

MEMORANDUM

Guidance Rescinded

This guidance was issued/updated March 26, 2020 and is rescinded as of June 16, 2021. It is no longer in effect. Please see [COVID-19 Guidance for Vermont Schools](#) for current guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

TO: Public and Private Universal Prekindergarten Education Programs
FROM: Agency of Education, Early Education Team
SUBJECT: Suspension of Act 166 Activities and Procedures During Period of School Closure
DATE: March 26, 2020

Due to challenges presented by COVID-19, and related directives from the Governor's Office, the Agency of Education's Early Education Team is **suspending the following Universal Prekindergarten Education (ACT 166) activities and procedures** during the period of school and childcare closure:

1. UPK prequalification application and approval process is **suspended**. Applications recently submitted will receive notification of application status.
2. All components of the UPK Accountability & Continuous Improvement System (ACIS) are suspended including:
 - a. Desk Monitoring
 - b. Active programs requiring technical assistance and support
 - c. Active programs requiring intensive supports
 - d. Annual Assurance Data Collection--the Annual Assurance data collection ended on March 15, 2020 prior to school closure. The AOE received approximately 90% of private and public PreK Annual Assurance reports. When school/childcare closure is lifted, the ACIS team will connect with those public/private PreK education programs that have not submitted an annual assurance report.
3. Public and private prequalified prekindergarten education programs are not required to complete Teaching Strategies Gold (TSG) data collection, assessment or documentation during school and childcare closure period. Please be sure

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that the documentation you have collected prior to school and childcare closure is entered into each student's profile in TSG.