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Policy for Virtual Visits

As authorized by the USDE March 17, 2020 Guidance, the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) may temporarily conduct virtual visits in accordance with the Department's requirements. NECHE will determine at its sole discretion on a case-by-case basis whether it is appropriate to conduct a virtual visit for an institutional evaluation that would otherwise be conducted on-site. Each virtual visit will include interaction with representatives of the institution under review and in all other respects, to the extent reasonably practicable, follow the format, expectations, and documentation requirements associated with on-site visits. An on-site follow-up visit will occur within a reasonable period following each virtual visit. Decision-making will occur in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Education related to such virtual visits, and/or follow-up visits, as required.

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