

**SCHOOL RE-OPENING**  
*STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES*

*DISABILITY TASK FORCE*

**10/22/2020**

## Overview

- **Health and safety** remain the priority
- **Parent input** and ongoing communication required
- **All IEP services must be provided** (in-school or remote)
- **Parent choice** about attending school in-person

## HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS **MUST** ACCOMMODATE DISABILITY

- Desks at least 3 feet apart (6 feet if possible)
- Masks required 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older
- Handwashing required
- Staff PPE and Training

## PARENT INPUT & NOTIFICATION

- Regular, ongoing 2-way communication in parents' primary language
- IEP Teams must consider parent information about child's experiences during COVID-19
- Schools must notify family in writing about changes in how IEP services will be provided:
  - COVID-19 Special Education Learning Plan
  - All communications **must** be in parents' home language

## IN-PERSON LEARNING

### PRESCHOOLERS and STUDENTS WITH SIGNIFICANT AND COMPLEX NEEDS:

- Identified as “high needs” on IEP form
- Can’t engage in remote learning
- Use AAC (Augmentative Alternative Communication)
- Who are homeless
- In foster care or congregate care
- Students with disabilities who are English Learners

## REMOTE LEARNING STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- Students must receive direct instruction and services
- Schools must fully implement IEP
- Regular and consistent schedule for each student
- Consider home and community in-person services
- Effective, ongoing two-way communication with parents

# COVID –19 COMPENSATORY SERVICES

**IEP meetings by December 15 for students likely needing compensatory services:**

- Students with complex and significant needs
- Preschoolers with evaluation or service delays
- Students who turned 22 between March 15-December 23
- Students who didn't receive or access any IEP services

## RESOURCES

- Contact MAC's Helpline: (617) 357-8431 or [massadvocates.org/helpline](https://massadvocates.org/helpline)
- Visit MAC COVID-19 Information Clearinghouse [massadvocates.org/covid19](https://massadvocates.org/covid19)
- File a PRS [complaint](#) or BSEA [mediation](#)
- View our **NEW** [Sample Email for Requesting In-Person Special Education Services](#)
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