

MDE COVID-19 Guidance to Districts as of May 8, 2020

Save the Date: FY21 Consolidated Application Webinar May 14

The Offices of Federal Programs and Grants Management will host a webinar on the FY21 Consolidated Application on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. [LEAs can register clicking this link](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Judy Nelson at jnelson@mdek12.org.

Release of FY21 21st CCLC Request for Proposals

The Office of Federal Programs (OFP) is pleased to announce the release of the FY21 Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) Request for

Proposals ([21st CCLC FY21 RFP](#)). All proposals are **due on June 9, 2020, by 5 p.m.** to the Office of Procurement.

OFP will host an informational webinar session to review proposal requirements on **May 11, 2020 at 10 a.m.** [Register by clicking this link](#).

If you have any questions, please email Chris Norwood, 21st CCLC Coordinator

at crnorwood@mdek12.org or Aisha

McGee, 21st CCLC Specialist at amcgee@mdek12.org.

RESOURCES

Free Online Pre-K Program for Children Enrolling in Kindergarten in Fall 2021 or Later

A free online summer kindergarten readiness program is looking for participants in Mississippi. The Mississippi Head Start Association partnered with the Waterford learning nonprofit to offer this early education tool to parents. The organization received charitable donations to provide the Waterford Upstart program to 2,500 families across Mississippi this summer at no cost.

Go to <https://www.waterfordupstart.org/register/> for more information.

Webinar Announcement: Keeping Kids Safe in Schools: Associations Between School Safety and Behavioral Health Webinar – May 20, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

The Southeast Prevention Technology Transfer Center (PTTC) has a standing prevention webinar series that occurs on the third Wednesday of each month. For May, the Southeast PTTC is hosting Dr. Patti Clark, the Program Manager of the Prevention and Promotion Branch within the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities.

In this webinar, participants will learn about the findings from a recent Kentucky study that looked at the association between substance use, mental health issues, interpersonal violence, and problem behaviors and the perception of safety of students, will review specific prevention strategies that schools should consider, and will provide talking points to create dialogue with educational

systems around the inclusions of behavioral health prevention components in school safety plans. **Register for this webinar [here](#).**

REQUIRED ACTIONS FOR SUPERINTENDENTS

[DUE MAY 14: Digital Access Surveys for Families and School Employees](#)

As school closures continue and as the state develops plans to direct resources to the areas of greatest need, the MDE has prepared two brief surveys for districts to circulate:...

[DUE MAY 15: Learning-at-Home and Summer Enrichment Plan](#)

We appreciate the time you took in early April to respond to the initial request from the MDE regarding current efforts to support students who are learning at home. In...

Do You Have Questions for MDE?

Please check the **[MDE COVID-19](#)**

[Information](#) webpage **before** emailing your questions to MDE staff.

The answers to most of the questions we receive are addressed on the webpage. We also regularly add guidance, **answers to new questions** and links to our daily update email on this webpage. Daily updates are posted in the **[Administrator News](#)** section of the **[EdUpdate](#)**.

The **Educator Licensure Call Center** will be open every Tuesday and Thursday, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., until further notice.

You may reach a licensure team member at 601-359-3483. Due to the anticipated high volume of calls, we encourage you to continue visit the Educator Licensure section

of **www.mdek12.org/covid19** and **www.mdek12.org/licensure** before calling the office or emailing

questions to the **teachersupport@mdek12.org** email address.

Answers to most questions we receive are addressed on those webpages.

*Announcements from all previous email updates are posted in the **[Administrator News](#)** section of the **[EdUpdate](#)**.*