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***The Mode of Testing and Learning Outcomes:
Evidence from In-person and Phone Tests***



Time:

Wed. Nov. 15th, 2-3PM CT

Place:

119 Ruttan Hall

Zoom Option:

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/98749918936>

Details:

<https://apecseminar.github.io/>

ABSTRACT:

There has been an increase in phone-based assessment of learning outcomes since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. We examine the comparability of children's learning outcomes measured through phone-based tests and in-person tests. We administered the same test on the same child twice: in person and over the phone. We randomly assigned whether a child gets the in-person test first or the phone test first. We find that children perform significantly better in over-the-phone tests. Given the rise in conducting more phone surveys, our finding has important policy implications in correctly identifying children's learning outcomes, especially in low- and middle-income countries.