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## Implications of COVID-19 (Last Updated: December 3, 2020)

This web page provides local educational agencies (LEAs) with information on the impact of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) on statewide testing and will be updated periodically.

The U.S. Department of Education is not considering a waiver for 2020–21 testing at this time. LEAs should plan to administer all federally mandated testing in 2020–21.

Please let us know if Educational Testing Service can assist the LEA in any way as it moves forward with testing. LEA CAASPP coordinators can direct questions to CalTAC, by phone at 800-955-2954 or by email at [caltac@ets.org](mailto:caltac@ets.org).

### Frequently Asked Questions

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) related to COVID-19 and its impact to California assessment programs are available on the California Department of Education's [COVID-19 Assessment FAQs](#) web page.

### Guidelines for Testing with Physical Distancing Requirements

For recommendations on how LEAs can administer assessments with physical distancing requirements, view [Suggested Guidelines for Physically Distancing Test Administration \(DOCX\)](#). (Posted 07/31/20).

### Remote Administration of Interim Assessments

The Smarter Balanced Interim Assessments are available to be administered remotely (i.e., without the use of a secure browser) as part of distance learning through the 2020–2021 school year. Visit the [Interim Assessment Administration Resources](#) web page to find directions and resources for using the interim assessments with distance learning.

### 2020–2021 Science Testing Requirement

High school students that were registered to take the California Science Test (CAST) or California Alternate Assessment for Science (CAA for Science) who did not take or complete the test in 2019–2020 have not met the science



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#### Additional Resources

- Visit the [California Department of Education](#) for more information about CAASPP testing in California.
- Visit the [ELPAC website](#) to learn more about the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California.
- View and download supported browsers from the [Secure Browsers](#) web page.
- Visit the [Student Accessibility Resources and Test Settings](#) web page.

testing requirement and can be registered to take the science assessments in 2020–2021. Students enrolled in grade twelve for the 2020–2021 school year who have yet to meet the science testing requirement will be automatically registered for the CAST. Students who need an alternate assessment must be assigned CAA for Science in the Test Operations Management System (TOMS). Students enrolled in grade ten or eleven for the 2020–2021 school year can be registered as appropriate. All 2019–2020 grade twelve students have met the California science requirement irrespective of whether they tested or not. Therefore, if a student repeats grade twelve, that student will be ineligible to take the CAST or the CAA for Science during the 2020–2021 school year or any subsequent administration year.

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