



Program Updates

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Summer Conference

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Candidate Support

- Customer Contact Center
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 - Available during extended hours
 - Access to contact center representatives via Live Chat



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Exam Development (current targets subject to change)

Core Subjects: EC-6

Early Childhood: PK-3

Educational Diagnostician

Science of Teaching Reading

ELAR 4-8

1/1/2021

1/1/2022

1/27/20

9/1/2021

TBD

**Pre-Admission
Content Tests
(PACT)**

School Counselor

Trade & Industrial PPR 6-12

**8+
exams**

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Exam Development: Looking Ahead

- Health EC-12
- Physical Education EC-12
- English Language Arts and Reading 7– 12
- ESL Supplemental
- BTLPT–Spanish
- Bilingual Spanish
- Bilingual Education Supplemental
- Special Education and related assessments

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Exam Development and COVID-19

- June item review committees now planned for August
- Small pool of items from June item review conference reviewed virtually online
- Pilot testing moved out of summer to fall 2020

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Questions in Advance

About 1/8 of each of our students registering for exam appointments at area testing centers later receives a notice their exam has been cancelled due to social distancing mandates. Those students then have to reschedule, normally for a much later date. How are we to recommend testing centers when there has been no pattern to the cancellations. If they were not following social distancing, why were those appointments available for students to schedule in the first place?



Cancellations due to COVID-19

- As test centers began opening in May, candidates were able to schedule appointments based on information that was available at the time of the scheduling.
- Some cancellations have been necessary through May as test centers have adjusted to emerging health and safety guidance.
- With guidelines for operation now in place within the state and across the US, social distancing parameters can be consistently implemented, and rescheduling will occur far less frequently.

Temporary Test Centers

- Two new temporary large supercenters opened recently in Austin and San Antonio:
 - Pearson Temporary Test Centers-Austin TX
400 Center Ridge Drive, Austin, TX 78753
 - Pearson Temporary Test Centers-San Antonio TX
9500 Bulverde Road, San Antonio, TX 78258
- These new centers are in addition to the existing Pearson Professional Centers in Austin and San Antonio.

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Testing Capacity

- Social distancing requirements continually factored into capacity
- Pearson technical assistance support for partner centers
- Addition of new partner centers, reopening of previously closed centers, and extension of hours/days of operation at centers

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Q&A

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