



**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. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have released guidance for districts on school reopening, and several have released additional or updated guidance. When and how schools have reopened are largely determined by local district, board of education and health authorities - although in some states, school reopening was determined by the Governor. 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.

Reopening options included one or a combination of the following: virtual or remote learning; in-person; or a hybrid. Districts continue to adjust plans as state status' and COVID-19 data is updated, and they are prepared for any changes that may arise. A drop in school enrollment has been reported across multiple states, attributed to lower than expected Kindergarten enrollment where parents didn't enroll their kids in school or are choosing to delay their kids' start. In turn, the lower numbers impact school budgets which determine the state funding districts receive.

A hot topic is the status of high school sports and other extra-curricular activities, with many states delaying or altering the Fall sports season. Several states recently reversed initial decisions and have flipped some sports back to the fall with others reconsidering based on feedback from parents and communities. For the most [current list](#), visit the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) website.

The Department of Defense is now lifting travel restrictions based on local conditions at installations and provides updated information [here](#).

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

New! [Covidschooltracker.com](#) (School COVID-19 case data by state)

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

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

- [What Congressional COVID Funding Means for K-12 Schools \(Updated 9/10/20\)](#)

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

- [US Status \(10/15/20\) *Worldwide data by country also posted](#)
- As of October 1, 42 states and territories have some type of mandated mask requirement.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

- [Preparing K-12 Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020 \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [Operating Schools During COVID \(9/1/20\)](#)
- [Schools and Childcare Programs: Plan, Prepare, and Respond \(Updated 10/16/20\)](#)

Education Commission of the States

- [COVID-19 Update: State Policy Responses and Other Executive Actions to the Coronavirus in Public Schools \(9/30/20\)](#)

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



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

International Baccalaureate COVID-19 (Updated 10/6/20)

National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

- [Updated Guidance for Fall \(8/31/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Releases Guidelines for Return to High School Marching Band Activities \(6/9/20\)](#)
- [Status of State Association Activity Restrictions \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [Fall 2020 Guidance for Music Education \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Sports Medicine Position Statements and Guidelines \(7/9/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Performing Arts COVID-19 Resources \(8/3/20\)](#)
- [NFHS and NAFME: Copyright for Distance Learning \(9/10/20\)](#)
- [Sports Seasons Modification Update \(Updated 10/6/20\)](#)



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 \(6/26/20 12:31pm\)](#)
- [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)
- [AHSAA Releases Best Practices Document and Fall Sports Rule Modifications \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [Changes coming to quarantine protocols in Alabama schools \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [ADPH to change quarantine rules for schools, parents concerned \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [Alabama schools soon required to disclose COVID-19 numbers online \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Alabama Dept. of Health updates coronavirus toolkit for schools \(10/13/20\)](#)
- [State ranks all but one county in north Alabama as high or very high risk for coronavirus \(10/16/20\)](#)

Alaska

- State DOE: <https://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease>
- [Alaska's Smart Start for K-12 Schools and Framework](#)
- [ASAA COVID-19 Resources](#)
- [Tracking COVID-19 in Alaska \(10/11/20\)](#)
- [Hundreds of potential coronavirus quarantines around Alaska in the wake of youth hockey tournament \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Gruening: When will our schools reopen? \(10/16/20\)](#)

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 changes in Arizona's COVID-19 benchmarks for schools, businesses \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in Arizona on Oct 12 \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in Arizona on Oct 18: 742 new cases, three new deaths reported \(10/18/20\)](#)
- [Gov. Ducey talks about ongoing COVID-19 pandemic as number of new cases increase in Arizona \(10/15/20\)](#)

Arkansas



- State DOE: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information>
 - [Arkansas Back-to-School Playbook](#)
- [State releases 'Arkansas ready to Learn Healthy School Guide \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [Schools, parents struggle to keep kids learning \(10/11/20\)](#)
- [U of A to Assist in ENGAGE Arkansas Initiative to Help Struggling Students \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [COVID 'red zones' double in Arkansas schools \(10/15/20\)](#)
- [Five things to know about covid-19 in Arkansas \(10/16/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Governor Gavin Newsom Issues New Reopening Guidance \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Quick Guide: What California's color-coded county tracking system means for schools \(8/31/20\)](#)
 - [BluePrint for a Safer Economy \(8/28/20\)](#)
- [COVID testing of teachers, staff hotly debated as California schools reopen \(9/18/20\)](#)
- [Quick Guide: What California's color-coded county tracking systems means for schools \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [California coronavirus updates \(10/16/20\)](#)

Colorado

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safedistrschools>
 - [A Framework and Toolkit for District Leaders \(5/7/20\)](#)
- [FAQ: How Colorado high school football plans to return amid the coronavirus pandemic \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [39 active coronavirus outbreaks associated with Colorado schools \(10/1/20\)](#)
- [Colorado's high school football season begins Thursday \(10/8/20\)](#)
- ["They silenced us": Colorado-parents-turned-teachers want schools, lawmakers to give them a voice \(10/19/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Gov. Lamont Said He Would Like to See High School Football Later in the Year: State's Positivity Rate Remains Low \(9/8/20\)](#)
- [10/9: COVID-19 Cases Affect Several Schools in Conn. \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [Website Lists Every CT School That Reported Positive COVID-19 Cases \(10/10/20\)](#)
- [More CT Schools Transition to Remote Learning Amid COVID-19 \(10/18/20\)](#)
- ["It's been a learning curve for everybody": High school coaches, administrators continue to learn and adapt to a fall season online any other \(10/15/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Delaware Board of Education Green-Lights Return of Fall Sports \(9/18/20\)](#)
- [State of Delaware Announces School Testing Locations \(10/2/20\)](#)
- [Governor Carney Issues revision to Omnibus COVID-19 Order \(10/10/20\)](#)

District of Columbia



- Public Schools: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>
- [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](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Oct. 11 \(10/15/20\)](#)
- [Some school districts across DC region are struggling with COVID-19 transparency \(10/15/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Florida Governor says closing schools to stop spread of COVID-19 was a mistake \(10/2/20\)](#)
- [Florida's schools still face some tough choices \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus : Florida reports 1,707 new cases, passes 16,000 resident deaths \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in schools: Florida releases latest among COVID-19 cases among students, staff \(10/14/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [High school football kicks off in Georgia amid COVID-19 \(9/6/20\)](#)
- [SAT score waived for UGA, other Georgia college admissions, but still required for scholarships \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [Georgia teachers' association files suit against the state over school reopenings \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [A look at major coronavirus developments over the past week \(10/17/20\)](#)

Hawaii

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3eExX4i>
 - [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#)
- [Return to Learn \(7/2/20\)](#)
- [Hawaii's public schools opt for different approaches this quarter \(10/10/20\)](#)
- [The state is still developing its online plan for how to handle COVID-19 cases on campuses \(10/2/20\)](#)
- [Hawaii public schools report 10 coronavirus cases, mostly off campus \(10/17/20\)](#)

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 \(7/21/20, 9:41 AM\)](#)
- [Idaho COVID-19 cases surging \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Idaho Schools to Get Rapid COVID-19 Tests Firsts, State Preps for Vaccine \(10/2/20\)](#)
- [With Idaho schools reopening, children's coronavirus case numbers double in two months \(10/17/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Illinois Coronavirus Updates: Region 7 Mitigations, Future of High School Sports \(9/16/20\)](#)
- [Illinois has had COVID-19 Outbreaks in 44 Schools but Won't Say Where They've Occurred \(10/8/20\)](#)



- [High school football is the new battleground for COVID-19 school reopenings \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [School nurses in Illinois carry 'fierce' workload during coronavirus pandemic \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [Illinois coronavirus updates: State sets 1-day record of new cases, Chicago Public Schools' Plan \(10/16/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Statewide COVID-19 map offers guidance for Indiana schools \(9/5/20\)](#)
- [SBOE to Consider Changing How Indiana Calculates School funding this Fall \(9/1/20\)](#)
- [Indiana Coronavirus dashboard Lacks Data From More Than 1,000 Schools \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [5 takeaways from his week's state data about COVID-19 in schools \(10/16/20\)](#)

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 \(7/24/20, 1:14 PM\)](#)
- [Guidance change could make move to online learning harder for Iowa Schools \(9/8/20\)](#)
- [Iowa Dept. Of Education: COVID-19 Guidance and Information \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [Gov. Kim Reynolds required in-person instruction, but isn't reporting virus cases in Iowa schools \(10/11/20\)](#)
- [Iowa reports another 6 COVID-19 deaths, 508 total confirmed cases, bringing total tests above 900,000 \(10/19/20\)](#)

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>
 - [Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations \(7/15/20\)](#)
- [For Kansas schools, challenge will be ensuring special education students aren't left behind \(9/13/20\)](#)
- [More Kansas counties enter COVID school red zone \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [Kansas hiring consultant to assist districts dealing with COVID-19 \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [More than 80% of Kansas counties now reporting COVID-19 case rates in the red zone \(10/13/20\)](#)

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 \(5/15/20\)](#)
- [High school sports in Kentucky restart with COVID-19 safety measures \(Updated 9/8/20\)](#)
- [Fall break means new COVID guidance for some Kentucky schools \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [New K-12 COVID-19 Dashboard Live for Kentucky Schools to Self-Report Data \(10/5/20\)](#)
- [More than 200 Kentucky schools have not reported COVID-19 data in the last two weeks, Lt. Gov. says \(10/13/20\)](#)
- ["Athletics is a concern." As Kentucky coronavirus cases escalate, JCPS looking at possibility of suspending athletics. \(10/19/20\)](#)

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 \(6/25/20\)](#)



- [Performance of Louisiana school will not be fully updated on annual 'report cards' in 2020 \(9/21/20\)](#)
- [Louisiana schools report nearly 500 additional coronavirus cases in K-12 schools \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [What we know about coronavirus in Louisiana: A few trends have emerged as schools reopen \(10/3/20\)](#)
- [Louisiana health official says low number of coronavirus cases tied to in-school learning "encouraging" \(10/16/20\)](#)
- [Ka'Mauri Act passes House, moves to Senate Education Committee \(10/14/20\)](#)
 - Bill mandates school districts to write policies specifically for online learning

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](#)
- [No football, volleyball to be played at Maine high schools this fall \(9/11/20\)](#)
- [Maine Education Commissioner provides update as students return to classrooms \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [Maine schools reporting COVID-19 cases, including an outbreak in York County \(9/28/20\)](#)
- [Maine CDC reports 29 additional COVID-19 cases, no new deaths \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Officials unveil dashboard of coronavirus cases in Maine schools \(10/14/20\)](#)

Maryland

- State DOE: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- [A State Plan Outlines How Schools Could Change in Maryland \(5/7/20 6:56pm\)](#)
 - [Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)
- [Maryland State Department of Education Announces Additional COVID-19 Relief Grants for Maryland Schools and Universities \(9/9/20\)](#)
- [School Boards Across Maryland Consider How to Safely Bring Students Back Amid Coronavirus Pandemic \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Oct. 11 \(10/15/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Reopening Massachusetts Public Schools \(9/3/20\)](#)
- [More than 150 students, staff at Mass. Schools tests positive for COVID-19 in past week \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [Is This Still Soccer? \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [160 at Massachusetts Schools Test Positive for Coronavirus Last Week \(10/16/20\)](#)
- [15-year-old Massachusetts student creates nationwide website to track COVID cases in schools to help people 'stay more informed' \(10/14/20\)](#)

Michigan

- State DOE: https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_53456---,00.html
- [Michigan State University publishes guide for K-12 schools reopening amid pandemic \(6/18/20 11:43am\)](#)
 - [Re-Opening Schools During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Michigan schools face 'no-win situation' over reopening classrooms, officials say \(10/18/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in Michigan: Here's what to know Oct. 16, 2020](#)

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](#)
- [Sept. 17 update on COVID-19 in MN: School guidance map shifts again \(9/17/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus Outbreaks: MN Health Dept. Updates Schools Affected \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus surge may push more MN schools to close \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus outbreaks hit three metro schools amid continued spread around MN \(10/15/20\)](#)
- [Minnesota Reports Record Level of New Coronavirus Cases \(10/16/20\)](#)

Mississippi

- State DOE: <https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19>
 - [Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools, June-August 2020](#)
- [Positive COVID cases in Mississippi schools \(9/8/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 cases in Mississippi increase significantly \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [Mississippi is getting devices to every child. That's just the first step. \(10/1/20\)](#)

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>
- [DESE, DHSS release FAQs on school re-opening \(8/17/20\)](#)
- [Missouri Board of Education has lengthy discussion about the state of charter schools \(9/21/20\)](#)
- [Missouri's school nurses are on the front lines of COVID-19 response within classrooms \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Missouri schools have a few days left to request rapid COVID-19 tests from the state \(10/15/20\)](#)

Montana

- State DOE: <http://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information>
- [School Districts Decision on COVID-19 Closures \(4/14/20\)](#)
 - [The 3 Phases of Reopening Schools](#)
- [Guide to the 2020 Class A football season \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Montana resumes football activities as fall practice schedule, spring season slowly take shape \(9/12/20\)](#)
- [Coping with COVID-19 in class \(10/4/20\)](#)
- [As COVID surges in Montana, health officials try to balance public buy-in with stricter measures \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [School COVID-19 cases continue steady increase in Montana \(10/15/20\)](#)

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 \(7/20/20\)](#)
- [Higher COVID-19 numbers prompt Nebraska health experts to emphasize safety measures \(10/4/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus changes state volleyball tournament plans \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Nebraska reimposes some public health restrictions as COVID-19 cases soar \(10/17/20\)](#)
- [Nebraska's surge in COVID-19 cases spurs debate over how to best fight pandemic \(10/19/20\)](#)

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 \(7/23/20\)](#)
- [State announces free COVID-19 tests for all public-school employees \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [Nevada Commission to explore goals for optimal education funding \(9/19/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 quarantine numbers down at Nevada schools \(9/28/20\)](#)
- [Sisolak clears way for youth, adult sports to resume; high schools, college, pros not included \(10/2/20\)](#)
- [This Week in COVID-19: Washoe leads Nevada with state's highest case rate; deaths see jump \(10/19/20\)](#)

New Hampshire

- State DOE: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/commissioner/covid-19>
 - [New Hampshire Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance \(July 2020\)](#)
- [NHIAA moving ahead on fall sports, putting safety first \(7/26/20\)](#)
- [Health Officials: 500 Active Cases of COVID-19 in New Hampshire \(10/3/20\)](#)
- [NH School Superintendents Warn Lawmakers About Staff and Budget Shortfalls \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [New Hampshire shuts down hockey after positive COVID- tests for 158 people associated with the sport \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [In New Hampshire, 99% of COVID-19 tests offer a negative result \(10/18/20\)](#)

New Jersey

- State DOE: <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- [NJ Schools reopening in fall with students back in classrooms \(6/26/20 5:43pm\)](#)
 - [The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education](#)
- [Did your kid fall behind during the pandemic? N.J. Schools to unveil new "Start Strong" exam to find out. \(9/11/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 impacts four more New Jersey high school athletics programs \(9/21/20\)](#)
- [NJ Starts Reporting Coronavirus Outbreaks and Cases in Schools \(10/1/20\)](#)
- [What it could mean for schools as NJ braces for second COVID-19 wave \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Kids and teachers have now caught coronavirus in 16 schools, NJ officials say \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Latest coronavirus updates in New Jersey: Monday, October 19, 2020](#)

New Mexico

- State DOE: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/covid-19-coronavirus/>
 - [New Mexico Releases Plan for Reopening Public Schools \(6/23/20 1:03pm\)](#)
- [NMAA announces revised 2020-21 sports calendar \(7/15/20, 3:29PM\)](#)
- [School Air Filters to be Upgraded Across New Mexico \(9/12/20\)](#)
- [Public Education Dept. Confirms 15 Positive COVID-19 Cases at NM Public Schools \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [Schools Allege Education Overreach by NM Education Secretary \(10/10/20\)](#)
- [NMPED COVID-19 Update: 13 staff and 7 students test positive in New Mexico Public Schools in Last 24 Hours \(10/16/20\)](#)

New York

- State DOE: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>
- [NY State Education Department releases framework for school reopening plans \(7/13/20\)](#)
 - [Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewing the Spirit of New York's Schools \(7/13/20\)](#)
- [Governor Cuomo Launches "The COVID-29 Report Card," An Online Dashboard Tracking Real-Time COVID-19 Infections and Testing Operations of Every New York School and School District \(9/8/20\)](#)
- [Review class: A primer on where high schools' sports now stand in NY \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [New York launches website that tracks COVID-19 in all schools \(9/21/20\)](#)
- [Number of New York schools closed by COVID-19 mounts \(10/9/20\)](#)



- [Governor Cuomo Announces State Will Withhold Funds to Localities and School in COVID-19 Cluster Zones That Fail to Enforce Public Health Law \(10/14/20\)](#)
- [Substitute shortage, quarantines add up to trouble for NY schools \(10/19/20\)](#)

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 public schools now able to implement Plan A for elementary schools \(9/18/20\)](#)
- [In Race for NC Superintendent, the Issue of Reopening Schools Amid Pandemic Loom Large \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [NC reports smallest increase in new COVID-19 cases in 2 weeks \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [NC residents don't want to rush reopening of schools and business, new poll finds \(10/19/20\)](#)

North Dakota

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3gcb3S2>
 - [North Dakota K-12 Smart Start Restart Guidance \(May 2020\)](#)
- [NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines \(7/24/20\)](#)
- [Minot school administrators address attendance policies amid potential quarantines \(9/11/20\)](#)
- [ND schools getting cloth masks to fight COVID-19 \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [New and active COVID-19 cases reach new highs in North Dakota; school decision addressed \(10/17/20\)](#)

Ohio

- State DOE: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
 - [Reset and Restart Education: Planning Guide for Ohio's Schools and Districts](#)
- [New OHSAA executive director Doug Ute: 'Full steam ahead' for winter sports \(9/9/20\)](#)
- [Ohio's coronavirus death toll passes 5,000 \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [596 new COVID cases in Ohio schools as four local schools lead state total \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Schools could have to go totally remote: Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine Issues COVID-19 warning amid statewide spike \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [Ohio schools saw 869 new COVID cases this past week \(10/15/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Hofmeister: 'Not Acceptable' That So Many School Districts Are Failing to Require Masks \(9/1/20\)](#)
- [More than 180 school districts in Oklahoma are reporting COVID-19 cases \(9/9/20\)](#)
- [A month into the fall semester, State Impact Oklahoma has tracked hundreds of COVID-19 cases in schools \(9/10/20\)](#)
- [State breaks commitment to students to save \\$1.9M \(9/19/20\)](#)
- [OKC students' return to school all but confirmed with new COVID-198 data \(10/10/20\)](#)
- [State School Board officials say schools are getting a handle on COVID in the classroom \(10/2/20\)](#)

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 \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [17 Oregon counties can start in-person classes for young children – but teachers aren't ready \(9/6/20\)](#)



- [Thousands of Oregon families choose new online programs for school \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [14 Oregon schools reporting coronavirus cases, state says \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [52 COVID-19 cases reported in 25 Oregon schools \(10/16/20\)](#)
- [How Oregon school districts track attendance during COVID \(10/16/20\)](#)

Pennsylvania

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3dG9fzb>
- [Wolf Administration Outlines Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools \(6/3/20\)](#)
 - [Preliminary Guidance](#)
- [GOP Introduces COVID-19 Liability Shield for Schools \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [School Nurses find themselves on the frontlines of COVID-19 fight \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Pennsylvania COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard Update for Oct 9-Oct 15 \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [PA names 21 counties that bear watching for coronavirus; statewide, positive rate is rising \(10/19/20\)](#)

Rhode Island

- State DOE: <https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/Covid19.aspx>
 - [Reimagining RI Education: Fall Reopening Plan Framework, SY20-21 \(5/22/20\)](#)
- [RI opens comprehensive school testing program for COVID-19 \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [Across R.I., school year begins on a different course \(9/15/20\)](#)
- [Inside the Command Center Aiming to Help RI Schools Navigate COVID \(10/1/20\)](#)
- [When does COVID-19 close a school in RI? It depends. \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Raimondo reassures Rhode Islanders it's safe to be in school \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Raimondo will announce new restrictions in response to uptick in coronavirus cases \(10/14/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [How the pandemic may turn 2020 high school football to a more digital season \(9/21/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus live updates: Here's what to know in South Carolina on Oct. 12. \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [DHEC reports 1,483 COVID-19 cases associated with South Carolina schools \(10/16/20\)](#)

South Dakota

- State DOE: <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>
- [SDHSAA approved non-binding summer guidance rules \(5/28/20 1:00pm\)](#)
 - [South Dakota's Back to Normal Plan](#)
- [SD's open enrollment rules waived for fall sports \(8/26/20\)](#)
- [South Dakota High School Activities Association amends constitution \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [COVID Update for Sept. 21: South Dakota's Grade K-12 Schools Saw 261 New Cases Last Week \(9/21/20\)](#)
- [The coronavirus left SD schools with almost no data on if students are learning \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [COVID Update for Oct. 12: South Dakota Sees 359 New Cases \(10/12/20\)](#)

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 \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [TN Parent sues school over mask mandate, could force Gov. Lee to issue a statewide order \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [Tennessee schools receive rapid test kits for COVID-19 \(9/30/20\)](#)
- [Gov. Lee Calls For Temporary Suspension of Accountability Measures for 2020-2021 \(10/16/20\)](#)

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 \(7/7/20\)](#)
- [0.21% of Texas Students Confirmed Positive for Coronavirus After Returning to Classrooms \(9/17/20\)](#)
- [With Texas schools struggling to find lost students, state offers temporary financial reprieve \(10/1/20\)](#)
- [Texas rolls out COVID-19 rapid testing to schools \(10/14/20\)](#)
- [Texas to release school-specific COVID-19 data within weeks \(10/15/20\)](#)

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 \(7/9/20\)](#)
- [High school athletics off to a cautious start in Utah \(9/9/20\)](#)
- [Utah Education Association sends frustrated letter to governor amid school COVID-19 sikes \(9/19/20\)](#)
- [Here's a look at the exhaustive work of tracing COVID outbreaks in Utah schools \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [Utah OK's shorter quarantine for students exposed to COVID-19 at school \(10/9/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 is fueling a shift to outdoor classrooms \(10/11/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in Utah \(10/18/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [What can you expect from Vermont high school sports to begin competition \(8/31/20, Updated 9/1/20\)](#)
- [An Incredibly Stressful Time: Vt. Secretary of Education on Reopening Schools \(9/10/20\)](#)
- [State officials remain vague on start date for H.S. sports \(9/18/20\)](#)
- [School enrollment increases as families move to Vermont \(10/8/20\)](#)
- [Positive COVID-19 cases reported at Vermont schools \(10/13/20\)](#)

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 \(7/27/20, 7:56AM\)](#)
- [Thousands Fail to Enroll in VA Public Schools \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Oct. 11 \(10/15/20\)](#)

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 \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [How will Washington schools handle COVID-19 cases?](#)
- [Washington state kindergarten enrollment drops 14% as schools close during the pandemic. Where are those children? \(10/7/20\)](#)
- [Washington GOP: School districts feel unheard in pandemic \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Schools in Washington state, Idaho report COVID-19 outbreaks \(10/19/20\)](#)

West Virginia

- State DOE: <https://wvde.us/covid19/>
 - [West Virginia School Re-entry & Recovery Guidance](#)
- [School COVID-19 map: Six counties in red or orange for next week; 3 counties in new gold category \(9/19/20\)](#)
- [Virus death toll nearing 400 in West Virginia \(10/13/20\)](#)
- [West Virginia teachers union seeks to toss school virus map \(10/5/20\)](#)
- [WV DOE updates statewide COVID-19 map for schools \(10/17/20\)](#)

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](#)
- [Wisconsin Releases Guidelines for Reopening K-12 Schools \(8/19/20\)](#)
- [Western Wisconsin high schools giving fall sports a shot \(8/25/20\)](#)
- [Wisconsin's largest teachers unions again ask state leaders to move all schools to virtual-only instruction \(10/1/20\)](#)
- [WEAC president tells state legislators to 'stop ignoring the problem' of COVID-19 in schools \(10/6/20\)](#)
- [Staffing Wisconsin schools is a 'nightmare' amid teacher unease, substitute shortage and quarantines \(10/12/20\)](#)
- [Wisconsin DPI records a 3% drop in public school enrollment amid-COVID-19 pandemic \(10/16/20\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in Wisconsin: Yet another record of positive cases in Wisconsin \(10/16/20\)](#)

Wyoming

- State DOE: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/covid-19-resources/> (school district closure list)
 - [State releases initial guidance for fall reopening of K-12 schools \(7/1/20\)](#)
- [High school fall sports season encounters no problems in opening week \(8/20/20\)](#)
- ["Keeping Schools Open is Going to be the Much Greater Challenge." Wyoming Students Return \(9/14/20\)](#)
- [Wyoming changing COVID rules for schools; mask wearers won't have to quarantine \(9/29/20\)](#)
- [Wyoming High School football activities suspended amid positive COVID-19 test results \(10/6/20\)](#)

Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

- [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."
- ["I get to actually meet my friends": More DODEA students return to class as virus threat eases \(9/28/20\)](#)



- [Students on US military bases in South Korea return to classrooms after starting year online \(10/5/20\)](#)
- [DODEA-Europe cuts basketball and wrestling, adds volleyball and weightlifting \(10/5/20\)](#)
- [Regional Health Command Europe and DoDEA Europe work to keep children safe \(10/16/20\)](#)
- [DODEA to reopen Guam schools; GDOE sticks to January \(10/17/20\)](#)

Other Agencies and Organizations

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

- [MIC3 Department of Defense Memorandums and Information webpage](#)
- [New! Latest DOD Guidance \(10/19/20\)](#)
- [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://www.militaryonesource.mil/coronavirus>

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>