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Subject: Update on COVID-19 provisions set to expire on June 30, 2021

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This email is forwarded on behalf of Dr. Anthony Rosilez, TSPC Executive Director, to EPP deans / directors / chairs, program liaisons, and licensure front-line staff. Please forward this email to additional staff as you feel is appropriate.

There have been some questions about the possibility of extending the COVID-19 provisions developed by TSPC in response to EPP and candidate challenges.

TSPC leadership has considered the extension of the COVID-19 provisions past the original June 30, 2021, deadline. However, the provisions are authorized pursuant to the Governor's order about the COVID-19 Response, Executive Order 20-03 (and subsequent extensions). Specifically, the TSPC accommodations were based on the Governor's most recent extension, Executive Order 21-10, which was issued April 29, 2021, and expires June 28, 2021. State agencies have not been provided any indication that the Governor will further extend this order. The Governor has clearly stated her intention that in-school instruction will commence next fall for all students. Therefore, it is unlikely that special accommodations for educational environments will be applicable in the coming academic year.

Unless that order is further extended, we have no legal basis to extend the agency's COVID-19 provisions. Therefore, we are notifying all EPPs that current provisions will expire on June 30, 2021. Please work with your candidates as necessary. In addition, any accommodations planned for the summer must also be completed by June 30, 2021. We will notify EPPs if circumstances change. It is my hope that the flexibility provided by TSPC has assisted you and your candidates during these unprecedented times.

If you have any further questions related to this issue, please contact Dr. Wayne G. Strickland, Director of Educator Preparation, <u>Wayne.strickland@oregon.gov</u>.

Regards,

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