

# Assessment News Alert

This message was sent to assessment coordinators in public school districts and several approved programs and non-public school systems.

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## Math, ELA, Science, and Alternate Assessment Updates

- **Submitting a Medical Exemption.** In rare instances, a student may be unable to participate in any part of the assessment due to **significant** and **documented** and **fully incapacitating medical emergency** that **extends through the end of each testing window**. For such situations, the DOE may provide a medical exemption if the student was unable to receive instruction for the duration of the testing window. The Medical Exemption Form will be available in TIDE under Forms starting Monday, April 29 through Friday, May 10. This is the only opportunity to submit a medical exemption request. Just a reminder, the district must provide evidence that the student was unable to receive instruction for the entire testing window and include documentation from a medical professional.
- **Multi-State Alternate Assessment (MSAA).** The MSAA administration window closes **Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m. Central Time**. All tests must have a final status of Submitted, Closed (Applied Early Stopping Rule), or Not Started.  
  
Student results will be available in **mid-July**.
- **Cambium Assessments Testing Window.** The testing window for the Math, ELA, Science, and Science-Alt Assessments will close **Friday, May 3**. Please make sure all students test by checking your schools' progress in TIDE. To do so:
  - Log into TIDE
  - Click on Monitoring Test Progress
  - Click on Plan and Manage Testing
  - Choose your district and school (and teacher and grade)
  - Under Choose What, change to SD ELA/Math Summative (you will need to toggle to Science to check that)
  - You can select to see who completed, started, or not started
- **ELA PT Reminder.** A PT can be reopened after it expires IF the student has not put anything in the text box. If the student put anything in the text box, it will force submit, and the DOE is unable to open it again. A PT that is in submitted/reported status cannot be reopened, since it is already being scored.
- **Assessment Office Half Hours.** The Office of Assessment & Accountability will provide virtual Office Half Hours every Monday at 10:30 a.m. CT (9:30 a.m. MT) throughout the assessment window. Zoom info is:
  - Mondays at 10:30 a.m. CT (9:30 a.m. MT)
  - <https://state-sd.zoom.us/j/99784177187>
  - Meeting ID: 997 8417 7187