



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

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

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

To date, **forty-nine states** have released full, partial or draft guidance for districts on reopening in the fall - Kansas and the District of Columbia have yet to release state guidance. Two states, Hawaii and Rhode Island, have released unified SY20-21 calendars with schools beginning on August 4 and 31.

States have been hit hard by the pandemic, with businesses shuttered and high unemployment levels, state income and sales tax revenues have declined. With most school districts funded through a formula of state and local tax dollars, they brace for unprecedented budget shortfalls in the upcoming school year. As education is typically the largest part of the state budget, cuts as high as 25% of district budgets are anticipated – as the cost of education under the pandemic continues to increase. Under discussion is the status of high sports, with several states delaying the fall season opening, and New Mexico’s governor postponing contact sports until spring. [Read more](#)

As officials continue to monitor and manage the crisis, one thing is evident, adapting to this ‘new normal’ continues to be a challenge for all.

*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  
Guidance not released

**Federal and Education Organizations**

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

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

- [What Congressional COVID Funding Means for K-12 Schools \(6/25/20\)](#)

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

- **US Status (7/16/20) \*Worldwide data by country also posted**
- **As of July 16, 32 states had some type of mask requirement in place.**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – Considerations for Schools (5/19/20)**

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html>

**Education Commission of the States (6/24/20)**

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

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



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

**International Baccalaureate COVID-19 (7/16/20):** <https://bit.ly/2AhbFXu>

#### **National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)**

- [Updated Guidance for Fall \(5/19/20\)](#)
- [Status of State Association Activity Restrictions \(5/26/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Releases Guidelines for Return to High School Marching Band Activities \(6/9/20\)](#)
- [High schools push ahead for fall football amid pandemic \(6/22/20 9:29am\)](#)
- [Status of State Association Activity Restrictions \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [Fall 2020 Guidance for Music Education \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Performing Arts COVID-19 Resources \(6/29/20\)](#)
- [NFHS Sports Medicine Position Statements and Guidelines \(7/9/20\)](#)
- [Where the start of high school sports stands in all 50 states amid pandemic \(7/7/20 11:00am\)](#)

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

#### Alabama

- State DOE: <https://www.alsde.edu/covid-19>
- [Alabama State Superintendent Eric Mackey unveils schools reopening plans for fall 2020 \(6/26/20 12:31pm\)](#)
  - Governor (Ivey) created a Task Force focused on expanding broadband access
- [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)

#### Alaska

- State DOE: <https://education.alaska.gov/safeschools/infectiousdisease>
- [Alaska's Smart Start for K-12 Schools](#) and [Framework](#)

#### Arizona

- State DOE: <https://www.azed.gov/communications/2020/03/10/guidance-to-schools-on-covid-19/>
- [Department of Education Releases Guidance for Reopening Arizona schools \(6/1/20 11:20am\)](#)
- [Roadmap for Reopening Schools](#)

#### Arkansas

- State DOE: <http://dese.ade.arkansas.gov/divisions/communications/covid-19-information>
- [Arkansas Back-to-School Playbook](#)

#### California

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/coronavirus.asp>
- [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Schools and School-Based Programs](#)
- [Stronger Together: A guidebook for Safe Reopening of California's Public Schools](#)
- [Coronavirus Impact: California high school sports delayed for 2020-2021 school year, CIF announces \(7/20/20\)](#)

#### Colorado

- State DOE: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/safedistrschools>
- [A Framework and Toolkit for District Leaders \(5/7/20\)](#)

#### Connecticut

- State DOE: <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators>



- [Governor Lamont Announces Plans for the 2020-2021 School year Amid the Ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic \(6/25/20\)](#)
  - [Executive Summary](#)
  - [Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to learn and Grow Together Presentation](#)

#### Delaware

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.k12.de.us/domain/599>
- [State of Delaware Announces Guidance for Reopening of Schools for 2020-21 Academic Year \(7/15/20\)](#)
- [Returning to School: Planning a Safe, Efficient and Equitable School Return for Students and Staff](#)

#### District of Columbia

- Public Schools: <https://dcps.dc.gov/coronavirus>
- [Mayor Bowser delays announcement of plan for reopening DC Public Schools \(7/17/20 4:59am\)](#)

#### Florida

- State DOE: <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/>
- [Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act \(6/11/20\)](#)
- [Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan](#)

#### Georgia

- State DOE: <https://www.georgiainsights.com/coronavirus.html>
- [Georgia Department of Education Releases Reopening Guidelines for Schools \(6/1/20\)](#)
- [Path to Recovery for K-12 Schools](#)

#### Hawaii

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3eExX4i>
- [Summer School Plans and Supports for Students](#)
- [What will schools look like next fall? DOE releases guidelines that give sneak peek \(6/3/20\)](#)
- [Guidance for Reopening Schools](#)
- [Return to Learn \(7/2/20\)](#)
- [Online Student Bus Pass and Payment Option \(7/6/20\)](#)

#### Idaho

- State DOE: <https://coronavirus.idaho.gov/resources-for-schools/>
- Illinois Education Association: <https://ieanea.org/covid-19/>
- Idaho Board of Education: <https://boardofed.idaho.gov>
- [Board of Education allowing schools to reopen if they follow COVID-19 safety protocols \(5/4/20\)](#)
  - [School District and Charter School Re-Entry Criteria](#)
- [Brad Little announces two new committees to address fall school re-opening and the digital divide \(6/17/20\)](#)

#### Illinois

- State Board of Education: <https://www.isbe.net/coronavirus>
- [Illinois school reopening plan released, classes to resume in fall 2020 \(6/23/20\)](#)
- [Starting the 2020-21 School Year \(June 23, 2020\) – Part 3 Transition and Joint Guidance](#)

#### Indiana

- State DOE: <https://www.doe.in.gov/safety/health/covid-19-resources-indiana-schools>
- [Governor says Indiana K-12 schools will likely 'reopen safely' this fall \(5/29/20\)](#)
- [Indiana's Considerations for Learning and Safe Schools In-Class Guidance](#)



#### Iowa

- State DOE: <https://educateiowa.gov/article/2020/04/03/covid-19-guidance-and-information>
- [Iowa schools can start fall classes earlier than August 23 if a plan is submitted \(5/6/20 6:21pm\)](#)
- [Reopening Guidance for Schools \(6/25/20\)](#)

#### Kansas

- State DOE: <https://www.ksde.org/Home/Quick-Links/News-Room/kansas-school-buildings-to-close-for-remainder-of-school-year-because-of-covid-19-1>
- [Kansas State Board of Education votes to approve school reopening guidelines \(7/15/20\)](#)
- [Governor Laura Kelly to sign executive order to delay reopening Kansas Schools \(7/20/20\)](#)
- [Where Kansas reopening plans stand right now \(7/20/20 4:08am\)](#)

#### Kentucky

- State DOE: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Pages/2019-Novel-Coronavirus.aspx>
- [KY Department of Education Releases Guidance for Schools to Reopen Safely this Fall \(5/15/20\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Considerations for Reopening Schools - Initial Guidance for Schools and Districts \(5/15/20\)](#)

#### Louisiana

- State DOE: <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/resources/covid-19>
- [Reopening LA Schools, Adjusting 2020-21 Schedule Focus of 'Strong Start' Guidance \(5/8/20 4:04pm\)](#)
- [Strong Start Planning Guide \(6/25/20\)](#)

#### Maine

- State DOE: <https://www.maine.gov/doe/covid-19>
- Maine Education Department Releases Initial Guidelines for Reopening Schools in Fall (6/14/20)
  - [Working Draft: Return to Classroom Instruction Framework \(6/11/20\)](#)
  - [Return to Classroom Instruction Framework](#)

#### Maryland

- State DOE: <http://marylandpublicschools.org/Pages/default.aspx>
- [Maryland lays out plan for transitioning back to in-person learning \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)
- [A State Plan Outlines How Schools Could Change in Maryland \(5/7/20 6:56pm\)](#)
- [Maryland's Recovery Plan for Education \(5/13/20 10:51am\)](#)

#### Massachusetts

- State DOE: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/>
- [Fall Reopening Memo for Massachusetts Schools \(6/8/20, 9:46am\)](#)
- [MA DESE Memorandum \(6/5/20\) - Guidance on Required Safety Supplies for Reopening Schools](#)

#### 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)
- [Michigan school officials pitch tentative reopening plans \(6/4/20 11:06am\)](#)
- [Michigan State University publishes guide for K-12 schools reopening amid pandemic \(6/18/20 11:43am\)](#)

#### Minnesota

- State DOE: <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/dse/health/covid19/>
- [Minnesota schools allowed to reopen for summer \(5/15/20 4:27pm\)](#)
- [Stay Safe: Minnesota Dept of Health: 2020-2021 Planning Guide for Schools](#)



- The Dept of Education will convene PreK-12 workgroups to provide additional guidance.

#### Mississippi

- State DOE: <https://www.mdek12.org/COVID19>
- [MSDOE releases reopening strategies before school resumes in fall \(6/10/20 12:14pm\)](#)
- [Considerations for Reopening Mississippi Schools, June-August 2020](#)

#### Missouri

- State DOE: <https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information>
- [Missouri School Boards Association Releases Guidelines to Consider When Reopening Schools \(5/11/20 5:52pm\)](#)
  - <https://ams.embr.mobi/Documents/DocumentAttachment.aspx?C=ZfON&DID=GJGDM>
- [Reopening Missouri schools will be up to districts and counties, not state \(6/9/20 6:43pm\)](#)

#### Montana

- State DOE: <http://opi.mt.gov/COVID-19-Information>
- [Governor Bullock to allow schools option to reopen as early as May 7 \(4/23/20\)](#)
- [School Districts Decision on COVID-19 Closures \(4/14/20\)](#)
- [The 3 Phases of Reopening Schools](#)

#### Nebraska

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

#### Nevada

- State DOE: <http://www.doe.nv.gov>
- [Nevada Forms Panel on to Help Develop Plan for Reopening \(5/1/20\)](#)
- [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 \(6/9/20\)](#)

#### New Hampshire

- State DOE: <https://www.education.nh.gov/who-we-are/commissioner/covid-19>
- [What you need to know about school reopening this fall \(7/17/20 8:06am\)](#)
- [New Hampshire Grades K-12 Back-to-School Guidance \(July 2020\)](#)

#### New Jersey

- State DOE: <https://www.nj.gov/education/topics/index.shtml>
- [Department of Education announces guidelines for in-person summer learning and extended school year \(6/13/20 6:06pm\)](#)
- [NJ Schools reopening in fall with students back in classrooms \(6/26/20 5:43pm\)](#)
- [The Road Back: Restart and Recovery Plan for Education](#)

#### New Mexico

- State DOE: <https://webnew.ped.state.nm.us/bureaus/safe-healthy-schools/covid-19-coronavirus/>
- [Task force asked to form reopening plan for New Mexico public schools \(5/29/20\)](#)
- [New Mexico Releases Plan for Reopening Public Schools \(6/23/20 1:03pm\)](#)
- [New Mexico Governor postpones contact sports at high schools in fall \(7/9/20\)](#)

#### New York

- State DOE: <http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus>



- [Board of Regents and State Education Department Announce Regional Reopening Task Force Meetings \(6/8/20\)](#)
- [NY State Education Department releases framework for school reopening plans \(7/13/20\)](#)
- [Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewing the Spirit of New York's Schools \(7/13/20\)](#)

#### North Carolina

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://www.dpi.nc.gov/news/covid-19-response-resources>
- [North Carolina Schools will Reopen Early, Add 5 Days More \(5/5/20\)](#)
- [N.C. releases 116-page guidebook on reopening public schools \(6/11/20 6:06pm\)](#)
- [Lighting Our Way Forward: NC's Guidebook for Reopening Public Schools](#)

#### North Dakota

- State Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3gcb3S2>
- [North Dakota to Allow Students Back for Summer; Governor Calls Move 'Soft Opening' for Fall \(5/11/20 5:00pm\)](#)
- [North Dakota K-12 Smart Start Restart Guidance \(May 2020\)](#)

#### Ohio

- State DOE: <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
- [Schools anxious for state guidance on reopening \(6/20/20 1:00pm\)](#)
- [School chiefs from largest districts in Ohio can't say what classrooms will look like in the fall \(6/22/20 2:00pm\)](#)
- [Reset and Restart Education: Planning Guide for Ohio's Schools and Districts](#)

#### Oklahoma

- State DOE: <https://sde.ok.gov/>
  - [COVID 19 FAQ for Oklahoma Public Schools](#)
- [School campuses closed for the remainder of the school year \(3/25/20 6:45pm\)](#)
- [Oklahoma Department of Education Releases Guidance on School Reopening This Fall \(6/3/20\)](#)
- [Return to Learn Oklahoma – a Framework for Reopening Schools](#)

#### Oregon

- State DOE: <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/Pages/COVID19.aspx>
- [Oregon's blueprints for reopening schools call for clustering students and a whole lot of cleaning \(6/10/20\)](#)
- [Ready Schools, Safe Learners: Guidance for SY2020-21](#)

#### Pennsylvania

- State DOE: <https://bit.ly/3dG9fzb>
- [Wolf Administration Outlines Preliminary Guidance for Phased Reopening of Schools \(6/3/20\)](#)
  - [Preliminary Guidance](#)

#### Rhode Island

- State DOE: <https://www.ride.ri.gov/InsideRIDE/AdditionalInformation/Covid19.aspx>
- [Reimagining RI Education: Fall Reopening Plan Framework, SY20-21 \(5/22/20\)](#)

#### South Carolina

- State DOE: <https://ed.sc.gov/newsroom/covid-19-coronavirus-and-south-carolina-schools/>
- [SC could know options for reopening K-12 schools soon as June, top official says \(5/13/20 4:45pm\)](#)
- [AcceleratedED Task Force: Draft Guidance and Recommendations for 2020-21 School Year](#)



#### South Dakota

- State DOE: <https://doe.sd.gov/coronavirus/>
- [SDHSAA approved non-binding summer guidance rules \(5/28/20 1:00pm\)](#)
- [COVID-19 pandemic brought historic challenges to South Dakota, and a few successes \(6/29/20 3:22pm\)](#)
- [South Dakota's Back to Normal Plan](#)

#### Tennessee

- State DOE: <https://www.tn.gov/education/health-and-safety/update-on-coronavirus.html>
- [Tennessee State Board of Education FAQs](#)
- [Tennessee Department of State – Division of Publications, Emergency Rules](#)
- [State releases broad reopening guidance for schools; commissioner testifies in US Senate hearing \(6/10/20 11:31pm\)](#)
- [Reopening Guidance](#)

#### Texas

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

#### Utah

- State Board of Education: <https://schools.utah.gov/coronavirus>
- [Board discusses temperature checks, masks and how to mitigate risk \(6/28/20\)](#)
- [Planning Requirements and Recommendations for K-12 School Reopening \(6/26/20\)](#)

#### Vermont

- State Agency of Education: <https://education.vermont.gov/covid19>
- [State issues guidelines for reopening schools \(6/18/20\)](#)
- [A Strong and Healthy Start: Safety and Health Guidance for Reopening Schools, Fall 2020](#)

#### 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)
- [VA releases plan for phased reopening of schools \(6/10/20, 6:52pm\)](#)
- [Return to School Plan](#)
- [At VHSL meeting, plan to delay high school sports until at least December garners support \(7/15/20\)](#)

#### Washington

- Department of Public Instruction: <https://bit.ly/3897PfB>
- [Reopening Washington Schools 2020: District Planning Guide \(6/11/20\)](#)

#### West Virginia

- State DOE: <https://wvde.us/covid19/>
- [WV schools will reopen in August under non-traditional schedule \(6/10/20\)](#)
- [West Virginia School Re-entry & Recovery Guidance](#)

#### Wisconsin

- Department of Public Instruction: <https://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- [Wisconsin officials release guidance on reopening schools \(6/22/20\)](#)
- [Education Forward](#)



#### Wyoming

- State DOE: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/educators/covid-19-resources/> (school district closure list)
- [Wyoming to allow schools to reopen to large indoor gatherings as rules ease \(6/10/20\)](#)  
Note: School districts will work directly with their local community health department to establish protocols to control the spread of COVID-19 and educate their employees and students on prevention.
- [State releases initial guidance for fall reopening of K-12 schools \(7/1/20\)](#)

#### Department of Defense Education Activity Schools

- [All school campuses in Japan, Okinawa, Korea, Guam, across Europe and stateside are closed. State \(4/2/20\)](#)
- [Here's some advice for military parents with extra worries about kids' fall education \(6/20/20\)](#)
- [DODEA gives update on reopening of base schools \(7/7/20 11:52am\)](#)

### **Other Agencies and Organizations**

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

- **New!** [MIC3 Department of Defense Memorandums and Information webpage](#)
- [Pentagon Reservation Plan for Resilience and Aligning with National Guidelines for \*Opening Up America Again\* \(5/26/20\)](#)
- [Fact Sheet – Travel Restrictions \(5/26/20\)](#)
- [Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions \(5/22/20\)](#)
- [Pentagon Gives Local Commanders Roadmap for Easing On-Base Coronavirus Restrictions \(5/20/20 5:53pm\)](#)
- The US Department of Defense has extended the [Stop Movement Order](#) to June 30, although the Pentagon will allow more than 30,000 families to move during the Stop Order (5/6/20)
  - <https://www.stripes.com/news/us/pentagon-allows-more-than-30-000-military-families-to-move-during-stop-movement-order-1.628722>
- [Military Moving Season Most Likely Extended to the End of the Year](#)
- [SecDef update to Travel Restrictions \(Stop Movement extended to June 30\) \(4/20/20\)](#)
  - [Memorandum](#)
  - [FAQ](#)

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

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

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

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

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