

Guidance for Reopening

Various federal entities have released statements and provided guidance for the safe reopening of schools nationwide.

American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

The AAP guidance states that it "strongly advocates that all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school. The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020. Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families."

To read the full AAP guidance, [click here](#).

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

The CDC has provided several resources for the reopening of schools. The Guidance for Childcare, Schools & Youth Programs includes information for summer camps, youth sports, and can be found [via this link](#).

The CDC has also provided guidance on Interim Considerations for K-12 School Administrators for COVID-19 Testing, which can be read [here](#).

The CDC has also provided a Toolkit for K-12 schools which can be used as a Readiness & Planning Tool. [Click here](#) for the Toolkit.

Other Resources

The CDC has also provided a fact sheet with information about COVID-19 and how to protect yourself & others. For the Fact Sheet, [click here](#). An additional fact sheet about the spread of germs can be found [here](#).

The US Department of Education has provided information and resources for schools, which you can read [here](#). An additional FAQ & Response section can be found [here](#).