

According to the MA Department of
Elementary and Secondary Education:

Schools must provide special education
services remotely to students with
disabilities.

How will services be offered?

Remote instruction

- -Work collaboratively with families
- -Instruction online, WGBH, sending materials home
- -Regular calls to check in

IEP Services

- -Special ed services offered remotely
- -Not all services can be offered remotely immediately
- -Teachers and therapists can help parents

Team meetings

- IEP meetings can happen now (by video or phone)
- Schools should collaborate with parents to schedule team meetings

Compensatory Services

- Will be evaluated case by case

Best to get as many services as possible now.

What you can do now

Contact your school district

- Ask how they will start to give your child necessary services while schools are closed.
 - [Sample e-mail message requesting special education services during COVID-19 school closures](#)
- Tell them what you are most concerned about for your child.

Resources

- MAC Helpline: (617) 357-8431 EXT. 3224
 - www.massadvocates.org
 - [Click here for fact sheet on special education and the Covid19 outbreak](#)
 - [How to talk about Corona Virus with kids](#)
- State DESE: wants to hear about special ed problems
 - COVID19K12ParentInfo@mass.; (781) 338-3700