



COVID-19 SPECIAL
EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATOR MEETING.

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UPDATE

■ Teletherapy Related Issues

- Teletherapy in MT allowed SLP, OT, PT
- Telehealth for School Psychology under consideration-OPI actively engaged find a solution

■ Fiscal Consideration

- Stimulus bill
- MOE
 - IDEA carryover considerations
 - Layoff/Reduction in force implications

RESOURCES

- [COVID 19 Special Education Information](#) webpage
- SPEDCOVID@mt.gov email.
- Ed Advocates meetings -
 - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpF9k3BnJj29LwYIzYmtNMQ>
- [FBI Warning – Online Classroom Hijacking](#)

OPI CURRENT WORK

- Work with Montana PTI to create a joint statement/information for families
- Continue to add relevant resources to the [COVID 19 Special Education Information](#) page.
- Continue to attend the regional MCASE meetings
- Developing guidance
 - Electronic Signatures, Telehealth – school psych
- Representing your interested in national meetings
- Locating, vetting, and developing professional learning opportunities and resources.

WHAT TO DO MOVING FORWARD

- **Be intentional about your own self care!**
- Continue to communicate with families
- Develop systems/tools to document services, data collection, and progress (good faith effort)
- Attend your regional MCASE meetings
- Develop a schedule to allow time to keep up to date on the SAM.
- Facilitate/encourage self care for staff