

## **CBS WebEx – 5.29.20 – Q and A**

WebEx called to order and welcome by Monica Wilson.

Monica Wilson shared the link to the [COVID-19 Google Folder](#)

A Link Honor Native Land: A Guide and Call to Acknowledgment, <https://usdac.us/nativeland>

Jon's update:

- CARES Act Funding Update – Under the new CARES Act guidance <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html> students without a high school credential are now eligible for CARES Act funding. The past guidance was basically an item that the Dept Ed made up that isn't specifically in either the CARES Act or any other law, so it is not legal for them to initiate enforcement actions based on it. Under this new guidance the restrictions on DACA, undocumented, and international students would stay in place because there are restrictions based on existing law. However, the guidance about "must be eligible for TITLE IV" would not be enforced because it was made up for the guidance document. Guidance is that the Dept. of Ed. is giving Institutes of Higher Education the green light to move forward to disburse aid to students with COVID-19 related needs with the exception of DACA, undocumented, and international students. SBCTC Student Services will be sending out new guidance that includes our students in the very near future. Perhaps today.
- Future CARES Act Funding – SBCTC is submitting a letter to our Senators asking for \$1 billion to be carved out for Basic Skills in the next stimulus package.
- BEdA Testing and Re-opening Phases – We recently had a VPI ask if CASAS Testing could resume for students at the end of spring. They wanted to know if students could be brought on campus for testing. The answer is no. Testing will not be able to resume on-campus until Phase III we believe. Phase II currently only allows for non-lecture classes with lab and practicum with less than 5 people, but the 5-person number is still a gray area that SBCTC is working secure definitive guidance around. Phase 3 will allow groups of 50 or more.

GED Update – Lou Sager

- Phase I – remote testing has begun – first test-taker was yesterday – Pearson-Vue is doing the testing – emails have already gone out for these priority students:
    - Cancelled appointments
    - 3 of 4 tests passed
    - State's essential cases
    - GED Ready Green within the past 60 days
  - Washington is in Phase II
- Q) Any idea when "new" testers can be scheduled? And do we need to provide a secure space?
- A) GED ready Green needs to be within 60 days, so those that were ready in March, they have to test again. Only if they do not have the technology at home, you may provide a secure space for them.

- Q) Can college GED testing centers open and offer GED following social distancing, etc. in phase two? Does OP do the proctoring or is it just recording?
- A) Depending on the location – yes, you may, but it must follow college rules. Online proctoring is remote proctoring and being done by Pearson-Vue. The student is recorded throughout the entire test.
- The only testing being done now during the pilot, is by invitation only by Pearson-Vue.
- Q) How can a new GED test taker get signed up?
- A) They cannot during this pilot phase, it is by invitation only from Pearson-Vue.
- Q) How do students pay for taking the tests?
- A) They pay the same as they have before, as that process has not changed.

Comment) Are any schools having "trouble" awarding CARES Act money to students??

- Whatcom isn't
- RTC is having similar challenges
- WVC distributed all of their CARES Act student money with a few weeks. The students applied for funding and then it was distributed.
- GRC – they have a CARES Act committee, decided to send out \$300 to all Pell eligible students automatically, then developed an application for them to apply for additional dollars
- Peninsula is out of money too
- Ha will be sending guidance from Student Services out to the Financial Aid office
- From Jon Kerr: CARES Act: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/caresact.html>

Q) Can you give an idea of a timeline of what to expect with OSPI and EAA waivers?

A) Refer to MarcusAntonio Gunn's email guidance dated 5/26/20, we could not answer this question during the call.

Q) Will it be a college decision to reopen testing?

A) Yes, it's a college decision, depending on where they are located.

Q) Regarding CASAS: How will it be handled if campuses are in different phases of opening? Yakima continues to be behind the rest of the state as far as opening back up.

A) Yes, it's a college decision, depending on where they are located.

Comment) Sound Learning - We're in phase 2 in Mason County now - as a "professional services" business. We can meet with small groups of students, as soon as I can bring our Learning Center up to the guidelines. But we have lost our main location for our ELA classes until a School District Building opens - and hopefully we can continue that partnership. Yikes.

Q) A worry about some colleges being open sooner than others, will this affect funding?

A) No, it will not. Be sure to track the number of students who are unable to be tested. Yes, testing exceptions will be extended due to lack of opening.

CBS Business – Kelli Bloomstrom

- Vote called for Vice-Chair – nominee Theresa McDermott, Olympic College – Motion made and second – approved, no abstentions – Theresa McDermott is the new Vice-Chair

- Vote called for Treasurer – nominee Laura Singletary, Whatcom / nominee Marc Coomer, YVC – voting was polled and Laura Singletary, Whatcom is our new Treasurer

#### Onboarding-Best Practices – led by Scott Toscano

- BBCC – Brent Carter – have been doing phone interviews and completing the form that way.
- Literacy Source – Cat Howell – have been doing phone interviews and completing the form for them. They are beginning to do video conferencing for assessment
- LWIT – Karen Lee – are using an online intake form and are having Zoom meetings to complete the form and do their online application.
- Bellevue – Hope Gamez – online registration for Spring quarter (Word and PDF) docs available and included a UTube video on creating your signature.
- BTC – Judi Wise - Phone interviews
- WWCC - Susie Pearson - We are having the same issue with Online as well. We will be doing phone interviews to help with the process.
- Hopelink - Judy Faast - email online, fillable forms with phone interviews. Has worked well. Zoom meetings with group of interested students before sending forms.
- RTC - Sofia Marshak - we are doing Qualtrics Forms for WABERS, Tuition Waivers, and Enrollment - has been relatively successful so far.
- Sound Learning – Shannon Klasell - Phone interviews. Google Meets meetings with enrolled students to explain.
- YVC - Marc Coomer – We are doing Zoom welcomes with interested students, then completing forms via phone interviews.
- Bates – Yifan Sun - phone interview, zoom, google voice and emails
- Bellevue – Hope Gamez - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rr80GNnx1il&t=51s>, How to create a signature online. So far, the students have problems with these.
- TCC – Rebecca Jayasundara - we are using OnBase fillable forms for WABERS and tuition waivers. Formstack DPS for placement. combination of calls and emails and zoom to help with the OAA
- RTC – Sofia Marshak - Does anyone have the WABERS Forms translations into any languages?
- Highline - Steve Washburn - Highline using fillable form for WABERS and interviews.

Q) Question for Scott: Are we anticipating any changes/updates to the intake form for 2020-21? Or can we move forward with the current form for summer intake?

A) No changes for the next year, the categories are remaining the same.

Please add your multi-language forms into the CBS Canvas shell.