



## **ACSA Board Report**

May 2020

### ***Training and Technical Assistance during COVID-19***

OTAN and CASAS have collaborated for several online workshops for California WIOA II and CAEP agencies: “Considerations When Doing Distance Learning.” CASAS also worked with CAEP to host the six regional CAEP online meetings from Monday April 20 to Wednesday May 6.

CASAS also completed four workshops with the CDE – two on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> and two on Monday May 4<sup>th</sup> - to address remote testing. CASAS also did national Webinars on May 12-13 on this topic.

### ***Pre/post-testing remotely:***

- CASAS completed Phase I of the remote testing pilot study between April 20 and May 1. That phase was limited to 6 agencies nationwide and only included 1:1 remote test administration.
- Phase II began Monday May 4. It has included more participating agencies and phased in group testing (up to 1:5).
- Phase III is TBD, pending results from the first two phases.
- CASAS is also developing remote options for EL Civics COAAP assessments, as well as the Citizenship Interview Test (CIT).
- More resources can be found here:  
<https://www.casas.org/training-and-support/casas-peer-communities/california-adult-education-accountability-and-assessment/california-remote-testing>

### ***Local Assessment Policy Addendum***

On May 14, the CDE released the memorandum that approved remote testing for California, defined the state policy for “Force Majeure,” and provided guidance for the remote testing agreement and local assessment policy addendum.

[https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/caacct/california-remote-testing/cde-remote-testing-memorandum.pdf?sfvrsn=38c3335a\\_6?Status=Master](https://www.casas.org/docs/default-source/caacct/california-remote-testing/cde-remote-testing-memorandum.pdf?sfvrsn=38c3335a_6?Status=Master)

### ***TOPSpro Enterprise Update***

- A new TE Build 76 was released on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> that included the COVID-19 “Force Majeure” checkbox. OCTAE Memo 20-3 requires all states to report on the number of students affected by COVID-19. This checkbox is now in TE. Agencies will not need to check this box as it will be applied at the back end after the July 15 EOY data submission.
- Enhanced the distance learning features added to the TE Class Instance record last fall.
- A new build end of this week will include a new check box for remote testing.