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This advisory includes information about which MTELs will be available in an online testing environment and the timeline for this testing option.

**Accessing MTEL Testing**

**In Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic**

In our effort to increase access to the MTEL due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have worked with our testing vendor, Evaluation Systems (ES) of Pearson, to continue to explore options and enhance availability for candidates to take the MTEL. This includes expanding the hours and availability of slots to take the MTEL. Candidates should continue to check test availability each week if they are concerned about timing, as testing slots continue to open up.

We are pursuing shifts in the administration of MTEL to support a more conducive testing environment, given the COVID-19 pandemic and the high-stakes nature of the assessment. In addition to expanding hours at test centers, we have been working with ES to allow for the MTEL to be taken in an online environment. Due to the security concerns regarding these tests, we have not made the decision to add online testing options lightly. We are excited about the option for some test takers to take the MTEL in an online environment and consider online testing to be a long-term option for candidates. Our hope is that having an online testing option makes the test more accessible in the future for all candidates, while continuing to make the MTEL available in-person at the current test centers.

**Online Testing**

**Which MTELs and When**

We are pleased to be able to offer 21 of the 42 MTEL assessments online. The first five tests to move online are scheduled to be available in **October 2020** and include the following:

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| Communication and Literacy Skills (Reading and Writing) |
| Foundations of Reading |
| Sheltered English Immersion |
| English as a Second Language |
| English |

We will phase in the remaining 16 eligible tests between **November 2020 - January 2021**, including the following MTELs on the following timeline:

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| November 2020 | History |
| Physical Education |
| Reading Specialist |
| Visual Art |
| Health/Family and Consumer Sciences |

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| December 2020 | Vocational Technical Literacy Skills (Reading and Writing) |
| Middle School Humanities |
| Theater |
| Business |
| Latin and Classical Humanities |
| January 2021 | Political Science/Political Philosophy |
| Dance |
| Adult Basic Education |
| Speech |
| Academically Advanced |
| Bilingual Education |

**Why Not All MTELs**

At this time, not all tests are structurally able to be moved to an online environment due to oral components of the test and items that require scanned responses. We are continuing to work with Evaluation Systems of Pearson on making these tests available online in the future.

**Online Testing Environment**

The online testing environment will have some unique requirements for candidates due to testing security. For example, online tests will not be able to allow for unscheduled breaks for security reasons. As a result, ES is building breaks into the tests to allow more flexibility for candidates. This will impact a candidate’s ability to return to earlier questions in the tests following their break. In advance of the October online MTEL administration of the first set of tests, more information will be available regarding testing in the online environment.

We continue to keep equitable access to the MTEL at the forefront of our decision-making process. We are taking into consideration options for accommodations, candidate access to technology and wi-fi, and testing environments. Our hope is that the online testing option will alleviate some burden on educators who have been unable to test this Spring, and on those who have been impacted by the social distancing requirements at the now re-opened testing centers.