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**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education**

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TO: Division Superintendents

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## SUBJECT: Multidivision Online Providers

As school divisions develop instructional plans in response to the extended school closures associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) would like to remind school divisions of the opportunities provided through multidivision online providers (MOP).

As provided in [§ 22.1-212.23 et seq.](https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacodefull/title22.1/chapter13/article1.4/), the *Code of Virginia* allows school divisions to offer online instruction to students using a private organization, educational institution or nonprofit virtual school organization that meets Board of Education approval criteria to operate as a MOP. Entities seeking MOP approval from the Board of Education should review the instructions and approval process found on the [Online Provider Application website](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/instruction/virtual_learning/virtual_schools/application/index.shtml).

MOPs supply virtual teachers coupled with online content to K-12 students. Providers may offer one course or a full array of courses as an online course or program provider contracted with a local school division. Approved MOPs and a list of the courses that they are approved to provide may be accessed via this [online query tool](https://p1pe.doe.virginia.gov/amop_public/).

Questions regarding the multidivision online provider program should be directed to Dr. Meg Foley, Virtual Learning Specialist, via email at meg.foley@doe.viriginia.gov or by phone at 804-786-0877.

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