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TO: Educator Preparation Providers
P-12 School Districts

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SUBJECT: COVID-19 Update: GACE Test Sites Status, Webcast, and Resources

Dear Colleagues:

Thank you, again, for your collaboration and hard work during this COVID-19 pandemic. The purpose of this communication is to share new information about the status of GACE test sites and the launch of the *GACE PAA At Home* testing option, to provide new resources, and to reinforce GaPSC's flexibility measures during this challenging time.

GACE Prometric® Test Centers Now Open

All but four of the GACE Prometric test center locations are open and resuming in-person testing. For more information on Prometric test centers, including locations, visit <https://www.prometric.com/site-openings>.

Per Prometric, the reopening of test centers will follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines. All test centers will implement the required social distancing measures and safeguards to ensure the health and safety of test takers and test center staff. For more detailed information on the safety measures at Prometric testing centers, visit <https://www.prometric.com/corona-virus-update>.

Prometric will communicate directly with those who are registered for a GACE assessment to make them aware of the reopening of testing centers. For updates on the status of all GACE test center locations, please visit <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/gace/the-america/>. If you have questions, please email gace_inquiries@ets.org.

GACE PAA at Home Testing Option Launches

As a direct response to COVID-19, an at-home testing option for the Program Admission Assessment (PAA) is now available. This remote proctored option for PAA is identical in content, format, and on-screen experience to those taken at a test center, at the same price, and uses the same scoring criteria, scoring process, and score scale. More information about registration and the testing requirements is available at <https://www.ets.org/s/cv/gace/at-home/>. PAA preparation information, including free Khan Academy

instructional resources, is available at <https://gace.ets.org/prepare/materials/700>. If you have questions, please email gace_inquiries@ets.org.

COVID-19 Webcast

GaPSC has recorded a COVID-19 webcast on “Twenty Things You Need to Know Now,” which highlights GaPSC flexibility measures and reminders regarding certification, educator preparation, ethics, and assessment. The webcast is available at <https://vimeo.com/417594451>.

COVID-19 Communication Reminders

Throughout the COVID-19 challenge, GaPSC widely communicated the flexibility measures put in place to assist pre-service and in-service educators, educator preparation providers (EPPs), and employing school districts and schools. We greatly appreciate the ongoing and representative input of our partners and stakeholders.

As a reminder, below is a reference of the COVID-19 communications:

- COVID-19 Webcast – Issued 5/19/20
<https://vimeo.com/417594451>
- Certification Flexibility Chart – Updated 5/11/20
https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/Downloads/Certification_Flexibility_due_to_COVID-19_Table.pdf
- Certification Guidance – Issued 3/19/20
https://www.gapsc.com/Certification/Downloads/COVID-19_Certification_Guidance.pdf
- Guidance for EPPs – Updated 5/1/20
https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Downloads/GaPSC_Guidance_for_EPPs_RE_COVID-19_Disruptions.pdf
- Guidance for EPPs’ Conditionally Admitted Candidates – Issued 5/1/20
https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Downloads/Website_Version-GaPSC_Guidance_for_EPPs_Conditionally_Admitting_Candidates.pdf
- Reporting System Guidance for EPPs COVID-19 Overrides – Issued 5/1/20
https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Downloads/NTRS_and_TPMS_Instructions-COVID-19_Waiver.pdf
- Program Admission: Conditional Admittance and PAA Assessment Updates – Issued 4/16/20
https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/documents/PAA_Memo.pdf

Please continue to watch our website for COVID-19 updates, which are posted at <https://www.gapsc.com/COVID-19/Updates.aspx>

Additional Reminders:

Information regarding the removal of one of the ethics assessment requirements for teachers and leaders is available at https://www.gapsc.com/Ethics/Downloads/Ethics_Memo.pdf

Information regarding the proposed removal of edTPA is available at https://www.gapsc.com/EducatorPreparation/Assessment/documents/edTPA-ProposedRuleChanges_Memo.pdf

Thank you for the care you give to our shared, important work of serving education in Georgia.