

## ARCHIVE: COVID-19 Superintendent Call

June 24, 2020

The following are questions asked by directors of schools during this call and the answers provided by the department. For additional guidance and up-to-the-minute supports, please check the TDOE website for more information:

<https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>.

### Required Instructional Time

- Question: If school buildings are open, but we are also offering remote learning to a segment of our population, are those students required to have access to 6.5 hours of instructional time?
  - **RESPONSE:** On June 22, 2020, the Tennessee State Board of Education promulgated the Continuous Learning Plan (CLP) Emergency Rule 0520-01-17 and Policy 3.210. In the rule, [linked here](#), the State Board specifically calls out that “‘Instructional Time’ means the amount of instruction provided through synchronous or asynchronous instruction, or a combination of the two (2), as defined in this rule. To the extent practicable, instruction delivered remotely must be as commensurate in quality, rigor, and effectiveness as in-person instructional time.”
  - For specific district questions on how to achieve this, we encourage districts to connect during the CLP office hours, found on our website [here](#).