updates](#) and resources for [Distance Teaching and Learning](#).

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Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best
Practices for Kentucky Schools
(K-12)

Interim Guidance as of June 2020



The use of cloth face coverings (masks) should be required by all students and staff at all times while in the building or on the bus, unless medically waived. Students and staff should only lower their masks while actively eating or drinking. This change is reflected on pages 7, 8, 9, 10, and 13.