

**State Department of Education/Public Instruction
COVID-19 Information/Guidance on School Closures and Reopening**

As states reopen, reassessing the impact of COVID-19 while maintaining community safety and health is paramount. While most state departments of education and public instruction have published reopening frameworks, it's still too early to determine which options will be selected at this time, as plans change weekly based on the number of COVID-19 cases within a state. When and how a district will reopen vary and are largely determined by local district, board of education and health authorities.

At end May, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released reopening guidance for schools and daycares. In addition to state guidance, other considerations include: state and local public health mandates, state and community COVID-19 data, and implementing safety measures to protect students, families, and school personnel.

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have released guidance for districts on school reopening, several have released additional or updated guidance. As schools reopen, districts continue to adjust plans as state status' and COVID-19 data is updated.

Under continual discussion is the status of high sports and other extra-curricular activities, with several states delaying or altering the Fall sports season. For the [current list](#), visit the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) website.

The situation changes rapidly, and we try our best to maintain the information and links. Please visit your state department of education and local school district websites for the most current information.

Updated info

Federal and Education Organizations

U.S. Department of Education COVID-19 Information and Resources

<https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

- [What Congressional COVID Funding Means for K-12 Schools \(Updated 8/14/20\)](#)

Pacific Disaster Center – COVID-19 Global Pandemic Dashboard (6/25/20)

- [US Status \(8/27/20\)](#) *Worldwide data by country also posted
- As of August 6, 41 states have some type of mandated mask requirement in place.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- Considerations for Schools (5/19/20) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>
- [Schools and Childcare Programs: Plan, Prepare, and Respond \(8/21/20\)](#)

Education Commission of the States (7/29/20)

- [COVID-19 Update: State Policy Responses and Other Executive Actions to the Coronavirus in Public Schools](#)

College Board Corona Virus Updates (6/30/20)

- [Advanced Placement \(AP\) Testing and Exams](#)
- [SAT and PSAT Coronavirus Testing](#)

International Baccalaureate COVID-19 (Updated 9/1/20): <https://bit.ly/2AhbFXu>

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

- [Updated Guidance for Fall \(8/31/20\)](#)



- [Status of State Association Activity Restrictions \(5/26/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Releases Guidelines for Return to High School Marching Band Activities \(6/9/20\)](#)
- [High schools push ahead for fall football amid pandemic \(6/22/20 9:29am\)](#)
- [Status of State Association Activity Restrictions \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [Fall 2020 Guidance for Music Education \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Performing Arts COVID-19 Resources \(6/29/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Sports Medicine Position Statements and Guidelines \(7/9/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Performing Arts COVID-19 Resources \(8/3/20\)](#)
- [Sports Seasons Modification Update \(8/25/20\)](#)

State Department of Education Webpages and Information

Alabama

- State DOE: <https://www.alsde.edu/covid-19>
- [Alabama State Superintendent Eric Mackey unveils schools reopening plans for fall 2020 \(6/26/20 12:31pm\)](#)
 - Governor (Ivey) created a Task Force focused on expanding broadband access
- [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)
- [AHSAA Releases Best Practices Document and Fall Sports Rule Modifications \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Alabama schools reopening: What we know so far about coronavirus and kids \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [Alabama schools reopening in coronavirus pandemic: Live updates \(8/25/20\)](#)

Alaska

- State DOE: <https://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease>
- [Alaska's Smart Start for K-12 Schools and Framework](#)
- [ASAA COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Alaska school reopening plans left to districts as state orders 150,000 face masks \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Increasing COVID-19 cases push Fairbanks school district into red zone \(9/1/20\)](#)

Arizona

- State DOE: <https://www.azed.gov/communications/2020/03/10/guidance-to-schools-on-covid-19/>
- [Department of Education Releases Guidance for Reopening Arizona schools \(6/1/20 11:20am\)](#)
- [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)
- [AIA Sets Preliminary Fall Sports Plans to Finish High School Seasons on Time \(7/10/20, 3:02 PM\)](#)
- [No Arizona county meets criteria for reopening classrooms as AZDHS releases benchmarks \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [Arizona teachers 'sick out' forces school district to delay planned in-person reopening \(8/16/20\)](#)
- [Confusion and frustration surrounding school reopening decisions \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Dr. Cara Christ discusses Arizona's plan for reopening schools \(9/1/20\)](#)

Arkansas

- State DOE: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information>
- [Arkansas Back-to-School Playbook](#)
- [Arkansas school districts must stay open for onsite learning 5 days a week \(8/5/20\)](#)
- [State releases 'Arkansas ready to Learn Healthy School Guide \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Protests Over School Reopening Continue in Little Rock \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Arkansas Deputy Commissioner of Education talks Reopening Schools \(8/23/20\)](#)

California

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp>
- [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)



- [Stronger Together: A guidebook for Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools](#)
- [California postpones high school football, other fall prep sports because of coronavirus \(7/20/20, 2:27PM\)](#)
- [California health officials list conditions for an elementary school waiver \(8/4/20\)](#)
- [California schools allowed to open for small groups with 'acute' needs under new guidance \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Governor Gavin Newsom Issues New Reopening Guidance \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [California issues rules for opening school to high-needs students \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [Color purple will determine whether California schools can open for in-class instruction \(8/31/20\)](#)

Colorado

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safedistrschools>
- [A Framework and Toolkit for District Leaders \(5/7/20\)](#)
- [These Colorado school districts are welcoming students back for in-person learning this fall. Here's why they feel it's safe. \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [Colorado's COVID guidelines for schools have many suggestions, few requirements \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Colorado's governor says people should expect coronavirus school closures as in-person learning begins \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Figuring out school buses is just as complicated as reopening Colorado classrooms \(9/1/20\)](#)

Connecticut

- State DOE: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>
- [Governor Lamont Announces Plans for the 2020-2021 School year Amid the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic \(6/25/20\)](#)
 - [Executive Summary](#)
 - [Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to learn and Grow Together Presentation](#)
- [Lamont Announces Additional Funding to Help CT School Districts Reopen This Fall \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [CT Schools Reopening: More Questions, More Answers \(8/16/20\)](#)
- ['Non-Negotiable' School Reopening Terms from CT Teachers, Staff \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Here's how many Connecticut schools are planning to reopen; teach kids this fall \(8/27/20\)](#)

Delaware

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/599>
- [State of Delaware Announces Guidance for Reopening of Schools for 2020-21 Academic Year \(7/15/20\)](#)
- [Returning to School: Planning a Safe, Efficient and Equitable School Return for Students and Staff](#)
- [Carney gives approval for schools to move forward with hybrid start to school year \(8/4/20\)](#)
- [Delaware cancels fall sports eyes shortened seasons starting December \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [School reopening decisions continuing \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [District and charter school reopening info: at a glance \(8/21/20\)](#)
- [Caesar Rodney officials explain district plan to start school remotely \(8/31/20\)](#)

District of Columbia

- Public Schools: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>
- [DC State Athletic Association Announces Plans for 2020-21 Interscholastic Athletics \(7/16/20\)](#)
- [School Year Term 1 will Begin Virtually \(7/30/20\)](#)
 - [Unified Virtual Start Date – August 31, with shift to possible hybrid model on November 9 \(2nd term\)](#)
- [Fall school plans for DC, Maryland, Virginia systems during coronavirus \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Aug. 24 \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Aug. 30 \(8/30/20\)](#)



- [Maryland and DC turn on their computers for the first day of virtual school \(8/31/20\)](#)

Florida

- State DOE: <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/>
- [Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act \(6/11/20\)](#)
- [Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan](#)
- [FHSAA postpones high school sports until August 24 \(7/25/20, 9:50 PM\)](#)
- [Health directors told to keep quiet as Florida Leaders pressed to reopen classrooms \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [Florida school lawsuit heads to mediation \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Judge strikes down Florida's school reopening order, says unconstitutional to require "brick and mortar" classes this month \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Florida school ruling back on hold \(8/29/20\)](#)

Georgia

- State DOE: <https://www.georgiainsights.com/coronavirus.html>
- [Georgia Department of Education Releases Reopening Guidelines for Schools \(6/1/20\)](#)
- [Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools](#)
- [Latest GHSA statements on Coronavirus Situation \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [Georgia schools report cases of coronavirus among students, staff amid reopenings \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [Late to shutdown, first to reopen, Georgia reports its highest daily toll \(8/13/20\)](#)

Hawaii

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3eExX4i>
- [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#)
- [Return to Learn \(7/2/20\)](#)
- [Online Student Bus Pass and Payment Option \(7/6/20\)](#)
- [Board of Education approves Aug. 17 start date for Hawaii schools \(7/30/20\)](#)
- [Parents Navigate Difficult Choices Around Schools' Reopening Plans \(8/16/20\)](#)
- [Hawaii Principals Are Left To 'Trust Their Gut' On How To Reopen Schools \(8/20/20\)](#)

Idaho

- State DOE: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/resources-for-schools/>
- Illinois Education Association: <https://ieanea.org/covid-19/>
- Idaho Board of Education: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>
- [Board of Education allowing schools to reopen if they follow COVID-19 safety protocols \(5/4/20\)](#)
 - [School District and Charter School Re-Entry Criteria](#)
- [Idaho High School Activities Association releases fall sports guidance \(7/21/20, 9:41 AM\)](#)
- [What it takes to reopen schools in Idaho \(8/3/20\)](#)
- [Rural Districts Struggle With Road Ahead in Era of Coronavirus \(8/17/20\)](#)
- [Boise School inching towards in-person learning. But a start date was changed again. \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [How eastern Idaho schools plan to reopen classes \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Where Idaho's COVID-19 Community Spread Is Highest, Most Districts Began School In Person \(8/31/20\)](#)

Illinois

- State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>
- [Starting the 2020-21 School Year \(June 23, 2020\) – Part 3 Transition and Joint Guidance](#)
- [School reopening tracker: Governor reinforces mask rule amid rise in COVID-19 cases \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Illinois back to school plans: K-12 school district reopening plans \(8/29/20\)](#)

Indiana

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.in.gov/safety/health/covid-19-resources-indiana-schools>
- [Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools In-Class Guidance](#)



- [Indiana state officials pressured to set school-shut-down benchmarks \(8/8/20\)](#)
- [Indiana Education Head on Reopening Schools Contact Tracing \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [State makes new recommendations for school operations during pandemic \(8/26/20\)](#)

Iowa

- State DOE: <https://educateiowa.gov/article/2020/04/03/covid-19-guidance-and-information>
- [Reopening Guidance for Schools \(6/25/20\)](#)
- [Iowa High School Athletic Association announces revised 2020 football schedule due to COVID-19 \(7/24/20, 1:14 PM\)](#)
- [Reopening Schools: Preparing Iowa families during the pandemic \(8/5/20\)](#)
- [Iowa school districts in showdown with governor over reopening plans \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 School Reopening Battle Moves to the Courts \(8/21/20\)](#)
- [Iowa school districts sue state over reopening guidelines \(8/31/20\)](#)

Kansas

- State DOE: <https://www.ksde.org/Home/Quick-Links/News-Room/kansas-school-buildings-to-close-for-remainder-of-school-year-because-of-covid-19-1>
- [Gov. Laura Kelly mandates masks in Kansas schools, awaits board's vote on start of classes \(7/20/20\)](#)
- [Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations \(7/15/20\)](#)
- [Kansas school reopening plans \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Kansas education leaders update guidance on how to reopen schools \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [Classes Begin in Leavenworth public schools \(8/25/20\)](#)

Kentucky

- State DOE: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>
- [KY Department of Education Releases Guidance for Schools to Reopen Safely this Fall \(5/15/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Considerations for Reopening Schools - Initial Guidance for Schools and Districts \(5/15/20\)](#)
- [Kentucky Education Association urges schools not to reopen for in-person classes \(7/7/20\)](#)
- [Beshear won't shut down schools that hold in-person classes unless a 'massive outbreak' occurs \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Kentucky Board of Education seeks clarity on fall sports amid COVID-19 \(8/31/20\)](#)

Louisiana

- State DOE: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>
- [Reopening LA Schools, Adjusting 2020-21 Schedule Focus of 'Strong Start' Guidance \(5/8/20 4:04pm\)](#)
- [Strong Start Planning Guide \(6/25/20\)](#)
- [Louisiana board sets rules for reopening school this fall \(7/14/20\)](#)
- [Who controls when schools reopen? In Louisiana, local educators have the final say \(7/25/20\)](#)
- [Louisiana creates way to report school reopening concerns \(8/12/20\)](#)
- [Louisiana Department of Education releases virtual learning guides for families and educators \(8/12/20\)](#)
- [Which Louisiana prep sports will be played in Phase 2? \(8/31/20\)](#)

Maine

- State DOE: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19>
- Maine Education Department Releases Initial Guidelines for Reopening Schools in Fall (6/14/20)
 - [Working Draft: Return to Classroom Instruction Framework \(6/11/20\)](#)
 - [Return to Classroom Instruction Framework](#)
- [Maine high schools' fall sports season to be delayed and shortened \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [All Maine schools get green light to reopen fulltime \(7/31/20\)](#)



- [Back to school: Every Maine school district's reopening plan, organized by county \(8/15/20\)](#)
- [Governor Mills moves the goalposts on high school sports \(9/1/20\)](#)

Maryland

- State DOE: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- [Maryland lays out plan for transitioning back to in-person learning \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)
- [A State Plan Outlines How Schools Could Change in Maryland \(5/7/20 6:56pm\)](#)
- [Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)
- [All Maryland public schools go online this fall, private and parochial schools are ready to welcome student on campus \(8/2/20\)](#)
- [New order by Maryland Gov Hogan says county officials can't stop schools from reopening \(8/3/20\)](#)
- [Fall school plans for DC, Maryland, Virginia systems during coronavirus \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Aug. 24 \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Aug. 30 \(8/30/20\)](#)
- [As Distance Learning Resumes, Parents Fear IEP Students Will Fall Behind \(8/31/20\)](#)
- [Maryland and DC turn on their computers for the first day of virtual school \(8/31/20\)](#)

Massachusetts

- State DOE: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>
- [Fall Reopening Memo for Massachusetts Schools \(6/8/20, 9:46am\)](#)
- [MA DESE Memorandum \(6/5/20\) - Guidance on Required Safety Supplies for Reopening Schools](#)
- [MIAA Wants Massachusetts High School Fall Sports to Start September 14 \(7/21/20, 5:43 PM\)](#)
- [Deadline for Massachusetts schools to present final reopening plan extended to Aug. 14 \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [What we know about school reopening plans in Massachusetts \(8/15/20\)](#)
- [At least 70% of Mass. School districts to bring students back in person – at least part time \(8/18/20\)](#)
- [Education Coalition Calls for Phased-In Start to School Year, Citing Safety Concerns \(8/31/20\)](#)
- [Reopening Plans for Massachusetts school districts \(8/27/20\)](#)

Michigan

- State DOE: https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_53456---,00.html
- [Michigan school officials pitch tentative reopening plans \(6/4/20 11:06am\)](#)
- [Michigan State University publishes guide for K-12 schools reopening amid pandemic \(6/18/20 11:43am\)](#)
- [Michigan schools already planning for likely 'rolling closures' from COVID \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [In-person learning not required for Michigan schools this fall and other takeaways from Senate-passed education bulls \(8/16/20\)](#)
- [Michigan school reopening tracker \(8/28/20\)](#)

Minnesota

- State DOE: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>
- [Minnesota schools allowed to reopen for summer \(5/15/20 4:27pm\)](#)
- [Stay Safe: Minnesota Dept of Health: 2020-2021 Planning Guide for Schools](#)
 - The Dept of Education will convene PreK-12 workgroups to provide additional guidance.
- [Latest Minnesota COVID-19 data moves 27 counties to new school planning levels \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [Several of Minnesota's largest school districts plan to start year in hybrid mode \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [Cracking the giant jigsaw puzzle: Minnesota's schools scale back reopening plans \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Reading, writing, and air flow: Minnesota districts remake schools for COVID-19 safety \(8/24/20\)](#)

Mississippi

- State DOE: <https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19>



- [Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools, June-August 2020](#)
- [As Cases Rise Fast, Mississippi Governor Mandates masks and Delays Start of School \(8/4/20\)](#)
- [Mississippi gov defends reopening schools as dozens of kids quarantined: 'We're going to have cases' \(8/6/20\)](#)

Missouri

- State DOE: <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>
- [Missouri School Boards Association Releases Guidelines to Consider When Reopening Schools \(5/11/20 5:52pm\)](#)
 - <https://ams.embr.mobi/Documents/DocumentAttachment.aspx?C=ZfON&DID=GJGDM>
- [Reopening Missouri schools will be up to districts and counties, not state \(6/9/20 6:43pm\)](#)
- [Michigan schools already planning for likely 'rolling closures from COVID \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [Missouri lawmakers trade opinions on reopening schools \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [DESE, DHSS release FAQs on school re-opening \(8/17/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Live Updates: Missouri reports 1,058 new cases of coronavirus on Monday \(9/1/20\)](#)

Montana

- State DOE: <http://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information>
- [Governor Bullock to allow schools option to reopen as early as May 7 \(4/23/20\)](#)
- [School Districts Decision on COVID-19 Closures \(4/14/20\)](#)
- [The 3 Phases of Reopening Schools](#)
- [Bullock Issues Directive on Remote Learning Flexibility for Schools \(7/31/20\)](#)
- [What Will School Reopening Look Like in Montana? It Depends \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Montana Schools Prep for Learning Losses as Classroom Instruction Returns \(8/21/20\)](#)
- [Guide to the 2020 Class A football season \(8/25/20\)](#)

Nebraska

- State DOE: <https://www.education.ne.gov/publichealth/resources/>
- [State ed commissioner: flexibility and balance keys to working through the pandemic \(6/5/20\)](#)
- [Launch Nebraska](#)
- [NSAA Fall Sports Announcement \(7/20/20\)](#)
- [Decision to reopen schools must rest with policymakers \(8/3/20\)](#)
- [Nebraska school district cancels classes after positive COVID-19 tests, similar closures in other states \(8/16/20\)](#)
- [Official: Nebraska schools must stay flexible with virus \(8/24/20\)](#)

Nevada

- State DOE: <http://www.doe.nv.gov>
- [Gov Sisolak signs directive allowing K-12 schools to open for summer \(6/10/20 12:49am\)](#)
- [Nevada's Path Forward: A Framework for a Safe, Efficient, and Equitable Return to School Buildings \(6/9/20\)](#)
- [Nevada high school fall sports postponed; no state tournaments planned \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Nevada Governor reopening approach shifts away from 'one size fits all' \(7/28/20\)](#)
- [Education updates: NYT analysis shows only 1 Nevada school district meets criteria for sake reopening \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Nevada schools reopen with virtual, in-person classes amid the coronavirus pandemic \(8/31/20\)](#)

New Hampshire

- State DOE: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/commissioner/covid-19>
- [What you need to know about school reopening this fall \(7/17/20 8:06am\)](#)
- [New Hampshire Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance \(July 2020\)](#)
- [NHIAA moving ahead on fall sports, putting safety first \(7/26/20\)](#)
- [What you need to know about school reopening in N.H. \(8/6/20\)](#)



- [Here's how NH plans to respond to COVID Outbreaks in Schools \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Schools: Neighboring states tackle fall sports \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [NH schools a step ahead of Maine in approving high school sports \(9/1/20\)](#)

New Jersey

- State DOE: <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- [Department of Education announces guidelines for in-person summer learning and extended school year \(6/13/20 6:06pm\)](#)
- [NJ Schools reopening in fall with students back in classrooms \(6/26/20 5:43pm\)](#)
- [The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education](#)
- [Fine print: NJ's New Details on Reopening Schools \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [Op-Ed: Gov. Phil Murphy Explains Why 'There is No One Size Fits All Plan' for Reopening NJ Schools \(8/17/20\)](#)
- [These NJ schools have opted out of a fall HS sports season \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [NJ sends 389 school reopening plans back to districts for revisions. 180 districts seek all-remote start for students. \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [NJ schools reopening: These districts are planning all-virtual classes \(8/30/20\)](#)

New Mexico

- State DOE: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/covid-19-coronavirus/>
- [Task force asked to form reopening plan for New Mexico public schools \(5/29/20\)](#)
- [New Mexico Releases Plan for Reopening Public Schools \(6/23/20 1:03pm\)](#)
- [NMAA announces revised 2020-21 sports calendar \(7/15/20, 3:29PM\)](#)
- [New Mexico Updates School Reopening Guidance, Hits Pause on 'Hybrid Model' For Start of 2020 School Year \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [PED Secretary details status of reopening schools, explains outbreak \(7/24/20\)](#)
- [Lawmakers describe challenges districts face with remote learning \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [New Mexico's coronavirus health orders begin Saturday; some schools could reopen \(8/28/20\)](#)

New York

- State DOE: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>
- [Board of Regents and State Education Department Announce Regional Reopening Task Force Meetings \(6/8/20\)](#)
- [NY State Education Department releases framework for school reopening plans \(7/13/20\)](#)
- [Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewing the Spirit of New York's Schools \(7/13/20\)](#)
- [New York Schools Can Reopen, Will They? \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [New York Schools Face Final Deadline to Submit Reopening Plans to State \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Rise in coronavirus transmission 'inevitable' when schools reopen, Cuomo says \(8/31/20\)](#)

North Carolina

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources>
- [N.C. releases 116-page guidebook on reopening public schools \(6/11/20 6:06pm\)](#)
- [Lighting Our Way Forward: NC's Guidebook for Reopening Public Schools](#)
- [North Carolina will pause further reopening until September to start the school year \(8/5/20\)](#)
- [Find your schools district's reopening plans \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [North Carolina private high schools to play football this fall while private schools wait \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [North Carolina to move to 'Safer at Home' Phase 2.5 \(9/2/20\)](#)

North Dakota

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3qcb3S2>
- [North Dakota K-12 Smart Start Restart Guidance \(May 2020\)](#)
- [NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines \(7/24/20\)](#)



- [Local decisions to lead North Dakota K-12 schools 'reopening in new territory' \(7/14/20\)](#)
- [NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines \(7/24/20\)](#)
- [MPS school board to meet tonight to discuss proposal for reopening schools \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [Group of citizens, teachers call for stricter back-to-school guidelines in Minot \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [North Dakota doctors urge schools to require students, staff to wear masks \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Challenges already present as North Dakota schools reopen \(8/26/20\)](#)

Ohio

- State DOE: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
- [Reset and Restart Education: Planning Guide for Ohio's Schools and Districts](#)
- [Ohio school districts would first decide on shutdown's, but state involvement is a 'possibility' Gov. Mike DeWine says \(8/8/20\)](#)
- [Ohio school reopening plan draws criticism \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Fall sports for high schools and colleges allowed in Ohio =, but with stipulations \(8/18/20\)](#)
- [What will we know about students, staff infected with COVID-19 as Ohio schools reopen? \(8/30/20\)](#)

Oklahoma

- State DOE: <https://sde.ok.gov/>
 - [COVID 19 FAQ for Oklahoma Public Schools](#)
- [Oklahoma Department of Education Releases Guidance on School Reopening This Fall \(6/3/20\)](#)
- [Return to Learn Oklahoma – a Framework for Reopening Schools](#)
- [Oklahoma high school fall sports planned to start on time \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Schools reopening as experts acknowledge much is unknown about COVID-19 and kids \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [Opinion: With these numbers, how is reopening Oklahoma schools possible? \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [Mask, In-Person Learning Policies Differ Widely Throughout Oklahoma \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Hofmeister: 'Not Acceptable' That So Many School Districts Are Failing to Require Masks \(9/1/20\)](#)

Oregon

- State DOE: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/COVID19.aspx>
- [Ready Schools, Safe Learners: Guidance for SY2020-21](#)
- [OSAA Update: Memo to Schools \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [What Oregon parents should know about their kids' return to school during COVID-19 \(7/31/20\)](#)
- [Some Oregon superintendents, parents report 'whiplash' as state school reopening rules change again \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Oregon Gov Kate Brown says schools won't open for more than 200 days unless she takes action – document \(8/21/20\)](#)
- [Gov Brown warns of mandatory restrictions without better compliance on COVID-19 guidelines \(8/21/20\)](#)

Pennsylvania

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3dG9fzb>
- [Wolf Administration Outlines Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools \(6/3/20\)](#)
 - [Preliminary Guidance](#)
- [Your View By PA Association School Administrators: How schools are set up for reopening failure \(8/8/20\)](#)
- [Schools to get more state virus analysis to guide reopening \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [Some Pennsylvania school districts to adjust reopening plans under new state recommendations \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [PA lawmakers concerned 'guidance' for schools could open the door to covid-19 lawsuits \(8/21/20\)](#)
- [Schools across Central Pennsylvania reopen Monday with virus safety plans in place \(8/31/20\)](#)



Rhode Island

- State DOE: <https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/Covid19.aspx>
- [Reimagining RI Education: Fall Reopening Plan Framework, SY20-21 \(5/22/20\)](#)
- [Here are the reopening plans for every Rhode Island school district \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [Governor Raimondo expected to delay the reopening of Rhode Island schools for several weeks \(8/12/20\)](#)
- [Political Scene: Money an obstacle to Raimondo's wish to reopen schools \(8/16/20\)](#)
- [Rhode Island Department of Education 'looking into' public school district transfers \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [9 RI school districts will open with remote learning, superintendents tell Raimondo \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [Most RI Schools Get Green Light for Reopening in-Person \(8/31/20\)](#)

South Carolina

- State DOE: <https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-and-south-carolina-schools/>
- [SC could know options for reopening K-12 schools soon as June, top official says \(5/13/20 4:45pm\)](#)
- [AcceleratedED Task Force: Draft Guidance and Recommendations for 2020-21 School Year](#)
- [McMaster, South Carolina educators at odds over reopening schools \(7/25/20\)](#)
- [All South Carolina school reopening plans get final approval \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [SC Department of Education releases assessment waiver survey for public input \(8/25/20\)](#)

South Dakota

- State DOE: <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>
- [SDHSAA approved non-binding summer guidance rules \(5/28/20 1:00pm\)](#)
- [COVID-19 pandemic brought historic challenges to South Dakota, and a few successes \(6/29/20 3:22pm\)](#)
- [South Dakota's Back to Normal Plan](#)
- [State legislators speak about school reopening plans \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [Schools will have to look different in 2020-2021 school year, the age of COVID-19 \(8/3/20\)](#)
- [SD's open enrollment rules waived for fall sports \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [South Dakota High School Activities Association amends constitution \(8/25/20\)](#)

Tennessee

- State DOE: <https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>
- [Tennessee State Board of Education FAQs](#)
- [Tennessee Department of State – Division of Publications, Emergency Rules](#)
- [State releases broad reopening guidance for schools; commissioner testifies in US Senate hearing \(6/10/20 11:31pm\)](#)
- [Reopening Guidance](#)
- [TSSAA adopts COVID-19 regulations and fall sports contingency plans \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [One of America's first states to reopen schools in person, Tennessee serves as 'experiment' in COVID safety \(7/31/20\)](#)
- [These Tennessee school districts are already reporting COVID-19 cases after reopening \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [Williamson superintendent test positive for COVID-19 as board debates reopening schools \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [CMCSS school bus, drivers prepped for opening, district continues to monitor COVID-19 \(8/21/20\)](#)
- [Tennessee teachers respond to survey \(9/1/20\)](#)

Texas

- Education Agency: <https://bit.ly/3dFwBFj>
- [TEA Issues Comprehensive Guidelines for a Safe Return to On-Campus Instruction for the 2020-21 School Year \(7/7/20 3:01PM\)](#)
- [SY 20-21 Public Health Planning Guidance \(7/7/20\)](#)



- [With school reopening, Gov. Greg Abbott sets off another debate over whether local or state officials are in control \(8/7/20\)](#)
- [Gov Abbot says 'no threats made' to end school funding if districts don't reopen after 8-week period \(8/8/20\)](#)
- [Hope, fear and hula hoops. How four Texas schools are preparing to bring back students into classrooms. \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Here's how education in Texas looks as public schools begin reopening with mostly online classes \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [Texas coronavirus hospitalizations are at a two-month low, but school reopenings pose new risks \(9/1/20\)](#)

Utah

- State Board of Education: <https://schools.utah.gov/coronavirus>
- [Planning Requirements and Recommendations for K-12 School Reopening \(6/26/20\)](#)
- [UHSAA votes to approve fall sports and activities for 2020 \(7/9/20\)](#)
- [State School Board Says No to Stricter Reopening Rules \(8/6/20\)](#)
- [Here's how some of Utah's biggest school districts plan to reopen \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [Here's the one-stop shop for Utah Public school reopening plans \(8/11/20\)](#)
- [Utah's 41 school districts unveil reopening plans for fall \(8/6/20, Updated 8/11/20\)](#)
- [Utah students and staff who don't wear masks in schools can be charged with a misdemeanor \(8/24/20\)](#)

Vermont

- State Agency of Education: <https://education.vermont.gov/covid19>
- [State issues guidelines for reopening schools \(6/18/20\)](#)
- [A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020](#)
- [In-person or remote; What will Vermont school districts decide? \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [Vermont Conversation: Can Vermont schools safely reopen? \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Vermont's school reopening plans, mapped \(8/20/20\)](#)
- [Heading back to school during coronavirus: here is how to prep your kids to return \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [What can you expect from Vermont high school sports to begin competition \(8/31/20, Updated 9/1/20\)](#)

Virginia

- Public Schools: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19.shtml
- [VA releases plan for phased reopening of schools \(6/10/20, 6:52pm\)](#)
- [Return to School Plan](#)
- [VHSL adopts condensed athletic schedule for 2020-21 school year \(7/27/20, 7:56AM\)](#)
- [Virginia's largest school district reverses on reopening to in-person classes \(7/21/20\)](#)
- [Virginia creating COVID-19 dashboards to help inform school reopening decisions \(7/24/20\)](#)
- [Fall school plans for DC, Maryland, Virginia systems during coronavirus \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Aug. 24 \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Virginia Beach schools reopening plan stands as is, and other takeaways from this week's school board meeting \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Aug. 24 \(8/30/20\)](#)

Washington

- Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3897Pfb>
- [Reopening Washington Schools 2020: District Planning Guide \(6/11/20\)](#)
- [WIAA's return-to-play guidance for 2020-21 high school sports approved by Washington state officials \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [Inslee announces education recommendations for 2020-2021 school year \(8/5/20\)](#)
- [Seattle school board begins fall classes remotely \(8/12/20\)](#)



- [More than 94% of public school students in Washington state learning remotely this fall, new data shows \(9/1/20\)](#)

West Virginia

- State DOE: <https://wvde.us/covid19/>
- [West Virginia School Re-entry & Recovery Guidance](#)
- [Gov. Justice announces reopening plan for West Virginia schools \(8/5/20\)](#)
- [Gov. Justice gives details on school reopening color code system \(8/14/20\)](#)
- [Gov. Justice says bands will perform this fall in West Virginia \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [WV schools may need help to reopen, but Justice hasn't used any of the \\$1.25B in federal dollars on them \(8/31/20\)](#)

Wisconsin

- Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- [Wisconsin officials release guidance on reopening schools \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [Education Forward](#)
- [WIAA will hold fall sports season; delays most starting dates \(7/24/20\)](#)
- [This is What School Reopening Plans Are in 10 Major Wisconsin School Districts \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [In-school or virtual learning? Here's what each school district has planned \(8/24/20\)](#)
- [Report: Wisconsin Students Feeling 'Anxious, Stress, And Uncertainty' About Start Of School Year \(8/28/20\)](#)

Wyoming

- State DOE: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/covid-19-resources/> (school district closure list)
- [Wyoming to allow schools to reopen to large indoor gatherings as rules ease \(6/10/20\)](#)
Note: School districts will work directly with their local community health department to establish protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate their employees and students on prevention.
- [State releases initial guidance for fall reopening of K-12 schools \(7/1/20\)](#)
- [Some LCSD1 teachers "anxious, scared and nervous" about reopening schools \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [Teachers, parents question school reopening \(8/12/20\)](#)
- [High school fall sports season encounters no problems in opening week \(8/20/20\)](#)
- [Virtual, homeschool or in-person learning?: LCSD1 parents had to decide \(8/30/20\)](#)

Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

- [All school campuses in Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Guam, across Europe and stateside are closed. State \(4/2/20\)](#)
- [Here's some advice for military parents with extra worries about kids' fall education \(6/20/20\)](#)
- [DODEA gives update on reopening of base schools \(7/7/20 11:52am\)](#)
- [DoDEA Schools to Open Doors, with Some Opting for Virtual Attendance \(7/30/20\)](#)
- [DoDEA prepares to welcome students back to a safe and COVID-free environment \(8/10/20\)](#)
- [Defense Officials Brief on Opening DODEA Schools During COVID-19 \(8/13/20\)](#)
 - "Of the 45 DODEA schools in the Pacific region, 19 will open remotely. Of the 64 schools in Europe and the Middle East, two will open remotely. Of the 50 schools in the United States, 25 will open remotely. These 159 DODEA schools are located in seven states, two U.S. territories and 11 nations. The student population totals about 70,000."

Other Agencies and Organizations

US Department of Defense - <https://www.defense.gov/Explore/Spotlight/Coronavirus/>

- **New!** [MIC3 Department of Defense Memorandums and Information webpage](#)
- [Pentagon Reservation Plan for Resilience and Aligning with National Guidelines for *Opening Up America Again* \(5/26/20\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet – Travel Restrictions \(5/26/20\)](#)



- [Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions \(5/22/20\)](#)
- [Pentagon Gives Local Commanders Roadmap for Easing On-Base Coronavirus Restrictions \(5/20/20 5:53pm\)](#)
- The US Department of Defense has extended the [Stop Movement Order](#) to June 30, although the Pentagon will allow more than 30,000 families to move during the Stop Order (5/6/20)
 - <https://www.stripes.com/news/us/pentagon-allows-more-than-30-000-military-families-to-move-during-stop-movement-order-1.628722>
- [Military Moving Season Most Likely Extended to the End of the Year](#)
- [SecDef update to Travel Restrictions \(Stop Movement extended to June 30\) \(4/20/20\)](#)
 - [Memorandum](#) and [FAQ](#)

Bluestar Families - <https://bluestarfam.org/covid-19/>

Military One Source - <https://bit.ly/2X42zGE>

National Military Family Association - <https://www.militaryfamily.org/what-military-families-need-to-know-about-covid-19/>

Military Child Education Coalition - <https://www.militarychild.org/covid19>

Military One-Source - Coronavirus Updates for our Military Community
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/coronavirus>