

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

For your convenience, listed below are state education websites and information which address or provide guidance on the current school year which may include credits, classes, testing and graduation. While school campuses and facilities are closed for in-person instruction, the school year is still ongoing. Under guidance and collaboration with state officials, school districts are pursuing *non-traditional instruction* (NTI) options such as online learning, take-home materials or independent study which allows education to continue even though school buildings are closed.

In general:

- Status of school closure and openings for SY2019-20:
 - Forty-six (46) states and the District of Columbia have closed school campuses for the remainder of the school year. The remaining states have posted various school building closures dates – up until May 20.
 - Two states have released information on reopening of school campuses to finish the school year: Idaho's Board of Education is allowing schools to reopen if they meet certain safety protocols; and Montana's Governor stated schools may reopen on May 7. Governor Bullock also recommended districts continue to work with local health authorities in decision making.
 - Wyoming school closure date expires on May 18.
 - Tennessee Governor Bill Lee recommended schools remain closed until the end of the school year. He noted school closures are a district decision.
- Guidance is posted on state department of education, board of education, and/or local district websites:
 - Many states have sought federal waivers for state testing assessments for reading, math and science, while some have waived current year requirements. The US Department of Education is considering broader authority for states.
 - State departments and/or board of educations have modified graduation requirements or have provided guidance/clarification on academic credit and awarding of graduation diplomas. In several states, they note discretion is at the district level. Flexibility is highly encouraged overall.
 - Grade point averages (GPA), class rank and other factors are determined by the district, including the weighting of grades for honors or advanced placement courses.
 - Civic and other testing requirements vary by state. Civic education testing seems to still be required. However how this requirement will be met is district determined or will most likely be completed remotely. Some states are considering waivers at this time.
- The US Department of Defense has extended the [Stop Movement Order](#) to June 30.

Looking ahead, states and local officials are in the midst of reopening based on phase criteria. Several are already discussing if and how schools would/could reopen in the fall, which includes considering public health mandates, other criteria, and COVID-19 data to ensure public safety and health.

We try our best to maintain the information and links, though the situation changes rapidly. 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>



Education Commission of the States

- COVID-19 Update: State Policy Responses and Other Executive Actions to the Coronavirus in Public Schools - https://www.ecs.org/covid-19-update/

Education Week

- State by State Map of School Closures (5/6/20 5:25pm) https://www.edweek.org/ew/section/multimedia/map-coronavirus-and-school-closures.html

College Board Corona Virus Updates (4/5/20)

- Advanced Placement (AP) Testing Schedule and Information https://apstudents.collegeboard.org/coronavirus-updates
o Refer to the College Board for their full statement.
SAT and PSAT Coronavirus Testing Updates https://pages.collegeboard.org/sat-covid-19-updates

International Baccalaureate COVID-19 Updates (5/6/20)

- https://www.ibo.org/news/news-about-the-ib/covid-19-coronavirus-updates/

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) (4/24/20)

- https://www.nfhs.org/articles/copyright-covid-19-guidance/

State Department of Education Webpages and Information

Alabama

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/26/20 4:07pm)
https://www.al.com/news/2020/03/alabama-k-12-schools-can-finish-academic-year-at-home-ivey-says.html
State DOE: https://www.alsde.edu/covid-19

Alaska

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/9/20) https://gov.alaska.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/04092020-SOA-COVID-19-Health-Mandate-013.pdf
State DOE: https://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease

Arizona

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/30/20) https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2020/03/governor-ducey-superintendent-hoffman-announce-extension-school-closures
State DOE: https://www.azed.gov/communications/2020/03/10/guidance-to-schools-on-covid-19/

Arkansas

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/6/20) https://governor.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/executiveOrders/EO_20-03_.pdf
State DOE: http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information

California

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year. (4/24/20) https://www.cde.ca.gov/nr/ne/yr20/yr20rel25.asp
State DOE: https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp

Colorado



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- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/21/20 10:57am)
<https://coloradosun.com/2020/04/21/colorado-schools-closed-rest-of-year/>
- State DOE: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safedistrschools>

Connecticut

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (5/5/20)
<https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2020/05-2020/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Classes-at-Schools-Will-Remain-Canceled-for-the-Rest-of-the-Academic-Year>
- State DOE: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>

Delaware

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/24/20)
<https://news.delaware.gov/2020/04/24/delaware-schools-closed-through-academic-year/>
- State DOE: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/599>

District of Columbia

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/17/20 4:14pm)
<https://www.nbcwashington.com/news/local/dc-mayor-gives-schools-update-amid-coronavirus-crisis/2276944/>
- Public Schools: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>

Florida

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/18/20)
<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/04/18/florida-schools-to-remain-closed-through-rest-of-academic-year-governor-says/>
- State DOE: <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/>

Georgia

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/1/20)
<https://www.ajc.com/news/state--regional-education/schools-closed-until-fall/r7QgK2idaQ0681UafbW3XP/>
- Search by district - <https://www.georgiainsights.com/georgia-school-closures.html>
- State DOE: <https://www.georgiainsights.com/coronavirus.html>

Hawaii

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/17/20)
<https://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/2020/04/17/live-governor-superintendent-outline-plans-rest-school-year/>
- State DOE:
<http://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/MediaRoom/PressReleases/Pages/COVID-19-Information-Updates.aspx>

Idaho

- Board of Education allowing schools to reopen if they follow COVID-19 safety protocols (5/4/20)
https://www.khq.com/coronavirus/idaho-board-of-education-allowing-schools-to-reopen-if-they-follow-covid-19-safety-protocols/article_da1c38bc-8e6c-11ea-80f0-136734a64de6.html
- State DOE: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/resources-for-schools/>
- Idaho Board of Education: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>

Illinois

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/17/20 3:51pm)



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<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/pritzker-to-announce-illinois-schools-will-remain-closed-for-rest-of-school-year-sources/2257533/h>

- State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>

Indiana

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/2/20 2:41pm)
<https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/media/news-and-media/dewine-extends-school-closure-order>
- State DOE: <https://www.doe.in.gov/safety/health/covid-19-resources-indiana-schools>

Iowa

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/17/20 8:25pm)
<https://www.kcrg.com/content/news/Gov-Reynolds-announced-the-closure-of-schools-till-the-end-of-the-school-year-569729061.html>
- State DOE: <https://educateiowa.gov/article/2020/04/03/covid-19-guidance-and-information>

Kansas

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/17/20)
<https://www.ksde.org/Home/Quick-Links/News-Room/kansas-school-buildings-to-close-for-remainder-of-school-year-because-of-covid-19-1>
- 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>

Kentucky

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/20/20 5:55pm)
<https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/2020/04/20/kentucky-schools-closed-remainder-school-year-beshear-says/5114849002/>
- State DOE: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>

Louisiana

- School campus closure for the remainder of the school year (4/15/20 5:20pm)
<https://www.wafb.com/2020/04/09/gov-edwards-considering-closing-schools-through-end-academic-year/>
- State DOE: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>

Maine

- Commissioner of Education recommending schools remain closed for the remainder of the school year. (4/9/20)
 - <https://www.pressherald.com/2020/03/20/maine-schools-extend-closures-as-spread-of-covid-19-continues/>
 - <https://www.pressherald.com/2020/04/07/maine-recommends-schools-plan-to-use-remote-learning-for-rest-of-academic-year/#>
- State DOE: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19>

Maryland

- School campus closure for the remainder of the school year (5/6/20)
<http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- State DOE: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>

Massachusetts

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/21/20)
- <https://www.mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-extension-of-school-and-non-emergency-child-care-0>



- State DOE: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>

Michigan

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/2/20)
https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90640-524028--,00.html
- State DOE: https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_53456---,00.html

Minnesota

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/23/20)
<https://kttc.com/2020/04/23/breaking-walz-announces-minnesota-schools-will-stay-closed-some-businesses-allowed-to-reopen/>
- State DOE: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>

Mississippi

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/14/20)
<https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19h>
- State DOE: <https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19>

Missouri

- School campus closure for the remainder of the school year (4/9/20 4:45pm)
<https://www.kcur.org/post/missouri-governor-orders-schools-remain-closed-rest-academic-year-due-covid-19#stream/0>
- State DOE: <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>

Montana

- Governor Bullock to allow schools option to reopen as early as May 7. (4/23/20)
<https://www.kbzk.com/news/local-news/governor-bullock-to-allow-montana-schools-option-to-reopen>
- School Districts Decision on COVID-19 Closures
<https://nbcmontana.com/news/coronavirus/school-districts-decision-on-covid-19-closures>
- State DOE: <http://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information>

Nebraska

- School campus closure through May 31 (4/1/20 9:54pm)
<https://www.3newsnow.com/news/coronavirus/gov-ricketts-directs-nebraska-schools-to-operate-without-students-through-may-31>
- Search by district -<https://www.education.ne.gov/publichealth/known-school-closures/>
- State DOE: <https://www.education.ne.gov/publichealth/resources/>

Nevada

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/23/20)
https://www.fox5vegas.com/coronavirus/gov-sisolak-announces-phased-reopening-for-nevada-schools-to-stay-closed/article_14cf7288-840b-11ea-9530-2bc65c09944c.html
- State DOE: <http://www.doe.nv.gov>

New Hampshire

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/16/20 7:18pm)
<https://www.fosters.com/news/20200416/nh-schools-directed-to-remain-closed-for-rest-of-academic-year>
- State DOE: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/commissioner/covid-19>

New Jersey



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- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (5/5/20) <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562020/approved/20200504a.shtml>
- State DOE: <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>

New Mexico

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/27/20) <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/NMPED-Press-Release-032720.pdf>
- State DOE: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/covid-19-coronavirus/>

New York

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (5/1/20) <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-schools-and-college-facilities>
- State DOE: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>

North Carolina

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/25/20 2:31pm) <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/article242260041.html>
- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources>

North Dakota

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (5/1/20) https://bismarcktribune.com/news/local/health/north-dakota-schools-to-continue-distance-education-saturday-testing-planned-at-bismarck-event-center/article_4d0f819a-d3cd-516c-bcaa-a4ed0d213c4b.html
- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.nd.gov/dpi/nddpi-updates-and-guidance-covid-19>

Ohio

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/23/20) <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
- State DOE: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>

Oklahoma

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/25/20 6:45pm) <https://www.koco.com/article/oklahoma-board-of-education-meets-to-discuss-distance-learning-plan-during-covid-19-pandemic/31925470#>
- State DOE: <https://sde.ok.gov/newsblog/2020-03-12/coronaviruscovid-19-faqs-oklahoma-public-schools>

Oregon

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/8/20) <https://www.oregonlive.com/coronavirus/2020/04/oregon-schools-will-remain-closed-for-the-rest-of-the-academic-year.html>
- State DOE: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/COVID19.aspx>

Pennsylvania

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/9/20) <https://www.governor.pa.gov/newsroom/governor-wolf-extends-school-closure-for-remainder-of-academic-year/>
- State DOE: <https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>



Rhode Island

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/22/20 2:50pm)
<https://patch.com/rhode-island/cranston/coronavirus-ri-raimondo-closes-schools-rest-year>
- State DOE: <https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/Covid19.aspx>

South Carolina

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/22/20)
https://www.foxcarolina.com/news/governor-and-superintendent-of-education-opt-to-keep-sc-schools-closed-through-end-of-school/article_1cb36502-8499-11ea-88ce-2f479625f153.html
- State DOE: <https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-and-south-carolina-schools/>

South Dakota

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/6/20)
- <https://ktiv.com/2020/04/06/watch-live-at-2pm-gov-noem-to-give-update-on-covid-19-in-south-dakota/>
- State DOE: <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>

Tennessee

- Governor wants Tennessee school buildings closed for the rest of the school year. (4/15/20)
<https://chalkbeat.org/posts/tn/2020/04/15/governor-wants-tennessee-school-buildings-closed-for-rest-of-academic-year/>
- State DOE: <https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>
- Tennessee State Board of Education FAQs:
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/covid19/Emergency_Rules_FAQv2.pdf
- Tennessee Department of State – Division of Publications, Emergency Rules:
<https://tnsos.org/rules/EmergencyRules.php>

Texas

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/17/20 5:00pm)
<https://www.elpasotimes.com/story/news/education/2020/04/17/abbott-orders-texas-schools-closed-rest-19-20-school-year-covid-19-coronavirus/5152904002/>
- Education Agency: <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/coronavirus-covid-19-support-and-guidance>

Utah

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/14/20)
<https://www.upr.org/post/utah-school-closures-continue-through-school-year>
- State Board of Education: <https://schools.utah.gov/coronavirus>

Vermont

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/27/20 5:19pm)
<https://www.wcax.com/content/news/Vermont-students-will-not-return-to-school-this-school-year-569139611.html>
- State Agency of Education: <https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools>

Virginia

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (3/23/20)
<https://www.governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/all-releases/2020/march/headline-855292-en.html>
- Public Schools: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19.shtml



Washington

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/6/20)
<https://komonews.com/news/coronavirus/gov-inslee-state-schools-superintendent-to-make-special-announcement>
- Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.k12.wa.us/about-osp/press-releases/novel-coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-resources>

West Virginia

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/21/20 9:55pm)
<https://pittsburgh.cbslocal.com/2020/04/21/west-virginia-schools-closed-for-rest-of-academic-year/>
- State DOE: <https://wvde.us/covid19/>

Wisconsin

- School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year (4/16/20 2:44pm)
<https://waow.com/2020/04/16/schools-closed-remained-of-2019-2020-school-year-in-wisconsin/>
- Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>

Wyoming

- Governor Mark Gordon extended school closures until May 18. (Schools allowed to reopen as early as May 18, barring further extensions) (4/29/20)
<https://www.ypradio.org/post/wyoming-coronavirus-and-covid-19-news#stream/0>
- State Education Superintendent Balow seeks to clarify funding, closures, and limited re-opening options for districts
<https://oilcity.news/wyoming/education/2020/05/10/state-education-superintendent-balow-seeks-to-clarify-funding-closures-and-limited-re-opening-options-for-districts/>
- State DOE: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/covid-19-resources/>

Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

- All school campuses in Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Guam, across Europe and stateside are closed. State (4/2/2020) - <https://www.dodea.edu/coronavirus.cfm>

Other Agencies and Organizations

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>

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

- SecDef Update to Travel Restrictions (Stop Movement extended to June 30) (4/20/20)
<https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/2156918/update-to-travel-restrictions/>
- Memorandum - <https://media.defense.gov/2020/Apr/20/2002284632/-1/-1/1/MODIFICATION-AND-REISSUANCE-OF-DOD-RESPONSE-TO-CORONAVIRUS-DISEASE-2019-TRAVEL-RESTRICTIONS.PDF>
- FAQ - <https://media.defense.gov/2020/Mar/19/2002266939/-1/-1/1/COVID-19-TRAVEL-RESTRICTIONS-FAQ.pdf>