



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Policy Updates Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19): Local Wellness Policy Triennial Assessment Extended Deadline (June 15, 2020)

Background

Local educational agencies (LEAs) that adopted Local Wellness Policies (LWPs) in 2017 were required to complete a triennial assessment of their LWP by June 30, 2020. The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) established a nationwide waiver to support schools unable to complete their triennial assessment by June 30, 2020 due to school closures as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19). The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) recognizes the impact COVID-19 has had on LEAs and has elected to use the USDA waiver.

Scope

This document notifies LEAs about the USDA [LWP triennial assessment waiver](#) and the need to inform OSSE on or before June 30, 2020 if they intend to use the waiver and complete their LWP triennial assessment by **June 30, 2021**.

LWP Triennial Assessment Waiver

- The **new due date** for the LWP triennial assessment is June 30, 2021.
- LEAs wishing to accept a new deadline **must inform OSSE on or before June 30, 2020** by emailing OSSE.SchoolHealth@dc.gov citing “LWP waiver extension” in the subject line. OSSE will acknowledge receipt of the message.
 - LEAs participating in the program **will need to submit** a description to OSSE detailing how participation assisted the LEA in providing improved services to its community.
 - This description is to be submitted as part of the documentation during assessment in 2021.
- LEAs are **not required** to utilize the one-year waiver and **may elect** to complete their triennial assessment by June 30, 2020.
- Completed triennial assessments and updates to LWPs may be sent to OSSE at OSSE.SchoolHealth@dc.gov.

OSSE stands ready to provide support and assistance to LEAs regarding LWPs. OSSE will provide revised information, training, and resources for LWPs in the coming months. OSSE remains committed to making healthy food choices, physical activity and other school-based health activities a priority for District schools.

Questions

Questions and feedback may be sent to OSSE at OSSE.SchoolHealth@dc.gov.

For resources and additional information on the District of Columbia Government's response to coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.