

Coronavirus Information, Resources & Considerations For Services During School Shutdown

Link: <https://tinyurl.com/OSVirusResources>

Practice Considerations:

If you are providing services while school is out of session, then you should have a discussion with your special education directors and supervisors about:

- What are your professional/ethical obligations at this time?
- What are your legal obligations at this time?
- What services should and should not be provided at this time?
- What permissions need to be obtained?
- What modalities should be used to deliver services?
 - an alternate location/in the home?
 - the provision of online or virtual instruction?
 - instructional telephone calls?
 - other curriculum-based instructional activities?

- If on-line services are chosen, what platform should be chosen?
 - Are they HIPAA and FERPA Compliant?
 - Has the district entered into a Business Associates Agreement with the provider?
 - Does the platform reasonably ensure that electronic social work services can be kept confidential?

- Where will you work to guarantee the student's privacy?
- What type of documentation should be maintained?
- What type of technology does the student have and how will the district provide them with technology if they do not have what is needed?
- Will you attempt to bill Medicaid? (This may not be billable- waiting for guidance from the state- an email will be sent.)

Practice Resources:

1. Consult the US Department of Education's [QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON PROVIDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES DURING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 OUTBREAK](#).
2. MDE MEMO: [Compliance Requirements of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act \(IDEA\) and Michigan Administrative Rules for Special Education \(MARSE\) during a Public Health Emergency](#)
3. [COVID-19 \("Coronavirus"\) Information and Resources for Schools and School Personnel](#)
4. Consult the [The NASW, ASWB, CSWE, & CSWA Standards for Technology in Social Work Practice](#). Section 2A provides information about Designing and Delivering Services.
5. There is a bulletin from *ASHA Special Interest Group 18, Telepractice, Joneen Lowman*. It has guidelines given the CoronaVirus. Please talk to your Speech and Language Pathologist about this document. (It is for ASHA members and not public domain).

On-line platforms:

These platforms appear to be HIPAA Compliant providing that a Business Associates Agreement exists:

1. Cisco WebEx Meetings.
 - a. [Cisco Makes Webex Free and Publishes Guides for Teachers and Students](#)
 - b. [HIPAA Compliance Whitepaper](#)
 - c. [Is WebEx HIPAA Compliant?](#)
2. Doxy.me
 - a. [Home page](#)
 - b. [HIPAA Compliant](#)
3. Zoom
 - a. [Home page](#)
 - b. [Is Zoom HIPAA Compliant](#)

On-Line Discussion Boards:

[School Social Work Network Join](#)
[School Social Work Network Discussion Thread](#)



[School Social Work Facebook Group](#)

[MASSW Facebook Group](#)

Food/Resources & Information:

Oakland County Hotline for general questions such as Food/Housing Assistance: 248-858-1000

Hours 8am to 8pm M-F

Oakland County Nurse On Call: 1 800 848 5533 or email noc@oakgov.com

[Pontiac Community Foundation Response](#)

Talking to Kids About the Coronavirus/Social Stories:

SSWN: [How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)

PBS: [How to Talk to Your Kids About Coronavirus](#)

From IASSW Facebook Group: [SEL Activities](#)

Miscellaneous Resources:

Inside SEL CoronaVirus: [SEL Resources for Parents, Educators & School Communities Related to COVID-19](#)

[CDC Guide on Managing Stress and Anxiety](#)

[Low Cost internet from Comcast](#)

[HIPAA compliance & ethical social work practice](#) (Wayne State Webinar- 2CEs)



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