

Briefing from NCES Commissioner

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National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP)

Postponement of NAEP

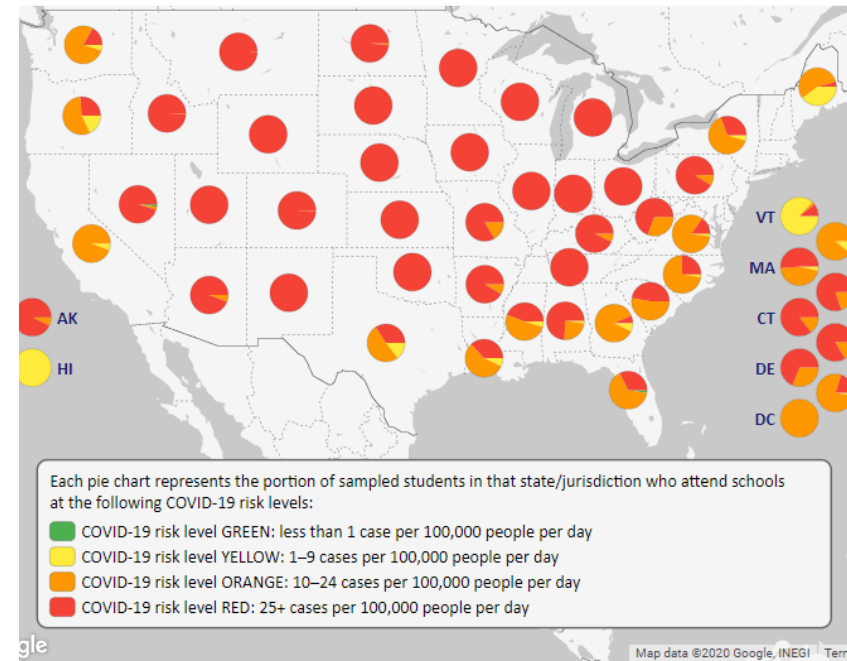
- ESRA requires the Commissioner of NCES to conduct the NAEP.
- Administration of NAEP should:
 - Valid and reliable manner
 - Nationally representative sample
 - Every 2 years (Spring 2021) for grades 4 and 8 reading and math
- Meeting all three of these criteria was not possible due to the impact of COVID

COVID Rates in Sampled Schools

Map shows the percent of students in sampled schools available for assessment.

- Cannot assess students in orange and red COVID areas.
- Cannot assess students in schools with full distance learning.
- Estimates are best case as some individuals may be absent on assessment day.

How do the current COVID-19 risk levels impact the 2021 NAEP sample?



2021 NAEP Grade 4 sampled students are shown; Grade 8 is similar.

Source: "Harvard Global Health Institute Key Metrics for COVID suppression"; NAEP 2021 data collected from sampled schools, 2020-21; COVID-19 cases: US Coronavirus Cases and Deaths - known cases", 2020-11-12.

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- Unlikely to be able to produce national results
- Unlikely to be able to produce state results
- Unlikely to be able to produce subpopulation results

Current Schedule

- 4th/8th grade reading and math Spring 2022
- 9-year old LTT Spring 2022
 - Will provide pre-post COVID measures
 - Would replace 17-year old LTT

COVID Impacts

COVID Related Data Sources

- NCES has not produced state-, district-, or school-level data on COVID rates
 - Producing numbers at these levels would impose a high burden of schools to report data
 - Numbers change weekly, maintaining them would impose too high burden
- National data available through the Household PULSE survey.
 - <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/2020/demo/hhp/hhp21.html>
- NCES worked with Census to develop education related items.
 - K-12 items include information on school enrollment, home school enrollment, computer access, internet availability
 - Postsecondary items include information of changes to enrollment plans and why those changes occurred
- NCES is designing a School PULSE survey.
 - Initial focus would be on COVID issues
 - Future items could be added to measure reactions to new events

Status of Sample Surveys

- NTPS continued as planned
 - Online, no contact survey
 - Period is sufficient to get comparisons to pre- and post-COVID
- NPSAS was in field
 - Added COVID items to NPSAS
- MGLS was in field
 - Data collection was impacted
 - Limited reporting
- School Crime Supplement (SCS)
 - Delayed at the request of Bureau of Justice Statistics
 - Items were not designed to address remote and hybrid learning
- HS&B
 - Delayed to 2022-2023

Budget & Staffing

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- NAEP
 - One time \$28 million
 - Annual increase \$12 million
 - Current submitted FY22 increased to \$180,000,000
- NCES
 - Annual increase \$1 million for FY21
 - Current submitted FY22 budget is constant at \$111,500,000
- No current changes in staffing. NCES gets staffing from ED via IES.

NCES Commissioner Term

- By law term expires June 21, 2021

