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Subject:     Information Sharing from the State Director of Special Education

The purpose of this message is to share recent guidance issued by the United States Department of Education’s (USDOE) Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and Office of Civil Rights (OCR) related to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) implementation and COVID-19, as well as meeting obligations under the Federal civil rights laws.


- Additionally, the USDOE’s OCR issued a COVID-19-related technical assistance document to assist K–12 schools in meeting their obligations under Federal Civil Rights Laws. The document can be accessed on the USDOE website at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/qa-covid-20200928.pdf.

To review these documents, as well as other Q & A documents that OSEP has provided related to COVID-19, please visit the USDOE’s OSEP website at https://sites.ed.gov/idea/topic-areas/#COVID-19 and the USDOE’s OCR website at https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact the Special Education Division by email at SEDINFO@cde.ca.gov.