



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

It's been busy several weeks for the new administration with President Biden issuing an executive order [requiring masks on federal property](#), as well as [airports, trains, ships, and intercity buses](#), and [pushing for school reopening](#).

Under newly released guidance by the CDC, state leaders and local officials continue to reassess the impact of COVID-19 while trying to maintain community safety and health. In most states, the number of cases has decreased, and vaccination distribution has steadily increased. While many districts and schools are still in remote learning, many plan for students to return to school in March or after spring break. In addition, a number of districts reported they have returned to in-person or hybrid learning.

In late February, the U.S. Department of Education released guidance to states emphasizing the importance of flexibility in administering assessments this year as a result of the pandemic and supporting the use of assessment data as a source of information for parents and educators to target resources and support, rather than for accountability purposes this year. person learning or are in a hybrid plan.

Educators and families continue to express concern regarding: the impact of the pandemic and remote learning environment on students; academic regression; and the overall mental health and well-being of students – with several states indicating interest in examining the short and long-term effects of the pandemic on children.

States continue to focus on vaccine distribution. President Biden recently announced his goal to get educators the vaccine this month. Though vaccine supply has been slow, the administration is working on ramping up supply to meet the demand. Other legislative COVID related issues include adoption or consideration of [vaccination mandates](#) and [COVID-liability waivers](#). In addition, a [new bill in Kentucky](#) could give high school seniors an athletic do-over, and a [new Michigan bill](#) would limit impact of test scores amid the pandemic.

While the continued impact of pandemic is unclear, districts continue to adjust plans as state status' and COVID-19 data is updated. One constant is schools remain flexible and are preparing for any changes that may arise.

*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

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

#### Statewide vaccination plans as of January 21

#### **Biden Administration**

- Executive Order: [On Protecting the Federal Work force and Requiring Mask-Wearing \(1/20/21\)](#)
- [Biden Details Plan for Reopening Schools \(1/21/21\)](#)
- [Lifelong Educator, Miguel Cardona, Confirmed As Education Secretary \(3/1/21\)](#)
- [Biden Administration Steps Up Push for Reopening \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### **U.S. Department of Education COVID-19 Information & Resources** <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

- [What Congressional COVID Funding Means for K-12 Schools \(Updated 3/4/21\)](#)
- [Guidance to States on Assessing Student Learning During the Pandemic \(2/22/21\)](#)



### **Pacific Disaster Center – COVID-19 Global Pandemic Dashboard** \*Worldwide data by country also posted

- [US Status \(12/17/20\)](#) - 48 states and territories have some type of mandated mask requirement.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**

Executive summaries from the COVID-19 vaccine playbooks, a crucial step in the overall U.S. government effort to develop, distribute, and administer COVID-19 vaccines.

- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Operational Guidance, v2.0 \(10/29/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccination Program Interim Playbook for Jurisdictions Operations Annex \(January 2020\)](#)
- [Schools and Childcare Programs: Plan, Prepare, and Respond \(Updated 1/20/21\)](#)
- [CDC director says schools can safely reopen without vaccinating teachers \(2/3/21\)](#)
- [Operating Schools During COVID-19: CDC Considerations \(2/11/21\)](#)

### **Education Commission of the States**

- [Key Issues: COVID \(Seven Part Series\)](#) – tracks state education policies related to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; this series provides overviews on key issues facing education leaders.
  - [Changes to State Graduation Requirements](#)
- [ECS COVID-19 Blog](#) – Quick reads on COVID-19 education topics

### **College Board Corona Virus Updates**

- [2021 Advanced Placement \(AP\) Testing and Exams](#)
- [SAT and PSAT Coronavirus Updates](#)
  - [SAT Discontinues Subject Tests and Optional Essay \(1/19/21\)](#)

### **[International Baccalaureate COVID-19 \(Updated 1/6/21\)](#)**

### **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 \(8/9/20\)](#)
- [NFHS and NAFME: Copyright for Distance Learning \(9/10/20\)](#)
- [Sports Season Modifications Update \(10/23/20\)](#)
- [Course: COVID-19 for Coaches and Administrators](#)
- [NFHS Performing Arts COVID-19 Resources \(11/13/20\)](#)
- [Winter Sports Seasons Guide Breakdown \(3/3/21\)](#)

### **State Department of Education Webpages and Information**

#### **Alabama**

- State DOE: <https://www.alsde.edu/covid-19>
- Resources:
  - [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)
  - [AHSAA Releases Best Practices Document and Fall Sports Rule Modifications \(7/23/20\)](#)
  - [Alabama Dept. of Health updates coronavirus toolkit for schools \(10/13/20\)](#)
  - [Alabama Public Health Department – Schools K-12 and Report Card](#)
  - [Alabama School COVID-19 Dashboard \(1/20/21\)](#)
  - [Alabama High School Athletics Association](#)
- Articles
  - [Alabama State Superintendent urges teachers to seek COVID-19 vaccines \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [Alabama school systems sees decline in COVID-19 cases last week \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Alabama K-12 school COVID-19 cases drop in tandem with local COVID-19 numbers \(3/2/21\)](#)



- o [COVID-19 not stopping sports in Alabama \(3/1/21\)](#)
- o [Alabama school boards can still require masks after COVID order ends \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Alaska

- State DOE: <https://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease>
- Resources:
  - o [Alaska's Smart Start for K-12 Schools and Framework](#)
  - o [ASAA COVID-19 Resources](#)
  - o [Alaska School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - o [School district to allow youth sports at school gyms \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - o [State widens COVID-19 vaccine eligibility, bumping up teachers and others including at-risk Alaskans over 50 \(2/11/21\)](#)
  - o [Alaska school district cases prompt sports mask restrictions \(2/14/21\)](#)

#### Arizona

- State DOE: <https://www.azed.gov/communications/2020/03/10/guidance-to-schools-on-covid-19/>
- Resources:
  - o [Department of Education Releases Guidance for Reopening Arizona schools \(6/1/20 11:20am\)](#)
  - o [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)
  - o [COVID-19 School Benchmarks \(11/19/20\)](#)
  - o [Education, health leaders launch 'Healthy Kids, Open Schools' campaign amid COVID-19 surge \(11/9/20\)](#)
  - o [Statewide Tracker: School Learning Models \(12/1/20\)](#)
  - o [Arizona Interscholastic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - o [Arizona School Chief calls on lawmakers to invest in education amid COVID-19 \(2/2/21\)](#)
  - o [Arizona school counselors ask for help as COVID-19 put more stress on students \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - o [Arizona suspends school letter grades, Gov. Ducey orders study of learning loss \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - o [Gov. Dulcey orders Arizona schools to offer in-person learning by March 15 \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - o [Coronavirus in Arizona on March 4](#)

#### Arkansas

- State DOE: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information>
- Resources:
  - o [Arkansas Back-to-School Playbook](#)
  - o [State releases 'Arkansas Ready to Learn, Healthy School' Guide \(8/13/20\)](#)
  - o [Arkansas Activities Association](#)
  - o [Arkansas Schools Plan for 2021 Graduation with COVID-19 Guidelines in Mind \(1/25/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  - o [Key outlines \\$70 million in school spending in face of pandemic \(2/14/21\)](#)
  - o [Number of active covid-19 cases in state's schools declines \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - o [New COVID-19 guidelines lead Arkansas schools to plan for future \(2/26/21\)](#)
  - o [Ex-Arkansas surgeon general explains ACHI's role in providing COVID-19 stats \(copy\) \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### California

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp>
- Resources:
  - o [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)
    - [Stronger Together: A guidebook for Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools](#)
    - [Quick Guide: What California's color-coded county tracking system means for schools \(8/31/20\)](#)
    - [Blueprint for a Safer Economy \(8/28/20\)](#)
    - [California's Safe Schools For All Hub](#)



- [California Interscholastic Federation](#)
- Articles:
  - [Schools can move to safely reopen even if teachers are not all vaccinated \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [Some California Schools Are Testing Kids For the coronavirus Twice a Week Before Letting Them Inside \(2/11/21\)](#)
  - [LA County hits threshold to let elementary schools reopen \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [High School Sports Allowed to Resume As COVID-19 Case Rates Decline in California \(4/27/21\)](#)
  - [Q&A on school reopenings \(3/1/21\)](#)

#### Colorado

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safeschools>
- Resources:
  - [A Framework and Toolkit for District Leaders \(5/7/20\)](#)
  - [FAQ: How Colorado high school football plans to return amid the coronavirus pandemic \(10/7/20\)](#)
  - [Colorado Education Association Develops Model For School Districts When COVID Cases Rise \(11/19/20\)](#)
  - [CHSAA: Sports Modifications for COVID-19](#)
  - [Colorado High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Active COVID-19 outbreaks at Colorado schools, ski areas, grocery stores and more \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [Health Measures Expected To Continue In Colorado Schools Next Year, Even With Student Vaccinations \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 hospitalizations, cases continue dropping statewide – but variants lurk around Colorado \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [1 year of COVID: Colorado school enrollment fell 1% \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [Colorado's COVID-19 outbreaks on decline – but schools, colleges still seeing more \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Connecticut

- State DOE: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>
  - [School District Reopening Plans](#)
- Resources:
  - [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](#)
  - [Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference](#)
- Articles:
  - [Education Secretary nominee Miguel Cardona testifies about returning children to school amid COVID-19 \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [CT Coronavirus Updates: School-By-School Cases \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 crisis brings new urgency to debate over eliminating religious vaccination exemption for Connecticut schoolchildren \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Connecticut schools districts begin planning vaccine clinics \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [Connecticut eases some virus-related restrictions \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Delaware

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/599>
- Resources:
  - [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](#)
- [Governor Carney Issues revision to Omnibus COVID-19 Order \(10/10/20\)](#)
- [In-Person Contagious School Cases Dashboard \(1/5/21\)](#)
- [Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [DIAA delays decision on football realignment, refines COVID return-to-play guidelines \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [Del. COVID infection rate increases slightly, with 78 more deaths; hospitalizations increase \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [One-dose vaccine arrives, state scheduling events for seniors and educators \(3/1/21\)](#)

#### District of Columbia

- Public Schools: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>
- Resources:
  - [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](#)
  - [OSSE: COVID-19 Guidance and Resources](#)
- [District of Columbia State Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [DCPS Staff Eager to Resume In-Person Learning Receive Second Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Mar. 3](#)
  - [DC teachers' union announces COVID-19 'situation room' \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [High school sports in DC could resume as early as March 15 \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Florida

- State DOE: <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/>
- Resources:
  - [Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act \(6/11/20\)](#)
    - [Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step, Plan](#)
  - [Florida High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Florida schools get more time for spring tests due to coronavirus concerns \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [CDC issues school reopening guidelines: Florida education commissioner urges districts to 'stay the course' \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Florida Governor Ron DeSantis Addresses COVID-19, Jobs, Schools and Economy During State of the State \(3/2/21\)](#)
  - [Update: All Florida teachers, childcare workers can now get COVID-19 vaccine at CVS, Walmart pharmacies \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Georgia

- State DOE: <https://www.georgiainsights.com/coronavirus.html>
- Resources:
  - [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 schools gain option to gut year-end tests amid COVID-19 pandemic \(12/26/20\)](#)
  - [Georgia High School Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Teachers respond to CDC position that vaccinations not needed for returning to school: Enforce guidelines uniformly \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [Atlanta school board to state: Move teachers up in vaccine line \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [Kemp signs budget with bonuses, extra money for schools, health \(2/15/21\)](#)



- [Georgia Lawmakers to Consider Telehealth Expansion in Schools \(2/16/21\)](#)
- [Officials meeting to plan COVID-19 vaccinations for Georgia teachers \(3/4/21\)](#)
- [Weekly Georgia COVID-19 Update \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Hawaii

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3eExX4i>
- Resources:
  - [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#)
  - [Return to Learn \(7/2/20\)](#)
  - [Hawaii Health Department updates guidance for schools reopening \(10/20/20\)](#)
  - [Ready to Learn – BOE Metrics reporting](#)
  - [Hawaii High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Hawaii school employees begin receiving coronavirus vaccine \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [Bill would mandate disclosure of COVID-19 cases at Hawaii public schools \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [More public school students in Hawaii head back to campus \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Hawaii's acting state epidemiologist calls for reopening public schools \(2/28/21\)](#)
  - [Hawaii Aims To Reopen Elementary Schools After Spring Break \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 cases declining among Hawaii public school students and staff \(2/21/21\)](#)

#### 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>
- Resources:
  - [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 High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Some Idaho schools struggled to graduate seniors during pandemic-forced closures \(2/8/21\)](#)
  - [School districts face staff shortages with return to full-time \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [In Idaho, vaccinating kids against COVID-19 is crucial part of herd immunity \(2/27/21\)](#)
  - [Some students learn responsibility in pandemic-altered year \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Illinois

- State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>
- Resources:
  - [Starting the 2020-21 School Year \(June 23, 2020\) – Part 3 Transition and Joint Guidance](#)
  - [Illinois High School Association](#)
  - [Illinois Federation of Teachers \(IFT\): COVID-19 Tracking Website](#)
- Articles:
  - [As most Illinois schools are 100% remote or in a hybrid model, some teachers reluctant to get COVID-19 vaccination \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Coronavirus in Illinois updates \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Illinois Superintendents Oppose Standardized Testing During COVID-19 Pandemic \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [Illinois schools spent big on substitutes and 'paraprofessionals' in the absence of teachers last year \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Indiana

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.in.gov/safety/health/covid-19-resources-indiana-schools>
- Resources:
  - [Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools In-Class Guidance](#)
  - [Statewide COVID-19 map offers guidance for Indiana schools \(9/5/20\)](#)

- [Indiana High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Indiana changing student COVID-19 close contact quarantine guidelines \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [More than 1,100 additional COVID-19 cases reported Indiana schools, total nears 40,000 \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Indiana lawmakers send COVID-19 lawsuit shield to governor \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [New COVID-19 cases in schools holds steady with 600 additional cases reported this week \(3/1/21\)](#)
  - [Teachers in Indiana of any age can be vaccinated through the federal pharmacy program \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Iowa

- State DOE: <https://educateiowa.gov/article/2020/04/03/covid-19-guidance-and-information>
- Resources:
  - [Reopening Guidance for Schools \(6/25/20\)](#)
  - [Iowa High School Athletic Association announces revised 2020 football schedule due to COVID-19 \(7/24/20, 1:14 PM\)](#)
  - [Iowa Dept. Of Education: COVID-19 Guidance and Information \(10/7/20\)](#)
  - [Iowa High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [As schools are forced to open, Iowa removes all COVID-19 regulations \(2/8/21\)](#)
  - [Education Through the Pandemic \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [A Superintendent May Lose His Job Over COVID-19 Response \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### 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>
- Resources:
  - [Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations \(7/15/20\)](#)
  - [Kansas schools prepare for winter sports under strict state guidelines \(12/3/20\)](#)
  - [Kansas State High School Athletics Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Kansas schools rush to vaccinate teachers ahead of reopening \(2/10/21\)](#)
  - ['Safety' amid concerns of Kansas public school advocates, as lawmakers push to fully reopen by March \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Kansas to focus on COVID-19 shots for teachers, school staff \(2/18/21\)](#)
  - [Kansas Republicans target COVID-19 restrictions from state, counties, and schools \(2/26/21\)](#)

#### Kentucky

- State DOE: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(5/15/20\)](#)
    - [COVID-19 Guidance for Schools: School-Related Travel \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [High school sports in Kentucky restart with COVID-19 safety measures \(Updated 9/8/20\)](#)
  - [New K-12 COVID-19 Dashboard Live for Kentucky Schools to Self-Report Data \(10/5/20\)](#)
  - [Healthy At School Guidelines: Guidance on Safety Expectations and Best Practices for Kentucky Schools \(K-12\)](#)
  - [Kentucky High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles
  - [42 more Kentucky COVID-19 deaths and 1,440 new cases \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [Kentucky Department of Education releases new guidance for school-related travel \(2/16/21\)](#)



- o [Beshear recommends reopening Kentucky classrooms once staff get COVID-19 vaccines \(2/24/21\)](#)
- o [Kentucky Senate backs bill requiring schools to reopen \(3/4/21\)](#)
- o [New bill Kentucky could give high school seniors an athletic do-over \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Louisiana

- State DOE: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>
- Resources:
  - o [Reopening LA Schools, Adjusting 2020-21 Schedule Focus of 'Strong Start' Guidance \(5/8/20 4:04pm\)](#)
    - [Strong Start Planning Guide \(6/25/20\)](#)
  - o [Performance of Louisiana school will not be fully updated on annual 'report cards' in 2020 \(9/21/20\)](#)
  - o [Senate Education Committee Unanimously votes to advance The Ka'Mauri Act \(10/31/20\)](#)
    - Bill mandates school districts to write policies specifically for online learning
  - o [Louisiana High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles
  - o [Feb 10 Update: Louisiana parishes with highest student, adult, COVID-19 infections](#)
  - o [Inequalities in Louisiana have been exacerbated by COVID-19 \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - o [Louisiana expands COVID-19 vaccine to teachers, school staff, some 55+ \(2/18/21\)](#)
  - o [Once year into COVID-19, Louisiana schools have 'more mobile devices than kids' \(2/28/21\)](#)

#### Maine

- State DOE: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19>
- Resources:
  - o [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](#)
  - o [No football, volleyball to be played at Maine high schools this fall \(9/11/20\)](#)
  - o [Officials unveil dashboard of coronavirus cases in Maine schools \(10/14/20\)](#)
  - o [Maine delays start date for winter sports practices and scrimmages to Jan. 4, 2021 \(12/4/20\)](#)
  - o [Maine Principals' Association](#)
- Articles
  - o [Maine Schools Get Priority On More Than 250,000 Rapid COVID-19 Tests \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - o [Maine: All counties now safe for in-school instruction \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - o [Following Biden's lead, Mills allows 50,000 Maine educators to receive COVID-19 vaccine \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - o [Maine lawmaker hopes parents will back bill giving them authority over holding students back \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Maryland

- State DOE: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- Resources:
  - o [A State Plan Outlines How Schools Could Change in Maryland \(5/7/20 6:56pm\)](#)
    - [Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)
  - o [School Boards Across Maryland Consider How to Safely Bring Students Back Amid Coronavirus Pandemic \(10/7/20\)](#)
  - o [Maryland schools get green light for earlier start to winter sports \(10/26/20\)](#)
  - o [Five things to know about Maryland's coronavirus dashboard \(11/18/20\)](#)
  - o [Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - o [Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan focuses on vaccines, economic help, schools in 'State of the State' address \(2/4/21\)](#)





- [With Maryland schools planning to reopen, teacher unions say classrooms aren't safe enough yet from coronavirus \(2/15/21\)](#)
- [COVID-19 in Maryland: School Reopening Plans for Every District \(3/2/21\)](#)
- [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Mar. 3](#)

#### Massachusetts

- State DOE: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(9/3/20\)](#)
  - [Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [COVID-19 pool testing underway at Massachusetts schools \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 Cases In Massachusetts Schools Drop 15-Percent Last Week \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [Pool coronavirus testing is launching in more than 900 Massachusetts schools. Here's how it works \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [Massachusetts Teachers, School Staff Can Sign Up For COVID Vaccinations Starting March 11 \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Michigan

- State DOE: [https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818\\_53456---,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-37818_53456---,00.html)
- Resources:
  - [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 High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Upper Michigan schools seek to reconnect with disengaged students during COVID-19 pandemic \(2/11/21\)](#)
  - [87 infected in new coronavirus outbreaks at 20 schools, says Michigan's Feb. 15 school outbreak report \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Whitmer: Nearly all Michigan schools to open amid COVID. Ann Arbor, too. \(2/24/21\)](#)
  - [146 infected in new coronavirus outbreaks at 29 schools says Michigan's March 1 school outbreak report \(3/1/21\)](#)
  - [New MI bills would limit impact of test score amid COVID-19 \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Minnesota

- State DOE: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>
- Resources:
  - [Minnesota schools allowed to reopen for summer \(5/15/20 4:27pm\)](#)
    - [Stay Safe: Minnesota Dept of Health: 2020-2021 Planning Guide for Schools](#)
  - [Target dates for return of Minnesota prep sports address uncertainty of managing COVID-19 \(12/8/20\)](#)
  - [Minnesota State High School League](#)
- Articles:
  - [COVID-19: Gov. Tim Walz reportedly set to make major Minnesota schools announcement \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Minnesota schools fast-track plans for permanent online learning options \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Minnesota health officials ask students and families to take COVID-19 tests every two weeks \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [West central Minnesota, much of state continue to have 14-day COVID-19 case rates in teens or lower \(3/4/21\)](#)



## Mississippi

- State DOE: <https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19>
- Resources:
  - [Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools, June-August 2020](#)
  - [Mississippi High School Activities Association](#)
  - [Mississippi announces changes to grading passing policies for 2020-2021 school year \(1/21/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  - [80 cases of COVID hit schools \(2/3/21\)](#)
  - [New COVID cases on a decline, no new school outbreaks reported \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Mississippi teachers, first responders eligible for COVID-19 vaccines on March 1 \(2/23/21\)](#)
  - [Governor rolls back COVID-19 restrictions in Mississippi \(3/2/21\)](#)
  - ["It's a blessing:" MHSAA state basketball tournament championships capacity now set at 50% \(3/2/21\)](#)

## Missouri

- State DOE: <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(8/17/20\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 relief funds now available to reimburse substitute teachers in Missouri \(10/24/20\)](#)
  - [Senators discuss protecting Missouri businesses from COVID-19 liability \(1/19/21\)](#)
  - [Missouri State High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Missouri top teachers plead for higher coronavirus priority \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Missouri ready to move to next COVID-19 vaccination phase; teachers will be eligible for vaccine \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [Missouri COVID-19 Update: Missouri lawmakers back new checks on local health officials \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [Governor Kelly holds press conference on COVID-19 updates, addresses other issues \(3/3/21\)](#)

## Montana

- State DOE: <http://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information>
- Resources:
  - [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 High School Association](#)
  - [Montana schools pursue second cancellation of standardized testing \(1/29/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  - [Montana adds 317 COVID-19 cases Tuesday \(2/2/21\)](#)
  - [COVID in Montana: Governor issues new guidance \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [Montana House Passes Legislation to Protect Schools, Public Entities from Frivolous COVID-19 Lawsuits \(3/1/21\)](#)
  - [Montana coronavirus report \(3/4/21\)](#)

## Nebraska

- State DOE: <https://www.education.ne.gov/publichealth/resources/>
- Resources:
  - [State ed commissioner: flexibility and balance keys to working through the pandemic \(6/5/20\)](#)
    - [Launch Nebraska](#)
  - [NSAA Fall Sports Announcement \(7/20/20\)](#)
  - [Nebraska School Activities Association](#)



- Articles:
  - [Math scores fell, failure rates rose as COVID disrupted Nebraska schools \(2/7/21\)](#)
  - ["COVID teaching is so hard": Educators share fears and frustrations about school in pandemic \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - ["This is a good day for us": Omaha-area teachers to get COVID vaccines on Saturday \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Nevada

- State DOE: <http://www.doe.nv.gov>
- Resources:
  - [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 Interscholastic Activities Association](#)
    - [NIAA: Fall sports season play is set to exist in some form \(1/22/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  - [Nevada gives most school districts permission to bend COVID-19 rules \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Dr. Roger Hicks: What's the latest with COVID vaccines? \(2/15/21\)](#)

#### New Hampshire

- State DOE: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/commissioner/covid-19>
- Resources:
  - [New Hampshire Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance \(July 2020\)](#)
  - [NHIAA moving ahead on fall sports, putting safety first \(7/26/20\)](#)
  - [New Hampshire Interscholastic Activities Association](#)
  - [Video: New Hampshire School Administrators Association Shares Video Highlighting Statewide COVID-19 Response \(1/29/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  - [Coronavirus Update \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [Nevada coronavirus task force: All teachers have either received a shot or have been offered vaccinations \(3/2/21\)](#)
  - [New bill aims to address Nevada students' learning loss during the pandemic \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### New Jersey

- State DOE: <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- Resources:
  - [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. \(9/11/20\)](#)
  - [New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Education advocacy groups urging governor to apply for federal testing waiver \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [COVID infections in N.J. schools increase to 144 outbreaks, 686 cases. \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [NJ's home rule seems set to trump CDC guidance on school reopening \(2/17/21\)](#)
  - [Murphy opens vaccines to teachers, says schools should be 'back in business' by fall \(3/1/21\)](#)
  - [Black families in NJ make 'heartbreaking' choice to keep kids in remote learning \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [N.J. reports 42 COVID deaths, 2,605 positive tests as state marks 1 year since first case \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### 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 \(7/15/20, 3:29PM\)](#)
  - [New Mexico Activities Association](#)



- Articles:
  - [32 New Mexico public schools make it onto the COVID-19 watchlist \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [Recap of New Mexico COVID-19 news \(2/17/21\)](#)
  - [New Mexico Schools: COVID-19 testing up, Positivity Down \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [NMPED: 24 schools on COVID-19 watchlist \(2/27/21\)](#)
  - [New Mexico teachers' union chief praises push to vaccinate educators \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### New York

- State DOE: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(9/8/20\)](#)
  - [New York State releases revised COVID guidelines for schools \(12/5/20\)](#)
  - [New York State Public High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Western New York health departments discouraging travel around school spring break due to COVID-19 \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [New York Was the 1<sup>st</sup> Big School District to reopen. Here's What Happened. \(2/14/21\)](#)
  - [N.Y. schools can't force students to get COVID tests for in-person learning classes: state officials \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [State Teachers' Union Seeking More School COVID Testing \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### North Carolina

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources>
- 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](#)
    - [Strong Schools NC: Public Health Toolkit \(K-12\) \(Updated 3/3/21\)](#)
  - [North Carolina High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [NC Republicans back summer school program for students lagging from virus \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Coronavirus: One year later in North Carolina \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [COVID vaccine live updates: Here's what to know in NC on March 4](#)
  - [NC school leaders to vote on new COVID-19 safety measures \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### North Dakota

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3qcb3S2>
- Resources:
  - [North Dakota K-12 Smart Start Restart Guidance \(May 2020\)](#)
  - [NDHSAA Return to Competition Guidelines \(7/24/20\)](#)
  - [North Dakota High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [COVID-19 hospitalizations in North Dakota continue to drop; 1 new death reported \(2/26/21\)](#)
  - [COVID vaccine side-effects causing local schools to make back-up plans \(2/26/21\)](#)
  - [More North Dakotans eligible for COVID-19 shots as some health units move into the next phase of vaccination \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Ohio

- State DOE: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
- Resources:
  - [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 Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Gov. Mike DeWine doubles down on plea to get Ohio students back in schools by March 1 \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Ohio's vaccine portal won't be ready for weeks; Columbus, other schools 'breaking agreement' with DeWine \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Coronavirus in Ohio Thursday update \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Oklahoma

- State DOE: <https://sde.ok.gov/>
- Resources:
  - [COVID 19 FAQ for Oklahoma Public Schools](#)
  - [Oklahoma Department of Education Releases Guidance on School Reopening This Fall \(6/3/20\)](#)
    - i. [Return to Learn Oklahoma – a Framework for Reopening Schools](#)
  - [Oklahoma Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Stitt pushes for schools to reopen amid worsening pandemic \(1/22/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 continues to create challenges for Oklahoma schools \(1/25/21\)](#)
  - [Oklahoma Gov. Stitt opens COVID-19 vaccine rollout to teachers, staff, and people with comorbidities \(2/11/21\)](#)
  - [Standardized testing to resume in Oklahoma schools \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Oregon

- State DOE: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/COVID19.aspx>
- Resources:
  - [Ready Schools, Safe Learners: Guidance for SY2020-21](#)
  - [OSAA Update: Memo to Schools \(7/22/20\)](#)
  - [Oregon Department of Education releases new COVID targets for schools to reopen in person \(11/1/20\)](#)
  - [New Oregon Education Guidance Includes 160 Health and Safety Measures \(1/19/21\)](#)
  - [Oregon Athletic Directors Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Families face deadline to decide: stay home or go back to class \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [Oregon is vaccinating teachers. It might not be enough to reopen schools. \(2/17/21\)](#)
  - [Gov. Brown: Most Oregon elementary students will return to classes by the end of April \(2/18/21\)](#)

#### Pennsylvania

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3dG9fzb>
- Resources:
  1. [Wolf Administration Outlines Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools \(6/3/20\)](#)
    - [Preliminary Guidance](#)
  2. [GOP Introduces COVID-19 Liability Shield for Schools \(10/12/20\)](#)
  3. [While COVID sidelines MD athletics, Your County, PA schools are playing ball \(10/26/20\)](#)
  4. [Pennsylvania COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard Update for Oct.16-Oct. 22 \(10/26/20\)](#)
  5. [Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [All Pa Counties show substantial spread of COVID-19 for 6<sup>th</sup> week \(1/19/21\)](#)
  - [Pennsylvania COVID-19 Early Warning Monitoring Dashboard Update for Feb. 5-11 \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Gov. Wolf and COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force Announce Plan to Vaccinate Teachers, Other School Staff \(3/3/21\)](#)
  - [Mental health, testing mandates top concerns of PA educators as COVID-19 continues \(3/3/21\)](#)



## Rhode Island

- State DOE: <https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/Covid19.aspx>
- Resources:
  1. [Reimagining RI Education: Fall Reopening Plan Framework, SY20-21 \(5/22/20\)](#)
  2. [RI opens comprehensive school testing program for COVID-19 \(9/14/20\)](#)
  3. [Rhode Island Interscholastic League](#)
    - [RI Announces Rules Allowing Some Winter High School Sports to Compete \(1/20/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  1. [Lt. Gov. McGee announces members of COVID-019 advisory group \(2/3/21\)](#)
  2. [Rhode Island Kept Its Schools Open. This Is What Happened. \(2/10/21\)](#)
  3. [McKee makes COVID the focus of a busy first day in office \(3/3/21\)](#)

## South Carolina

- State DOE: <https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-and-south-carolina-schools/>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(9/21/20\)](#)
  - [South Carolina High School League](#)
- Articles:
  - [Gov. McMaster to school districts: Submit teacher vaccination plans now \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [SC school districts strive to keep COVID at bay, follow updated CDC guidelines \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [SC students experienced significant learning loss during the pandemic \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 on the rise in South Carolina schools \(3/2/21\)](#)
  - [South Carolina teachers react to qualifying for vaccine \(3/2/21\)](#)

## South Dakota

- State DOE: <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(8/25/20\)](#)
  - [South Dakota high school football championships: Guide to safety protocols, tickets, more \(11/10/20\)](#)
  - [South Dakota Senate fine tunes law that lets education secretary waive school hours in emergencies \(1/20/21\)](#)
  - [South Dakota High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [COVID-19 vaccine doses surge past 100,000 as new infections in schools, state, continue to plummet \(2/1/21\)](#)
  - [Low COVID case count continues in SD schools \(2/15/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 in South Dakota \(3/1/21\)](#)
  - [Teachers patiently wait as South Dakota vaccine rollout continues \(3/2/21\)](#)

## Tennessee

- State DOE: <https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(7/22/20\)](#)
- [Tennessee schools receive rapid test kits for COVID-19 \(9/30/20\)](#)
- [Gov. Lee Calls For Temporary Suspension of Accountability Measures for 2020-2021 \(10/16/20\)](#)
- [Tennessee Secondary School Athletics Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Even if they get the COVID-19 vaccine, most area teachers will still have to quarantine if they are exposed \(2/2/21\)](#)
  - [TN and Knox Co. to expand COVID-19 vaccine appointments to those 65 and older and teachers starting Monday \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Tennessee Doubles Down On Literary In Its COVID-19 School Recovery Effort \(2/22/21\)](#)
  - [Tennessee vaccination exemption bill stalls over concerns about teacher choice \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Texas

- Education Agency: <https://bit.ly/3dFwBFj>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(7/7/20\)](#)
  - [Texas rolls out COVID-19 rapid testing to schools \(10/14/20\)](#)
  - [Texas High School Athletic Directors Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Texas school districts grapple with substitute teacher shortage amid the COVID-19 pandemic \(2/2/21\)](#)
  - ["Frustrating": Texas Teachers Not Prioritizes for COVID-19 Vaccine \(2/9/21\)](#)
  - [State leaders push back on in-person STAAR exam, Central Texas schools prepare for test with COVID-19 precautions \(2/10/21\)](#)
  - ['I do not feel like it's safe to send my kids in school right now' – Central Texas schools hit hard by COVID-19 \(3/1/21\)](#)
  - [Caught by surprise, Texas education officials unsure how end of mask mandate will affect schools \(3/2/21\)](#)
  - [Teachers immediately eligible for COVID-19 vaccine in Texas, plus school staff, childcare providers \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Utah

- State Board of Education: <https://schools.utah.gov/coronavirus>
- Resources:
  - [Planning Requirements and Recommendations for K-12 School Reopening \(6/26/20\)](#)
  - [UHSAA votes to approve fall sports and activities for 2020 \(7/9/20\)](#)
  - [Utah High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Thousands of Utah kids have changed schools during COVID-19 while 'school choice' left others out \(2/1/21\)](#)
  - [Audit says Utah schools should drop COVID-19 'soft closures' policy \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 is fueling innovation in Utah schools to help students focus and cope \(2/19/21\)](#)
  - [Updated pandemic 'endgame' bill would do away with most masks but leave face coverings in schools \(3/3/21\)](#)

#### Vermont

- State Agency of Education: <https://education.vermont.gov/covid19>
- Resources:
  - [State issues guidelines for reopening schools \(6/18/20\)](#)
    - [A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020](#)
  - [Vermont officials release updated guidelines for club, college sports \(10/27/20\)](#)
  - [Vermont State Athletic Directors Association](#)

- Articles:
  - [New CDC guidelines for schools are out. What does that mean for Vermont? \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [Study finds low levels of COVID antibodies in Vt. Schools \(3/4/21\)](#)
  - [How Vermont plans to get students back in school, on path to recovery from COVID's impacts \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Virginia

- Public Schools: [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health\\_medical/office/covid-19.shtml](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/office/covid-19.shtml)
- Resources:
  - [VA releases plan for phased reopening of schools \(6/10/20, 6:52pm\)](#)
    - [Return to School Plan](#)
    - [Interim Guidance to K-12 School Reopening](#)
  - [VHSL adopts condensed athletic schedule for 2020-21 school year \(7/27/20, 7:56AM\)](#)
  - [Virginia launches dashboard with number of coronavirus cases in schools by name \(10/24/20\)](#)
  - [Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Gov. Northam to announce support for extending Virginia's school year into summer \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [News to Know for Feb. 16](#)
  - [Virginia schools may soon be required to have in-person option \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [High school football returns in February to Virginia stadiums \(2/27/21\)](#)
  - [Coronavirus in DC, Maryland, Virginia: What to Know on Mar. 3](#)
  - [Some kids likely won't get COVID vaccines until 2022: Is it safe for Virginia's schools to reopen now? \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### Washington

- Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3897PfB>
- Resources:
  - [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 \(7/22/20\)](#)
  - [Washington Interscholastic Activities Association](#)
    - [How high school leagues across Washington are planning COVID-condensed 2021 season schedules \(1/19/21\)](#)
- Articles:
  - [A handful of Washington Schools are rapid testing staff and students for COVID-19. Is it working? \(2/8/21\)](#)
  - [Washington sees 'fairly low' levels of COVID-19 transmission in K-12 schools, report finds \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Washington teachers now eligible for COVID-19 vaccine, Inslee announces \(3/2/21\)](#)
  - [Washington 13-year-old: School closures have been 'lonely and crushing' \(3/4/21\)](#)

#### West Virginia

- State DOE: <https://wvde.us/covid19/>
- Resources:
  - [West Virginia School Re-entry & Recovery Guidance](#)
  - [COVID-19 Outbreaks in State Public Schools](#)
  - [West Virginia Secondary School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [COVID-19 Consequences Are Still Felt in West Virginia Education \(2/4/21\)](#)
  - [At least 58 North Central West Virginia students, teachers, test positive for COVID-19 this week \(2/12/21\)](#)
  - [New COVID-19 cases reported by area West Virginia school systems a week before full in-person return \(2/26/21\)](#)

#### Wisconsin

- Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>





- Resources:
  - [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 Interscholastic Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Wisconsin Lawmakers Approve Plan To Give In-Person Schools More Federal Coronavirus Aid \(2/10/21\)](#)
  - [Experts: Schools experience less COVID because they enforce masks, other rules \(2/16/21\)](#)
  - [Wisconsin teachers become eligible for COVID vaccine Monday, but many face uncertain wait \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [Republicans want Wisconsin to fund opening schools now; state says money is needed for return to normal later \(3/4/21\)](#)
  - [Ivers Administration Puts Forward Plan For COVID-19 Child Care Aid \(3/4/21\)](#)

## Wyoming

- State DOE: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/covid-19-resources/> (school district closure list)
- Resources:
  - [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 \(8/20/20\)](#)
  - [New health orders mean less space for spectators \(12/8/20\)](#)
  - [Wyoming High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
  - [Wyoming's COVID Death Toll Rises by 23 \(2/9/21\)](#)
  - [Wyoming extends mask order, will loosen restrictions on restaurants, gatherings \(2/11/21\)](#)
  - [Wyoming will lift COVID-19 restrictions on salons, barbers, and other personal car businesses \(2/25/21\)](#)
  - [Editorial Board: Wyoming schools deserve praise for how they've managed the pandemic \(2/28/21\)](#)

## Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

- [Defense Officials Brief on Opening DODEA Schools During COVID-19 \(8/13/20\)](#)
- [US Forces Korea to reduce its coronavirus-risk level, allow students to return to schools \(2/10/21\)](#)
- [Base barbers to reopen, but DODEA hedges on return to classrooms as coronavirus ebbs in Germany \(2/11/21\)](#)
- [Most DODEA schools in Germany to return to in-person classes as coronavirus number drop \(2/18/21\)](#)

## **Other Agencies and Organizations**

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

- [MIC3 Department of Defense Memorandums and Information webpage](#)
- Website: [Latest DOD Guidance \(10/22/20\)](#)
- [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) [Article](#)
- [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](#)