Rethinking Data for Improvement, Accountability, and Support Under COVID-19

March 18, 2021, 3–4 p.m. Eastern Time

Webinar Agenda

3:00–3:05 p.m.  Welcome and overview
Laura Shankland, Senior Technical Assistance Consultant, REL Southwest

Ms. Shankland will welcome the RELs and provide an overview of the goals for the webinar.

3:05–3:15 p.m.  Rethinking data for improvement, accountability, and support during COVID-19
Brian Gill, PhD, JD, Senior Fellow, REL Mid-Atlantic

Dr. Gill will provide an overview of how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the collection and use of data for accountability and other purposes and considerations for how state and local education agencies can adapt to this situation.

3:15–3:35 p.m.  Using data for improvement, accountability, and support: Examples from the field
District metrics for quality remote and hybrid learning
Susan Bowles Therriault, EdD, Managing Researcher, REL Northeast & Islands
Erica Champagne, Director, Office of Effective Practices in Turnaround, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Cross-state partnership on using data and evidence to facilitate action: Handle With Care
Victoria A. Schaefer, PhD, Principal Education Researcher, REL Appalachia
Amanda D. Mote, Attendance Director, Pleasants County Schools, West Virginia

The presenters will provide overviews of their projects and share how they revised their use of data because of COVID-19, including changes at the local level that arose because of this approach and lessons learned.

3:35–3:55 p.m.  Panel discussion
Cary Cuiccio, Senior Director, REL Southwest

Ms. Cuiccio will facilitate a conversation among panelists about how the COVID-19 pandemic has changed their practices regarding the use of data for improvement, accountability and support, and the questions they face as they consider changes in practice moving forward. This segment will also include presentation of questions posed by the audience.

3:55–4:00 p.m.  Wrap-up and closing remarks
Ms. Shankland will thank participants, provide an overview of REL resources, and remind participants to complete the stakeholder feedback survey.

4:00 p.m.  Adjourn