

Webinar Agenda: Using Assessments to Identify and Address COVID-19 Learning Gaps

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Overview

Date and Time: June 4, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. MT

Location: Virtual

Presenters: Debra Johnson, Superintendent at Chamberlain School District, and Norm Alerta, Director of Assessment and Performance Analytics at Cherry Creek School District

REL Central Facilitators: Anne Butterworth and David Yanoski

Description

Preliminary research suggests that school closures related to COVID-19 will have a negative impact on student learning, potentially exacerbating achievement gaps. As schools and districts reopen, they will need to assess the impact of disrupted learning and use the data to inform instructional practices. This webinar shares considerations for conducting assessments when students return to school and describes what resources are needed to effectively implement the assessments in different scenarios (online, in-person, hybrid). Presenters from two districts share their considerations and strategies for implementation.

Participants will

1. Learn the issues associated with using assessments after school closure or remote learning due to social distancing measured related to COVID-19.
2. Discover strategies from two school districts for revising their assessment plans following school closures and remote learning.
3. Learn to identify issues and plan strategies for implementing assessments to focus instruction when students return to school.

Agenda

12:00 a.m. – 12:05 p.m. Welcome & Introductions

Presenter: Anne Butterworth

REL Central's Anne Butterworth will provide introductions and an overview of the session objectives, format, and platform.

12:05 a.m. – 12:10 a.m. Back to School Assessment Needs

Presenter: Anne Butterworth

Butterworth will present on the unique needs of the 2020/21 school year as a result of students' experiences with remote learning.

12:10 a.m. – 12:42 a.m. Remote Learning Strategies Review and Q&A

Presenters: Debra Johnson and Norm Alerta

Facilitator: Anne Butterworth

Alerta and Johnson will answer the following questions in a moderated discussion:

1. How does the need for student assessment in fall 2020 differ from prior years?
2. What are you or your district considering in choosing what to assess when students return?
3. What resources do educators need to use assessment data effectively?
4. What are potential gaps in assessment data and available resources?
5. How are you or your district planning to administer assessments, given other potential needs when students return?

Participants will have the opportunity to ask the presenters questions through the Q&A box.

12:42 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Information on Further Information and Thank You

Presenter: Butterworth

Butterworth will discuss ways to obtain materials and recording of the webinar on REL Central's website, as well as contact information for further questions.

Participants will be asked to take a survey.

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