MAC COVID-19 CHAT

SPECIAL EDUCATION DURING COVID-19
Q & A

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• **All** IEP services **must** be provided: in-person or remote

• COVID-19 Special Education Learning Plan

• **Parent choice** about attending school in-person

• Health and safety remain the priority

*Problem: many students still not getting all IEP services*
OVERVIEW

• In-person learning: Students with significant and complex disabilities and preschoolers

• Remote learning: must fully implement IEP

• Evaluations and IEP meetings

• COVID-19 Compensatory Services
• Time and learning regulations in effect
  --students must have regularly scheduled interactions with teachers

• Masks

• Preschoolers inclusive settings
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

• **Contact school district if child is unable to access remote learning**
  - Regression; new areas of need; other areas of concern

• **Contact school district if child needs in-person learning**
  - Complex and significant needs; or preschooler
  - Provide information and details about progress and struggles
WHAT ELSE CAN PARENTS DO?

• Document what school is offering and how your child is doing [APP]

• E-mail the principal or team leader

• E-mail the special ed director or superintendent

• File a PRS complaint BSEA mediation. Or BSEA hearing

• Contact MAC’s [Helpline] at 617-357-8431 ext. 3224
✅ School asked for information about child’s learning, progress and needs since COVID-19

✅ COVID-19 Special education Learning Plan:

✅ Schedule-- how, who, and where IEP will be implemented

✅ School established regular, ongoing communication with you

✅ You know who to contact for help with technology

✅ You know who to contact with concerns about your child’s progress

✅ Evaluations or re-evaluations

✅ Team meeting

✅ COVID-19 compensatory services
RESOURCES

• Contact MAC’s Helpline: (617) 357-8431 or massadvocates.org/helpline
• Visit MAC COVID-19 Information Clearinghouse massadvocates.org/covid19
• File a PRS complaint or BSEA mediation
• View our Sample Email for Requesting In-Person Special Education Services
• View our Q&A on Special Education and Fall Re-opening
• View our NEW Q&A on Special Education COVID Compensatory Services
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