

COVID-19 and Due Process: One Year Later

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Forum Structure

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2020-2021 RETURN TO IN-PERSON HEARINGS

June 2021: Effective immediately, parties who want to have an in person due process hearing may now request one. Due process hearings will comply with the safety plans of the LEA.

1. When requesting due process, please notify the case manager of your preference of an in person or a virtual hearing.
2. Virtual hearings remain available for those parties who prefer participating in a virtual manner.
3. Electronic/Digital Exhibits when possible
4. Parties should follow ODR Pre-Hearing Directions
5. Parties should expect case specific health and safety guidelines.

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JULY 2020 TO DECEMBER 2020

Date Range	Statewide Total	IU 26 Total	SDOP Total
Due Process Requests			
7/1/20 – 12/31/20	403	135	109
7/1/19 – 12/31/19	531	168	132
Mediation Requests			
7/1/20 – 12/31/20	145	22	13
7/1/19 – 12/31/19	186	21	9
IEP Facilitation Requests			
7/1/20 – 12/31/20	24	2	0
7/1/19 – 12/31/19	43	4	2
Resolution Meeting Facilitation Requests			
7/1/20 – 12/31/20	1	0	0
7/1/19 – 12/31/19	3	0	0

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July 2020 to June 30 2021

Date Range	Statewide Total	IU 26 Total	SDOP Total
Due Process Requests			
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	851	262	208
7/1/19 – 6/30/20	998	319	239
Mediation Requests			
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	326	46	31
7/1/19 – 6/30/20	367	67	27
IEP Facilitation Requests			
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	69	4	0
7/1/19 – 6/30/20	79	9	3
Resolution Meeting Facilitation Requests			
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	1	0	0
7/1/19 – 6/30/20	7	1	0

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