



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

Under the CDC Updated Guidance on Reopening Schools, 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.

The ['Ready to Learn'](#) tracker developed by the American Enterprise Institute and the College Crisis Initiative of Davidson College, indicates 42% of 8,500 school districts have returned to in-person learning, however many districts targeted making changes after the spring break. States continue to focus on vaccine distribution and expanded eligibility to residents 16 years old and higher.

Legislative sessions have been busy, with several states banning mask mandates, and addressing COVID related issues such as adopting of CDC [vaccination mandates](#) and [COVID-liability waivers](#). 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](https://covid19schooltracker.com) (School COVID-19 case data by state)

[See How the Vaccine Rollout is Going in Your State \(3/16/21\)](#)

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 \(3/3/21\)](#)
- [Biden Administration to Expand COVID-19 Vaccine Program to 950 Community Health Centers \(3/11/21\)](#)
- [Biden-Harris Administration to Announce New Actions to Help Schools Reopen Safely and Meet Students' Needs \(3/24/21\)](#)

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

- [Guidance to States on Assessing Student Learning During the Pandemic \(2/22/21\)](#)
- [What Congressional COVID Funding Means for K-12 Schools \(Updated 4/13/21\)](#)
- [ED COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 2-2021 \(April 2021\)](#)

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

- [PDC data and technology aid global fight against COVID-19 \(4/7/21\)](#)

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 \(10/29/20\)](#)
- [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools Through Phased Mitigation \(Updated 3/19/21\)](#)
- [Schools and Childcare Programs: Plan, Prepare, and Respond \(Updated 4/5/21\)](#)

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 \(3/31/20\)](#)
- [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 \(Updated 4/16/21\)](#)

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 \(3/30/21\)](#)

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](#)
 - [Alabama School Dashboard](#)
- Articles
 - [Alabama Using Standardized Testing to Assess Coronavirus Learning Gap \(3/15/21\)](#)
 - [North Alabama school districts share lessons learned a year after pandemic \(3/16/21\)](#)
 - [Alabama's Safer At Home Order Reflects New CDC Guidance For Schools \(3/22/21\)](#)
 - [Alabama Mask Order Ends, But Some Cities, School Continue \(4/9/21\)](#)
 - [New COVID-19 Alabama School Dashboard Released \(4/17/21\)](#)

Alaska

- State DOE: <https://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease>
- Resources:
 - [Alaska's Smart Start for K-12 Schools and Framework](#)
 - [ASAA COVID-19 Resources](#)
 - [Alaska School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
 - [Covid-19: Alaska Becomes First State to Open Vaccine Access to Everyone 16 and Older \(3/16/21\)](#)



- o [More than 80% of Anchorage School District staff responding to survey say they are fully vaccinated \(3/25/21\)](#)
- o [Anchorage high school hockey players face mandatory COVID-19 testing after spike in exposures \(3/31/21\)](#)

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 [Gov. Doug Ducey leaves Arizona COVID mandates, including local mask rules \(3/25/21\)](#)
 - o [Masks to stay on in public schools despite state mandate ending \(4/12/21\)](#)
 - o [Why a COVID-19 surge now could be even harder for Arizona to stop \(4/18/21\)](#)

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 [Arkansas public schools reacted well to COVID-19 crisis \(3/16/21\)](#)
 - o [Covid-19 cases at schools rising but at a slower pace \(4/13/21\)](#)
 - o [Schools in Arkansas decide if masks go to stay \(4/16/21\)](#)
 - o [Summer school set for North Little Rock students after covid-19 year \(4/19/21\)](#)

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](#)
 - [CA Safe Schools for All Hub](#)
 - [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:
 - [COVID: Gov. Newsom touts school reopening, but fewer hours are spent in class \(3/16/21\)](#)
 - [California aligns guidance for schools with CDC/COVID-19 Updates in Northern California \(3/20/21\)](#)
 - [California offers COVID-19 rapid tests to reopening schools \(3/21/21\)](#)
 - [Gov. Newsom expects all students back in classrooms by August \(4/14/21\)](#)
 - [California Coronavirus Updates \(4/16/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Masks still required in Colorado schools, child care, indoor camps \(4/5/21\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 numbers surge among Fort Collins high schoolers after return to in-person classes \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - [Colorado Springs high schools make plans prom and graduation \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Connecticut Oks high school proms, graduations. Here are the COVID-19 rules students and schools have to follow \(4/9/21\)](#)
 - [CT School Districts Seek to Enrich Learning After Year of COVID-19 \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - [Clinics focus on vaccinating Connecticut high school and college students \(4/18/21\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 Updates \(4/18/21\)](#)

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](#)
 - [DIAA delays decision on football realignment, refines COVID return-to-play guidelines \(2/4/21\)](#)
- Articles:
 - [West Delaware schools provide 'refocus rooms' for teachers, staff \(4/17/21\)](#)
 - [How Your School District is Reopening in Philly, the Suburbs, Jersey and Delaware \(4/14/21\)](#)

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:
 - [D.C. Voices: Lessons learned after a year of virtual instruction \(3/25/21\)](#)



- o [Here's what we know about covid infections in D.C. schools \(4/9/21\)](#)
- o [Parents in DC area wonder whether kids will need vaccinations to attend school \(4/14/21\)](#)

Florida

- State DOE: <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/>
- Resources:
 - o [Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act \(6/11/20\)](#)
 - [Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan](#)
 - o [Florida High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [Coronavirus concerns remain for Florida schools, as vaccines spread \(4/7/21\)](#)
 - o [CDC report on reopening Florida schools contradicts education commissioner's claim on mask-wearing \(4/16/21\)](#)

Georgia

- State DOE: <https://www.georgiainsights.com/coronavirus.html>
- Resources:
 - o [Georgia Department of Education Releases Reopening Guidelines for Schools \(6/1/20\)](#)
 - o [Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools](#)
 - o [High school football kicks off in Georgia amid COVID-19 \(9/6/20\)](#)
 - o [SAT score waived for UGA, other Georgia college admissions, but still required for scholarships \(9/14/20\)](#)
 - o [Georgia schools gain option to gut year-end tests amid COVID-19 pandemic \(12/26/20\)](#)
 - o [Georgia High School Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [Georgia gets COVID-19 waiver on school performance ratings \(3/30/21\)](#)
 - o [Kemp eases Georgia coronavirus restrictions despite new worries about new surge \(3/31/21\)](#)
 - o [Weekly Georgia COVID-19 Update \(4/14/21\)](#)

Hawaii

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3eExX4i>
- Resources:
 - o [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#)
 - o [Return to Learn \(7/2/20\)](#)
 - o [Hawaii Health Department updated guidance for schools \(3/12/21\)](#)
 - o [Ready to Learn – BOE Metrics reporting](#)
 - o [Hawaii High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [Bill to disclose COVID-19 cases by school makes headway at Hawaii Legislature \(4/2/21\)](#)
 - o [Hawaii schools report 47 new cases of COVID-19 \(4/12/21\)](#)
 - o [Hawaii governor sees all in-person public schools by fall \(4/15/21\)](#)

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:
 - o [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](#)
 - o [Idaho High School Activities Association releases fall sports guidance \(7/21/20, 9:41 AM\)](#)
 - o [Idaho High School Activities Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [Idaho adds more than 500 new COVID-19 cases, 2 deaths Monday after weekend hiatus \(4/12/21\)](#)
 - o [Idaho House passes bill banning mask mandates \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - o [Idaho sets lofty goal: 80% of people vaccinated for COVID-19 – this year \(4/15/21\)](#)



- o [Should politicians oversee Idaho high school sports? \(4/18/21\)](#)

Illinois

- State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>
- Resources:
 - o [Starting the 2020-21 School Year \(June 23, 2020\) – Part 3 Transition and Joint Guidance](#)
 - o [Illinois High School Association](#)
 - o [Illinois Federation of Teachers \(IFT\): COVID-19 Tracking Website](#)
- Articles:
 - o [High school seniors in Chicago and across Illinois won't have to take SAT to graduate this spring because of COVID-19 disruptions \(3/24/21\)](#)
 - o [Almost all Illinois schools resumed in-person classes. Will rising COVID rates close them again? \(4/13/21\)](#)
 - o [Coronavirus in Illinois updates \(4/19/21\)](#)

Indiana

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.in.gov/safety/health/covid-19-resources-indiana-schools>
- Resources:
 - o [Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools In-Class Guidance](#)
 - o [Statewide COVID-19 map offers guidance for Indiana schools \(9/5/20\)](#)
 - o [Indiana High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [What we know about Gov. Eric Holcomb's COVID update on masks, Indiana vaccine eligibility \(3/24/21\)](#)
 - o [Indiana COVID Update \(4/12/21\)](#)

Iowa

- State DOE: <https://educateiowa.gov/article/2020/04/03/covid-19-guidance-and-information>
- Resources:
 - o [Reopening Guidance for Schools \(6/25/20\)](#)
 - o [Iowa High School Athletic Association announces revised 2020 football schedule due to COVID-19 \(7/24/20, 1:14 PM\)](#)
 - o [Iowa Dept. Of Education: COVID-19 Guidance and Information \(10/7/20\)](#)
 - o [Iowa High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [Iowa City schools relaxing coronavirus quarantine practices after almost 1,000 students in quarantine \(4/13/21\)](#)
 - o [How Iowa schools are bringing back prom amid COVID-19 \(4/14/21\)](#)

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:
 - o [Navigating Change: Kansas' Guide to Learning and School Safety Operations \(7/15/20\)](#)
 - o [Kansas schools prepare for winter sports under strict state guidelines \(12/3/20\)](#)
 - o [Kansas State High School Athletics Association](#)
- Articles:
 - o [Kansas lawmakers reject requiring in-person classes March 26 \(3/16/21\)](#)
 - o [Opposing 'legislative oversteps,' state education board says all options open if Gov. Laura Kelly signs bills \(4/14/21\)](#)
 - o [Kansas High Schools Are Finding Ways To Safely Celebrate A Teen Rite Of Passage: Prom \(4/16/21\)](#)

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 \(2/16/21\)](#)
 - [Department of Education issues COVID-19 guidance on spring activities in Kentucky school districts \(3/8/21\)](#)
 - [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
 - [KDE updates Healthy at School guidance on temperature checks before entering school bus or building \(3/31/21\)](#)
 - [Kentucky school boards to decide if students get extra year of academics, athletics due to pandemic \(4/14/21\)](#)
 - [Parents must decide quickly if they want kids to repeat unprecedented COVID school year \(4/16/21\)](#)

Louisiana

- State DOE: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>
- Resources:
 - [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 \(9/21/20\)](#)
 - [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
 - [Louisiana High School Athletic Association](#)
- Articles
 - [LA Department of Education encourages school systems to approach summer learning in a new way \(3/25/21\)](#)
 - [State school board eases distancing requirements for Louisiana classrooms \(3/23/21\)](#)
 - [Will Louisiana schools require students to get COVID vaccines? \(4/11/21\)](#)

Maine

- State DOE: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19>
- Resources:
 - 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 \(9/11/20\)](#)
 - [Officials unveil dashboard of coronavirus cases in Maine schools \(10/14/20\)](#)
 - [Maine delays start date for winter sports practices and scrimmages to Jan. 4, 2021 \(12/4/20\)](#)
 - [Maine Principals' Association](#)
- Articles
 - [Maine DOE, CDC stand firm as group of legislators calls for eased restrictions on reopening schools full-time \(3/29/21\)](#)



- [Staffing shortages result in 3 central Maine schools shifting to remote learning \(4/14/21\)](#)
- [Nearly 70 percent of Maine's active COVID-19 outbreaks are now in schools \(4/17/21\)](#)

Maryland

- State DOE: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- Resources:
 - [A State Plan Outlines How Schools Could Change in Maryland \(5/7/20 6:56pm\)](#)
 - [Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)
 - [School Boards Across Maryland Consider How to Safely Bring Students Back Amid Coronavirus Pandemic \(10/7/20\)](#)
 - [Maryland schools get green light for earlier start to winter sports \(10/26/20\)](#)
 - [Five things to know about Maryland's coronavirus dashboard \(11/18/20\)](#)
 - [Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association](#)
- Articles:
 - [State of Maryland adopts CDC's updated physical distancing guidelines for K-12 schools \(3/30/21\)](#)
 - [Education Secretary Cardona praises newly reopened school in Maryland during reopening tour \(4/13/21\)](#)
 - [Maryland school continue comparatively slow reopening plan \(4/15/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Most Massachusetts elementary schools return to full-in-person learning amid COVID reopening \(4/5/21\)](#)
 - [1,279 at Massachusetts schools test positive for COVID-19 in last week \(4/16/21\)](#)
 - [A school bus driver shortage is posing challenges in Massachusetts \(4/18/21\)](#)

Michigan

- State DOE: [MDE COVID-19 Education Information and Resources](#)
- 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:
 - [Michigan governor urges halt of high school classes, youth sports \(4/10/21\)](#)
 - [COVID Update \(4/12/21\)](#)
 - [Michigan governor: State's surge may be ending \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [New COVID-19 guidance helps MN schools plan for prom, graduation \(3/25/21\)](#)
 - [MN State High School League seeks relief from mask-wearing during games \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - [Latest on COVID-19 in MN \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Mississippi school announce closures, switch to virtual learning Thursday due to expected weather \(3/24/21\)](#)
 - [Mississippi school not as worried over spring break COVID-19 concerns \(3/22/21\)](#)

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:
 - [COVID-19 transmission rare in schools with masking, distancing, contact tracing \(3/19/21\)](#)
 - [Missouri bill would lower school immunization requirements \(4/5/21\)](#)

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 – Guidelines for Sports \(3/22/21\)](#)
 - [Montana schools pursue second cancellation of standardized testing \(1/29/21\)](#)
- Articles:
 - [Montana coronavirus report \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Monday, March 19 Update](#)

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:
 - [High school sports resume, only to be knocked back by COVID-19 related cancellations \(3/22/21\)](#)
 - [Sisolak: Mask mandate to stay, social distancing rules to go as economy reopens \(4/13/21\)](#)
 - [Nevada governor sets June 1 goal for fully reopening all counties \(4/14/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Amid COVID surge, NH Governor lists mask mandate and orders kids back to schools \(4/19/21\)](#)
 - [All New Hampshire schools required to offer full-time in-person learning starting Monday \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [What to know about schools, employers requiring the COVID vaccine \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - [NJ COVID Update \(4/19/21\)](#)
 - [COVID Passports Would Be Banned IN NJ Under New Bill \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Numerous schools on state's watchlist \(4/13/21\)](#)
 - [Education officials get close-up look at COVID-safe protocols in NM schools \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - [Shortage of school nurses, bus drivers and counselors in NM schools \(4/18/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Coronavirus NY: New York eases distancing requirements for schools \(4/10/21\)](#)
 - [Latest coronavirus updates in New York \(4/19/21\)](#)
 - [New NY state guidelines stymie some efforts to get kids back to classrooms \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [New required NC summer school program will address COVID learning loss for students \(4/1/21\)](#)
 - [COVID Vaccine Live Updates \(4/15/21\)](#)

North Dakota

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3gcb3S2>
- 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 cases on slight upward trend in North Dakota \(4/8/21\)](#)
 - [ND Gov. Burgum signs Ten Commandments school bill \(4/16/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Ohio schools report \(4/15/21\)](#)
 - ['We need to keep schools open': Ohio health leaders urge those 16and up to get COVID-19 vaccine \(4/15/21\)](#)

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:
 - [After COVID-19 closed OK schools, state tests to determine toll on classroom 'crisis' \(3/25/21\)](#)
 - [State Senate passes bill that adds mental health education to Oklahoma schools \(4/13/21\)](#)

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:
 - [As mask mandates end, Oregon bucks trend with permanent rule \(4/18/21\)](#)
 - [Oregon officials revise school distancing guidance, allow students to sit 3 feet apart \(3/22/21\)](#)

Pennsylvania

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3dG9fzb>
- Resources:
 1. [Wolf Administration Outlines Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools \(6/3/20\)](#)
 - [Preliminary Guidance](#)
 - [Recommendations for Pre-K to 12 Schools Following Identification of a Case\(s\) of COVID-19 \(3/30/21\)](#)
 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:
 - [PA changes COVID-19 guidance for schools \(3/31/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Going out of town for school vacation? Check the COVID travel rules first \(4/16/21\)](#)
 - [Some Schools Requiring Testing After Spring Break \(4/17/21\)](#)
 - [Rhode Island expands eligibility to all 16 years and older \(4/19/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Feds to South Carolina: Assessments will continue in schools \(3/29/21\)](#)
 - [Bill that requires 5-day return to school leaves teachers calling for more protections \(4/16/21\)](#)

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:
 - [South Dakota Regents Plot a Path Back to Normal \(3/16/21\)](#)
 - [Vaccine hesitancy in SD could prolong pandemic, delay return to normal \(4/18/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Tennessee bill grants governor the power to unilaterally keep schools open as pandemic surges \(4/16/21\)](#)
 - [Tennessee lawmakers grapple with COVID-19 vaccine requirements, exemptions \(4/18/21\)](#)

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 schools can revise social distancing to under 3 feet under updated guidance \(3/25/21\)](#)
 - [State reports over 2,000 COVID-19 cases in Texas public schools for week \(4/13/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Utah parents propose sending children to schools without masks in defiance of state order \(4/10/21\)](#)
 - [Utah's COVID-19 case numbers drop as vaccination numbers rise \(4/18/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Athletics fueled a March eruption of Covid-19 cases in school \(4/16/21\)](#)
 - [The Deeper Dig: The Road Ahead for Vermont Schools \(4/19/21\)](#)

Virginia

- Public Schools: 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:
 - [Virginia to test students, staff in schools for COVID-19 pilot \(4/9/21\)](#)
 - [Virginia lawyers weigh in on legality of schools mandating COVID-19 vaccine \(4/16/21\)](#)
 - [COVID-19 in Virginia \(4/18/21\)](#)

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:
 - [Washington health officials watching Midwest COVID-19 variant outbreaks in schools \(4/6/21\)](#)
 - [134 COVID-19 outbreaks linked to Washington state schools, according to new report \(4/8/21\)](#)
 - [All Washington K-12 schools must offer some in-person learning by Monday \(4/18/21\)](#)

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:
 - [West Virginia ditches color-coded map for school re-entry \(3/25/21\)](#)
 - [North Central West Virginia schools confirm new COVID-19 cases over weekend, on Monday \(4/19/21\)](#)

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 GOP Lawmakers Question School Chief Over COVID Aid \(4/6/21\)](#)
 - [Some Wisconsin school districts begin planning for early start date this fall \(4/12/21\)](#)
 - [State could soon provide COVID-19 tests in schools \(4/16/21\)](#)

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 tweaks statewide health orders, lifting capacity limits in schools \(3/26/21\)](#)
 - [Wyoming extends mask order in schools through April \(4/13/21\)](#)

Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

- [SHAPE schools go to remote learning as Belgium locks down \(3/26/21\)](#)
- [DODEA-Japan schools get go-ahead for spring sports \(4/8/21\)](#)

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](#)