

## **Webinar Q&A: “Revised SLAQs: What’s new for FFY 21”, 10/20/20, 10-11a**

### **Links to important websites and resources discussed during Q&A/Zoom chat:**

- SLAQ website: <https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/>
  - Includes links to questionnaires (word doc and Survey 123), protocols, FAQs, and other resources mentioned during webinar
- CDPH guidance on Covid-19, including evaluation guidance: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CCDC/DCDC/NEOPB/Pages/NEOPBCOVID-19.aspx>
- PSE Needs Assessment Job Aid: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/CDPH\\_PEARs/files/318040.docx](https://ucanr.edu/sites/CDPH_PEARs/files/318040.docx)

### **Q&A from the webinar:**

*Q: How should sites respond when the current situation is different due to Covid?*

A: It is important that sites report their current practices at the time of SLAQ completion, not practices in place before COVID or planned for after COVID (e.g. not practices during a “normal” school year). We have added “N/A” options throughout the school SLAQ and open-ended text fields in all the SLAQs for respondents to explain changes to their site’s environment or practices that are due to Covid. If you are working with a school site, and think additional N/A options are needed, please let us know: [evaluatesnaped@ucanr.edu](mailto:evaluatesnaped@ucanr.edu)

*Q: What languages will the ECE SLAQ be translated into?*

A: Spanish, Vietnamese, Russian, Hmong, Farsi, Chinese, Arabic

*Q: If a site submits their SLAQ responses directly into the on-line survey (through the Survey 123 link), can we still access a copy of their responses and results to review with the site?*

A: Yes, when a SLAQ is submitted into Survey 123 an automatic email will be generated with the SLAQ results and scores attached. This email will be sent to the LHD contact indicated in the site information section at the beginning, and to the person submitting the SLAQ in Survey 123, if they provide their email address where prompted.

*Q: For the SLAQs where the Survey 123 links are still being finalized, can we go ahead and get started with the word doc versions? When will the remaining Survey 123 links be available?*

A: Yes, all SLAQs are available and ready to be used and shared as word documents. Survey123 links for Secondary and Elementary School, ECE and Retail SLAQs are on the website. The Survey123 link for OST will be available in November.

*Q: Do we need usernames/passwords for Survey123? Do we have to register somewhere?*

A: No, you do not need usernames or passwords for Survey 123. This is true even if you are using the mobile app version.

*Q: Will there be any more revisions to how questions in the Retail SLAQ are worded or framed?*

A: Many of the questions in the store observations portion of retail SLAQ were revised to make sure that questions/statements do not have double-negatives. We also received and incorporated a number of wording suggestions from LHDs and sub-contractors using the Retail SLAQ. If you have a suggestion for how to re-word something, please let us know and we can consider the change: [EvaluateSNAPEd@ucanr.edu](mailto:EvaluateSNAPEd@ucanr.edu)

*Q: What are some ways to talk to schools about WHY we are asking them to do these assessments?*

A: Please take a look at these FAQs: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/FAQ/Getting\\_Buy-In/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/FAQ/Getting_Buy-In/). Additionally, many of your fellow LHDs have great ideas for getting buy-in and institutionalizing assessments – consider starting a conversation or posing a question using the SLAQ listserv. For schools, in particular, the SLAQ can help them satisfy a number of their wellness policy requirements.

*Q: Comment – I almost missed including this PSE change in our PEARS reports: “Partners adopt or improve use of a system to monitor implementation of ...wellness related policy”*

A: Yes! If the site you are working with already has a wellness policy, conducting the SLAQ annually or regularly is an important PSE change that you are implementing. There are actually two related PSE changes – a food/nutrition one and a physical activity one – you can select both!

*Q: What if I forgot to include SLAQs in the needs assessment section of our PEARS PSE reports for FFY 20?*

A: FFY 20 can be considered your baseline SLAQ, and you can still include a summary of your SLAQ results from FFY 20 in the baseline results field of the needs assessment section of this year's PEARS PSE report. Here is a link to job aid on reporting needs assessments in PEARS: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/CDPH\\_PEARs/files/318040.docx](https://ucanr.edu/sites/CDPH_PEARs/files/318040.docx)

*Q: Is there a link to learn more about LACs? Do LACs need to be reported in PEARS?*

A: We have several FAQs posted about LACs on our website, which you may find helpful: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/FAQ/LHD\\_Activity\\_Checklist/](https://ucanr.edu/sites/SLAQ/FAQ/LHD_Activity_Checklist/). LACs do not need to be reported in PEARS – rather, they are used to help complement the information you do report in PEARS by providing us with more information about your CFHL progress towards making changes.

*Q: What do you suggest we do about district-level or other organization-level work (rather than working in individual sites)?*

A: We recommend that you still consider completing a LAC, which can be completed at the organization level and could be useful for tracking your efforts. Here is the FAQ on organization-level work: [https://ucanr.edu/sites/slaq/FAQ/Special\\_Situations/#OrgLevel](https://ucanr.edu/sites/slaq/FAQ/Special_Situations/#OrgLevel). If you are interested in monitoring or assessing district-level policies or other district-level practices, please reach out to the SLAQ team at [EvaluateSNAPed@ucanr.edu](mailto:EvaluateSNAPed@ucanr.edu) – we can try to help you find an appropriate assessment to use.

*Q: Will there still be an automated score section for the revised SLAQs? It's not in the word document versions.*

A: Yes, when the completed SLAQ is entered and submitted through Survey 123, scores will be automatically generated and appear at the end of the survey, just like last year. A copy of the responses and the scores will be sent to the email address in the LHD contact field of the Site Information section at the beginning of the SLAQ.