Impact of Waivers Due to COVID-19 on School Year 2019-20 IDEA Part B Assessment Data

Due to the extraordinary circumstances created by the novel Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic and resulting school closures, on March 20, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) offered flexibility to all States/ entities regarding the assessment and accountability requirements under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended (ESEA). Specifically, the Department invited States/ entities to request a waiver for the 2019-2020 school year, of the assessment requirements in section 1111(b)(2) of the ESEA, the accountability and school identification requirements in sections 1111(c)(4) and 1111(d)(2)(C)-(D), and certain reporting requirements related to assessments and accountability in section 1111(h). Under these waivers, which all States/ entities requested and received, States/ entities did not have data necessary to submit certain files, including the assessment data files, for SY 2019-2020. **OSEP did not collect any SY 2019-20 IDEA Part B Assessment data.**