Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

If you have questions or concerns about your child’s needs, you are encouraged to listen to the entire webinar, review the handouts, familiarize yourself with school's reopening plan and reach out to your school, principal, special education director, etc. to discuss the impact of the guidance and reopening plan for your child and family.

1. What topics will the webinar address?

The webinar will review key points from the guidance provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education around these topics:

- COVID-19 Compensatory Services
- Delivery of a Free Appropriate Public Education (FAPE)
- Use of Masks at School
- Evaluation/Reevaluation & Delayed Eligibility Determinations
- Additional topics to address themes

2. Will it be recorded and when will it be available?

The webinar will be recorded and available within 24 hours. It will be posted on our website at www.pealcenter.org/webinars and via our Facebook Page at www.facebook.com/pealcenter. The Spanish version of the webinar will streaming and interpreted live, and will be recorded and posted on the HUNE Facebook page at www.facebook.com/huneinc.

3. Will this be helpful for questions about a 504 plan or a Gifted IEP (GIEP)?

This webinar will primarily focus on special education guidance for students with IEPs, but will touch on some questions related to all students with disabilities.
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4. Will this be informative for people who do not live in Pennsylvania?
This guidance is specifically from the Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education and is for Pennsylvania schools and families. If you live in another state, we suggest reaching out to your parent center to find out how they can help you by going to: www.parentcenterhub.org/find-your-center.

5. What if I registered on GoToWebinar and can’t view the webinar because it’s full?
We are overwhelmed at the response to this webinar! We have greatly surpassed the number of people who can view the webinar on the GoToWebinar platform, however we will be streaming on Facebook Live, where there is not a capacity. Please "like" the PEAL Center Facebook page at www.facebook.com/pealcenter and respond to the event on Facebook to get notifications of when we go LIVE. No registration is needed to view the Facebook Live stream. It will also be recorded and posted on our website after the webinar is over!

6. How do I view the webinar in Spanish?
HUNE’s Facebook Page www.facebook.com/huneinc will stream the webinar with live interpretation into Spanish. Please “like” HUNE’s Facebook page so you’ll get notification.

7. What if my individual questions are not answered in this webinar?
We received almost 1000 questions from over 250 individuals in preparation for the webinar. Many of them are covered in the PDE guidance and will be addressed. However, we will not be able to answer all families’ specific questions in the webinar. The first place to start with specific questions is to contact your school district. If you are need of assistance with your school district or about your child specifically, you can reach out to the PEAL Center for individual assistance by emailing info@pealcenter.org or calling 1-866-950-1040, or HUNE at contactus@huneinc.org or calling 215-425-6203.

Reminder: The goal of this webinar is to give families information about the guidance that has been provided to school districts, so that they can advocate for their children’s needs this school year.