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Greetings,

Deputy State Superintendent Mike Thompson recently (March 13, 2020) sent an [email](#) to district administrators regarding COVID-19 updates. The following testing related information is included in this update:

The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) continues to work closely with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) as this situation unfolds. U.S. Department of Education (ED) indicates that their goal is for all states to meet the assessment requirements under section 1111(b)(2) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. DPI asked each of our assessment vendors to determine whether the assessment windows can be extended. We are working with these vendors to identify the feasibility of this option and will relay information to you as soon as it becomes available.

ED has published a [fact sheet](#) addressing COVID-19 and testing waivers. Please know we are actively exploring all options, including a waiver, from ED if closures prevent statewide testing.

Please contact [osamail@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:osamail@dpi.wi.gov) with questions.