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Dear Stakeholder,

Much has changed in our world in a very short amount of time and we are responding to this unprecedented crisis with an eye towards safety and continuing the important work we do. In most cases, CAEP staff in DC are working remotely and our operations are continuing unabated. The very nature of our work, with EPPs and volunteers across the country, makes this transition for our organization less burdensome than it would be for most entities.

CAEP staff are monitoring the current coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and will adjust based on the facts as they become available. Safety is our top priority. We understand that accreditation can never be a one size fits all process and, as events unfold, we will tailor our processes to meet the needs of our volunteers and our providers.

We understand that each provider is unique and must make decisions based on what’s best for their students and faculty. We have 40 site visits scheduled this spring and are working on a case-by-case basis with each provider and site team to determine how to proceed. Options include conducting virtual visits, proceeding with physical site visits, a hybrid of the two, or postponing visits.

The current outbreak of COVID-19 has changed the way we look at our world and is rapidly changing how we do business. We must be patient, flexible, and cautious. We must also carry on.

If you have specific questions about how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting the CAEP accreditation process, feel free to reach out to your main contact at CAEP or email matt.vanover@caepnet.org.

Thank you for everything you do to ensure quality educator preparation.

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