



CAEP Office Hour – April 10, 2020: Chat Transcript

- 13:07:20 From Connie Pekedis : our stuff is posted on OTAN and I think we will be doing a training.
- 13:08:49 From Jodee Slyter : Connecting students with non-profits such as Feeding America and other resources for food and support.
- 13:09:37 From Jay Wright : the WIOA program survey is posted on the CASAS website- another channel to communicate changes
- 13:12:21 From dana_carter : Expenditure timeline is extended. Is ECR reporting date the same?
- 13:12:27 From Peggy Raun-Linde : Carolyn thank you. How about post-testing and how will we deal with that to be able to accumulate payment points?
- 13:12:29 From JMG05591 : Any update on remote testing for casas?
- 13:12:52 From Jodee Slyter : Should we expect the final ECR for 2019/20 be due Oct-ish?
- 13:13:25 From Karen M. : Will there be something in writing for our district re. The extended expenditure date to 09/30/20?
- 13:13:26 From Aven Magana : For IELCE, if we have two of the components but not the last to complete the “three legged stool” will we be penalized? We have one last COAAP to do but need the green light to do it via Zoom
- 13:13:26 From Jaemi Naish : COLA and/or any discussion on potential changes to CAEP funding as a result of pandemic?
- 13:14:10 From Aven Magana : For CASAS, where do we log the COVID-19 notation that was mentioned prior?
- 13:14:41 From Jay Wright : CASAS is investigating options. We posted a new statement about this on our website:
<https://www.casas.org/social-media-newsroom/2020/04/10/update-on-casas-testing-during-the-covid-19-pandemic>
- 13:15:00 From Lucia : Our school is updating the way we register students, I've looked for a policy on how to address photo ID. Currently we only have done paper pencil registration forms and students were required to show picture ID. We want to make sure we stay in compliance. Do you have any suggestions?
- 13:15:15 From Connie Pekedis : Yes, but our class sizes are lower so we will have fewer post tests than normal.



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- 13:17:36 From Peggy Raun-Linde : What is the ETA for post testing options?
- 13:17:54 From Jodee Slyter : Also please note when deciding on a final ECR due date, that salaries in September won't hit ledgers until mid-late October, some maybe later.
- 13:22:57 From Sharon Travers : Any timeframe on when you would be able to identify those COAAPs that we could use remotely?
- 13:23:28 From Jay Wright : Sorry, no exact timeline.
- 13:25:10 From Laura : YES
- 13:25:18 From Peggy Raun-Linde : 🙄🙄🙄
- 13:25:18 From John Russell : NO
- 13:25:27 From Laura : I want to be first.
- 13:25:31 From Peggy Raun-Linde : MAYBE
- 13:25:48 From Laura : Yes, remotely.
- 13:25:50 From Karima Feldhus : Yes
- 13:25:51 From Jodee Slyter : yes
- 13:25:57 From John Russell : Yes. Still will be online.
- 13:25:58 From Burr Guthrie : yes
- 13:26:04 From MR : yes
- 13:26:07 From brenda flores : East Side spring break was cancelled.
- 13:26:10 From Giuliana Brahim : Yes
- 13:26:22 From Lynn Bartlett : Online only.



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- 13:26:26 From dana_carter : Our spring break was March/April and we are back.
- 13:26:28 From Janeth Manjarrez : It is Spring Break for NOCCCD now.
- 13:26:39 From Connie Pekedis : This week is spring break for us, and our teachers are still working with students.
- 13:26:51 From 7TH_Todd.Haag : Office open with reduced office hours, distance learning continuing to the end of the traditional school year in mid-May.
- 13:27:21 From Janeth Manjarrez : NOCCCD/ NOCRC is operating remotely.
- 13:27:27 From Diana Batista : Same in Ventura County.
- 13:27:38 From Janeth Manjarrez : For both instruction and services.
- 13:28:08 From Jaemi Naish : Anyone heard from GED TS about online testing options or a reduction in pass score for those that are close? We have people that are waiting to take their final GED test.
- 13:28:21 From Karen M. : In Elk Grove, distance learning only through May.
- 13:28:26 From Laura : I have the same question in HiSET.
- 13:28:40 From Connie Pekedis : Still waiting to hear from GED.
- 13:28:49 From Nancy_Bilicich : We are open with teaching services online, but our office is open with minimal staffing everyday.
- 13:28:55 From Lynn Bartlett : They are working on online proctoring.
- 13:29:15 From dana_carter : GED is looking to for profit GED test sites to see if they plan to open sooner than non-profit education partners (per phone call last week).
- 13:29:18 From Karin Liu Woodland Adult Education : Woodland Adult Education will only be offering online instruction through May. We are not open for any type of services.
- 13:29:26 From Karima Feldhus : Still waiting to hear from HiSET.



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- 13:29:30 From Giuliana Brahim : Does it also apply for HiSET?
- 13:29:46 From dana_carter : Not to replace our test centers, but to give test options while we are closed.
- 13:30:14 From Laura : We are asking a lot of everyone! :)
- 13:30:28 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : 94
- 13:30:40 From Lori Schultz: McFarland USD : Yes. McFarland USD will be open with limited physical office hours for limited number of Chrome Book distribution; Distance learning instruction; Spring Break was moved to this week. Students return next week.
- 13:30:53 From Branka Marceta : I just want to say that we are all - collectively - becoming more tech-savvy - and by the minute.
- 13:30:59 From MR : I don't have access to the survey.
- 13:31:01 From Karima Feldhus : We canceled our April testing and we'd like to offer HiSET testing remotely in May.
- 13:31:59 From Emma Diaz : A survey would help us all answer the same questions, Neil.
- 13:32:12 From Diana Batista : Ditto for Emma.
- 13:32:15 From ilsepollet : A survey from CAEP, success stories organized by category.
- 13:32:20 From Sharon Travers : A Facebook page.
- 13:32:20 From Karen Filice : Survey on OTAN.
- 13:32:38 From Janeth Manjarrez : The success stories can be shared through NOVA.
- 13:32:49 From Crystal Robinson : A survey that allows open ended responses.
- 13:32:54 From Jaemi Naish : Surveys - likely easiest way to advertise and share school-related news, program offerings.
- 13:32:58 From Guillermo Mendoza : Survey sounds good!



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- 13:33:07 From Karima Feldhus : We have a lot of success stories and would love to share them. We have Zoom pictures of class meetings, we have student projects using Flipbaord, etc.
- 13:33:18 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : For us (central coast), we would need a bit of time to get a feel for how our students are doing. We resumed instruction on 3/30, and this is our first week of instruction since the shelter-in-place order. Thus, by next week we would start to see student feedback.
- 13:33:18 From Lori Schultz: McFarland USD : Survey - cc Thatcher Weldon
- 13:33:19 From 7TH_Todd.Haag : Remind folks to scroll down on the OTAN website to find the survey.
- 13:33:34 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : Technology is a HUGE barrier for our students.
- 13:33:40 From ilsepollet : Could we also document challenges our students are facing. Inequitable access to distance learning for example.
- 13:33:49 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : HOWEVER, it's not having the equipment, it's about HOW to use it.
- 13:33:58 From John Russell: Mostly not. CTE students, yes. ESL/ASE/ABE no.
- 13:34:14 From Maria De Leon : @Carolyn where did you say is the survey located at?
- 13:34:17 From Lisa Gonzalves : Some of us at West Contra Costa Adult were talking this morning about starting a blog to highlight precise things teachers are doing that are working, in order to give other teachers ideas. Not sure if we have the bandwidth to do this, but it's an idea worth exploring.
- 13:34:22 From Lynn Bartlett : How does this impact the Williams Act?
- 13:34:23 From Shannon Eller : Yes, many students are not great with computers/technology.
- 13:34:24 From Jaemi Naish : Echoing this important request: Could we also document challenges our students are facing. Inequitable access to distance learning for example.



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- 13:34:28 From Connie Pekedis : List the types of online leaning being done and the type of distance learning proxy hours being used. Then maybe a comparison from fall of the number of students being reached.
- 13:34:35 From Karin Liu Woodland Adult Education : It would be great if we could have some type of platform on which to report what our teachers and students have been doing during this crisis. Relying simply on quantitative data, or lack thereof, right now will not do justice or represent what is truly going on. Not sure how we can report this though but thank you for putting this out to the field.
- 13:34:36 From Thatcher Weldon : We are making a consortium wide purchase of Chromebooks and online instructional software to ensure student access at this time.
- 13:34:42 From Sharon Travers : Lisa, like the blog idea for the whole consortia.
- 13:34:44 From Liz O'Shea-West : VUSD is focused on getting technology and devices only to K12 students at this time.
- 13:34:57 From Laura : We are working on helping parents in the district to use the technology to work with their children.
- 13:34:57 From dhoshiwara : We are working with our students who have technology, the district is currently not loaning technology to our adult school students without tech.
- 13:35:10 From dana_carter : Yes, brainstorming how to solve tech issue. No resolved yet (for adult ed students).
- 13:35:14 From Crystal Robinson : I said yes to that last survey question but my consortium is a mix - some members yes, some no.
- 13:35:30 From Serina Eichelberger : We would like to hand out technology for all our adult students, however, we do not have the finances to replace them if they are not returned. We're offering them for HSD only. The other process is access to reliable internet, as many hotspots are not working due to flooded towers.
- 13:35:34 From Karen M. : Many of our students who do not have computer access report that they are able to use their phones.
- 13:35:36 From Connie Pekedis : I agree with Jaemi about how some do not have access. Quite a few students do not have emails.
- 13:35:55 From Lori Schultz: McFarland USD : We are also implementing Google Classrooms.



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- 13:36:06 From Karima Feldhus : Some of our adult ed students were able to check out computer loaners from the college.
- 13:36:30 From linda : Although planning taking place it won't be ready to launch until fall semester begins. Chromebooks will be in the hands of all students by May 1st.
- 13:36:39 From kvalentine : Prior to having to go to distance only, we would help students get an active email address at our Orientations.
- 13:37:05 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : For our students, technology is one issue. The other is access to textbooks. In an ideal world, students have use computers to access e-books if they have WiFi or broadband of some sort.
- 13:37:07 From Kathy : VCAEC has given our member agencies a survey asking a variety of questions regarding programs and services that are being provided.
- 13:37:08 From Janeth Manjarrez : @NOCE, we are looking at tech support for students as well, but there's a backorder on technology overall so we are working nonstop for plan B.
- 13:37:14 From Connie Pekedis : Even if we had enough funding, it would take us too long to order and get them ready for our students.
- 13:37:35 From Karen Filice : More of our students are reporting to teachers and counselors that they can't continue because of the stress of all of this. It's not only lack of computers but it's just too much for them to handle.
- 13:37:35 From Thatcher Weldon : We are also purchasing MiFi devices for rural areas to lend to students.
- 13:37:38 From Connie Pekedis : And many of our students do not have internet access.
- 13:37:39 From Laura : The district is looking at making the school buildings WiFi hotspots for students. Our students can park in the lots.
- 13:37:44 From Karima Feldhus : I read that Cypress College is providing WiFi to all their students in the parking lot.
- 13:37:48 From dana_carter : Our district primary focus is addressing the discrepancy for our K-12. Our discussion is looking for overlap where our students can share tech with a K-12, if possible.
- 13:37:55 From YRodriguez : Our district's priority is for K12; however, they are providing us with an LMS and giving us WiFi access.



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- 13:38:28 From Karin Liu Woodland Adult Education : Woodland Joint Unified is distributing Chromebooks to K-12 students but not to Adult Ed. Woodland Adult Ed is working with students on an individual basis. We have found that most students have either computers or phones and teachers are working with students on accessing curriculum with specific devices. So far this seems to be working. Internet access is somewhat of a problem; however, some students are using their phones as hotspots for their computers.
- 13:38:51 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : Correct on distribution. WiFi spots and webcams are hard to come by.
- 13:38:57 From Rocky Bettar : Spectrum is providing free internet access.
- 13:39:09 From Serina Eichelberger : The hotspot issues is that they don't actually work if the towers in your area are flooded.
- 13:39:18 From Connie Pekedis : When we try to do eTesting, we have some students who afraid of the computers.
- 13:39:44 From Lori Schultz: McFarland USD : We plan to have orientation 1:1 to get students up to speed with computer and phone app use. Will take added manpower.
- 13:39:55 From Diana Batista : Scroll down to survey link : <https://otan.us/resources/covid-19-field-support/>.
- 13:40:08 From Marina Washburn : How are the regional meetings division for next week? Where does Santa Barbara County fall?
- 13:40:10 From Serina Eichelberger : We have a classified support staff on call to help students learn how to access digital platforms. The teachers are also doing explicit direction. Is there a coop for this new digital literacy?
- 13:40:17 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : Could there be a place in the CAEP website for COVID related resources. For example, list of free services like free internet, and things of that sort.
- 13:40:27 From Rocky Bettar : from the Spectrum Website: We'll offer new free access to internet and WiFi for 60 days for new PreK to 12, college student and educator (PreK-12 teachers and college/university professors) households who don't currently have internet or WiFi service and at any service level up to 100 Mbps.
- 13:40:44 From Natalia Moessner : <https://covid19.ca.gov/get-financial-help/#top>
- 13:40:45 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : Tracking student attendance when teaching remotely is also a task.



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- 13:41:13 From Karima Feldhus : At Saddleback, we are offering intensive Canvas and Zoom training for faculty. We are offering online teaching certificates in 20 hours of training.
- 13:41:15 From ilsepollet : Seems like colleges are successful in using canvas as a learning management (LMS) system. Adult schools are getting by with zoom/google meet, but lack a uniform LMS. Some are using google classroom, but not all.
- 13:41:30 From Karin Liu Woodland Adult Education : Most definitely. We are working on tracking attendance. It is a task indeed!
- 13:41:47 From linda : We will still need a paper/pencil option for those that are beginning literacy level and those that do not have WiFi or devices.
- 13:41:52 From CAEP TAP : @Sofia Ramirez Gelpi - here is the link for the COVID-19 web page on the CAEP website:
<https://caladulthood.org/Educators/436>
- 13:41:55 From Liz O'Shea-West : We found that starting in phases works for the teachers so that they do not feel overwhelmed. The importance at this time is to reach out to ALL students to inquire what needs (personal or education support).
- 13:41:57 From CAEP TAP : It is also on the Home page.
- 13:42:13 From Lisa Gonzalves : Many of our teachers are prioritizing lessons that do not require computers nor logins. In other words, creating lessons which presume that students only have cellphones and don't have email.
- 13:42:17 From Lucia : Would you please share your attendance tracker?
- 13:42:22 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : Another issue is staffing!! My staffing is limited and we serve around 4,000 students per term.
- 13:42:23 From CAEP TAP : We are constantly adding resources, so please email resources to tap@caladulthood.org and we will add them.
- 13:42:25 From Karima Feldhus : Serina, can you share your online tracker with us please?
- 13:42:33 From Sharon Travers : Yes, please, Serina!
- 13:42:44 From jbarrett : I heard COMCAST is offering free service for 60 days. Check the SETA website (Sacto WIB)



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- 13:42:52 From Emma Diaz : Our transition counselors/advisor are still scheduling meetings with students who are ready to transition via text, phone call, zoom and Cranium Café.
- 13:43:02 From Jaemi Naish : Tam Adult School is using Zoom, Google Classroom, tech troubleshooting in Eng/Span, Screencasts, YouTube, teacher ESL sites posting weekly assignments, What'sApp for 1:1, small group ESL, REMIND, and many, many phone calls home to students, in English and Spanish.
- 13:43:32 From Laura : Our culinary teacher will be providing Cooking with Confidence videos online twice a week. She is demonstrating tips for cooking from what's in your pantry. We have a link to express interest in upcoming classes when we open. We are using it as marketing for the program. Watch for it on our Facebook page- Vallejo Regional Education Center. Come and watch!
- 13:43:32 From Karima Feldhus : There is a long list that the FCC published of all the communications companies that are offering free service for 60 days. I can send it to Neil for distribution.
- 13:44:34 From Karin Liu Woodland Adult Education : Woodland Adult Ed teachers are using Zoom, Google hangouts Meet, Google Classroom, Padlets, Remind App, and What's App.
- 13:45:23 From Connie Pekedis : So, if we have not chosen those particular COAPPS, can we go in and choose them still? Is April 30th the deadline for that?
- 13:45:24 From Sharon Travers : Can there be a transcript of this chat and future chats? Great information!
- 13:45:35 From dana_carter : Our focus is using online, but our teachers have developed weekly packets for ESL students. We have a designated pickup time. They can exchange completed packets for new twice each week
- 13:45:58 From Jay Wright : For now, that date is April 30, yes.
- 13:46:54 From Serina Eichelberger : I believe the census in person visits are being delayed. Is it recommended to push census EL Civics units to the fall to focus on more immediate needs?
- 13:46:55 From Lucia : How are you placing new ESL students?
- 13:47:37 From Karima Feldhus : Do you have any information on the HiSET testing? We'd like to start testing remotely in May.



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- 13:48:45 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : Online proctoring would be a boon!
- 13:48:54 From Giuliana Brahim : Thank you Carolyn for answering the HiSET testing concern.
- 13:48:57 From Karen Filice : We are not enrolling new students.
- 13:49:01 From dana_carter : We are not enrolling new students at this time.
- 13:49:10 From brenda flores : East side not enrolling at this time
- 13:49:21 From CAEP TAP : We will include a transcript of the chat online, along with the recording. We will email both in our follow-up email.
- 13:49:28 From Lisa Gonzalves : We created a Google Form for new students, which either the student or their teacher can fill out. Because we have 'rogue' students showing up in our classes.
- 13:49:33 From Lori Schultz: McFarland USD : We want to enroll but have waited because of the pretesting situation.
- 13:49:38 From Laura : We have our data person screening new ESL students and placing them based on that. She is screening over the phone.
- 13:49:39 From Karin Liu Woodland Adult Education : We are not enrolling new students at this time.
- 13:49:42 From dana_carter : We have had some inquires. We have enrolled formerly dropped students (not CASAS testing) but haven't take brand new students.
- 13:49:51 From Karima Feldhus : We are starting new student intake for the summer session.
- 13:49:54 From Jaemi Naish : We will enroll, but obviously no CASAS or F2F. Using a google survey and making follow up calls.
- 13:50:02 From Karen Filice : Ditto to Dana. Returning students OK, no new students.
- 13:50:07 From Sharon Travers : Not enrolling in ESL, but are enrolling in ASE. Working on coming up with a reading assessment for placement.



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- 13:50:17 From Natalia Moessner : We are enrolling, meeting through zoom but no CASAS testing.
- 13:50:45 From Lori Schultz: McFarland USD : I am understanding we can still enroll via an online enrollment process? Don't worry about the pretesting?
- 13:50:46 From Crystal Robinson : No capacity to enroll new students at this time. Will finish out semester with current students.
- 13:52:10 From Laura : Can we do the Citizenship interview CASAS test on Zoom with students?
- 13:52:26 From Ashley Mejia : We are still enrolling; students are self-placing based on descriptions. They are meeting with counselors to determine if it's appropriate. We are tracking them so we can test once testing becomes available.
- 13:52:36 From Kristen Arps : Sorry I'm joining late. If this has not already been discussed, can you please share info about how consortia might procure technology via the CCC Foundation? Can K-12 districts even purchase through them?
- 13:52:39 From Lynn Bartlett : CCAE 2021
- 13:53:09 From MR : What is the date for October?
- 13:53:17 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : We are still accepting registration for our classes. At this time, we haven't received applications for new students but our district won't stop new students.
- 13:53:29 From CAEP TAP : CAEP Summit and Director's Event: October 5-7 in Oakland. Official Announcement will be out soon!
- 13:54:48 From Janeth Manjarrez : We are still accepting new students and are offering some courses for adult Ed through NOCE and very little with NOCROP for NOCRC.
- 13:54:55 From dana_carter : Love to, but our district doesn't loan tech to students (yet).
- 13:55:36 From Lynn Bartlett : Still locking in the details but still plan to have a terrific event!
- 13:57:18 From Sofia Ramirez Gelpi : I look forward to seeing everyone either in June or October or 2021. If this is hard on us, I can only imagine how hard it is for the students we serve.
- 13:58:19 From Rocky Bettar : We have done a AE week board resolution.