

COVE 2.0 launch coming soon

We wanted to just give a quick update to let you know that the new version of COVE (also known as "COVE 2.0") is likely to launch some time in the coming weeks.

This launch has been a long time coming and we're excited to be so close.

Right now the earliest COVE 2.0 could go live is next Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

The launch will have 2 parts:

1. A new PBS Video portal going live. The new portal will replace the old one at <http://video.pbs.org/>. The new portal will largely look exactly the same (with some small differences we'll cover in a future blog post). It will just be powered by the new COVE API.
2. The new COVE Admin Tool going live.

What Producers need to do

Nothing. When COVE 2.0 launches you can continue to publish and manage your videos like you do now. The new API-powered portal is linked to the current COVE Admin Tool (what we'll begin calling the "Legacy Admin Tool") so you'll have no change to your current workflow. You can publish new videos, make changes to existing videos and update your stack through the Legacy Admin Tool. All your work will show up properly in the new PBS Video portal. [As we mentioned earlier](#) the only difference will be that you won't be able to update your program page in through the Legacy Admin Tool.

At launch the Legacy Admin Tool and the New COVE Admin Tool will exist in parallel. PBS will then migrate producers from the legacy system to the new one. Migration will occur in the months follow launch and PBS will be contacting you to schedule a time to move your program into the new system and get your staff trained on how to use it. **Please contact your Program Manager if you have not submitted the names of staff members who will require training on the new tool.**

COVE 2.0 is a significant improvement over its predecessor; especially the New Admin Tool. You will see significant improvements in performance as well as many efficiencies in work-flow. We have worked hard to ensure that all the old issues have been solved and you have an intuitive, useful tool that allows you to publish your content quickly and precisely. We think you're going to be pretty impressed when you see it.

In the coming days we will be posting further details about each of the new tools (the New COVE Admin Tool and the new PBS Video portal).

Until then please don't hesitate to reach out to your program manager or Dan Haggerty (ddhaggerty@pbs.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks!