

# COVID-19 & SPECIAL EDUCATION

## UNDERSTAND THE CHANGES IN CALIFORNIA

A2Z EDUCATIONAL ADVOCATES

Records: Previously had to be provided within 5 days of request

Although state law removed this requirement, federal law still applies and mandates records be provided in no more than 45 days

Assessments: Districts were required to respond to a request and develop assessment plan in 15 days

State law requiring 15 day response time has been suspended. However, duty to assess is still tied to FAPE and may still be necessary in some cases.

IEP meetings are required at least annually and when requested by Parents

There has been no suspension of the duty to convene an IEP meeting. Districts may use alternative means for participation, such as video conferencing

Parents have the right to meaningful participation in the IEP process

The federal government issued no waivers of parental procedural safeguards under the IDEA. Parents have a right to meaningful participation, including in decisions regarding how FAPE will be provided during closures.