MACAE Michigan GED Testing Centers Check-In

Thursday, July 30, 2020

Michigan Association of Community and Adult Education
Please put your name and program into the chat box.

Please put all questions into the chat. We will do our best to answer and may call on you for more clarification.

Please mute all devices as that will help everyone to hear clearly.

Simple Housekeeping Items:
Thank you Brenda Nyhof for suggesting this important conversation!
Testing Centers Challenges with Reopening:

Adherence to social distancing guidance, proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) materials for staff or lack of information on how and if to reopen.

In Michigan: some areas, seeing influx of GED testers.

In Michigan: other areas, limited numbers (may be due to uncertain guidance).

In Michigan: Several geographic areas of our state have a “desert” with no currently open GED testing locations.
Guidance on the Reopening of Testing Centers in Michigan

1. *Testing Centers must be aware of National, State, Regional and Local Guidance*

2. Testing Centers can be open in Michigan! (per Governor’s Executive Orders)

3. Adherence to social distancing at all times: Face masks are required by law in public settings in Michigan
Questions surrounding the Executive Orders:

*Information current as of today, July 30, 2020*

Testing Centers in Michigan can be open under current Executive Orders: [https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_100891---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_100891---,00.html)

Contact Brandy Johnson at the Governor’s Office for latest information: JohnsonB54@michigan.gov

**Executive Order 2020-160: Amended Safe Start Order**

- Face coverings required, social distancing, indoor groups no larger than 10

**Executive Order 2020-161: Safeguards to protect Michigan’s workers from COVID-19**
Guidance from Pearson Vue on the reopening of Testing Centers

Guidance Directly from Pearson Vue:

Test Center Procedures during the COVID-19 pandemic: A reference guide from Pearson Vue

Our Pearson VUE-owned and operated Pearson Professional Centers are available for testing in the United States. We will continue to deliver exams to any independent third-party test centers (PVTC and PVTC Selects) who have the ability to operate within the United States.

If you exhibit symptoms upon arrival at the test center, you may be asked to reschedule your exam for another time when in full health.

You must bring and wear your own face mask while at a Pearson VUE-owned test center and throughout your exam. Any surgical or cloth face mask, including a homemade face mask, is acceptable as long as your nose and mouth are fully covered. Candidates without a face mask will be denied testing services. We are unable to provide face masks to candidates.

Please note: availability is limited at this time because we are following social distancing guidelines and government guidance. However, some test centers are extending their hours to be open nearly 24 hours a day. When you schedule your exam, be sure to note whether you've chosen a.m. or p.m. Please log in to your online candidate profile to search for a variety of dates and locations to schedule your exam and visit our [link](https://home.pearsonvue.com/coronavirus-update)
Registering for a Test

Check test availability on GED.com

Call ahead and see if a testing center is open!
Update from the State Adult Education Office

- Tricia Kane, Department Analyst, Workforce Development: KaneP1@michigan.gov
- Data from GED Testing during COVID-19
- Testing Centers Open in Michigan
Eligible participants should check their email and/or GED.com account

The pilot program is being rolled out in phases. During the first phase, students in the categories below will be invited by email to sign up to test online. You can also log into your GED.com account to see if you are eligible.

- Your in-person test appointment was cancelled
- You’ve passed 3 of 4 test subjects
- You’ve scored “Green” on the GED Ready practice test within the past 60 days
- You’ll need a computer, webcam and reliable internet — no tablets or phones.
- You’ll need to take your test in a private room with a closed door.
- Before scheduling and paying for the test, it’s important to run a system check to be sure that your computer meets the requirements.

Michigan is now in GED Testing Phase 2 which means that there is no exception queue for eligible students in the system for MI and no preliminary approvals necessary for them to be invited and enabled to participate in online proctoring. As they hit GED Ready, green (145+), they will be enabled to schedule testing for O.P., if they choose to do so.

GED Remote Proctoring

( Available in Michigan and extended until August 31, 2020)

Source: https://ged.com/blog/introducing-the-official-online-ged-test/
Helpful Links

GED COVID-19 Page
Link: https://ged.com/coronavirus-covid-19/

GED COVID-19 Blog
Link: https://ged.com/blog/resources-tools-covid-19/

Test Takers FAQ
Link: https://home.pearsonvue.com/Test-takers/Resources.aspx?ot=collapse156
Thank you for attending!

Please contact our office if you have any additional questions or concerns!

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