

PRE-K-12 RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON LEVEL OF COMMUNITY SPREAD

This information is designed to help local officials make decisions about school operations based on the level of COVID-19 in their counties.

PRE-K-12 RECOMMENDATIONS	BLUE (minimal community spread)	YELLOW (moderate community spread)	ORANGE (moderate to high community spread)	RED (high community spread)
SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools may operate all grades in-person school taking all proper precautions including maximizing social distancing, focus on hand hygiene, and masks. * Limit activities where social distancing is not feasible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools may continue all grades in-person school but should be vigilant in taking all proper precautions including maximizing social distancing, focus on hand hygiene, and masks. * No assemblies or activities where social distancing is not feasible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade schools may remain in-person. Strong recommendation for hybrid learning for middle and high school students to allow for more social distancing in school. Continue to focus on hand hygiene and masks. *, ** No assemblies or large group activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grade schools may remain in-person or consider hybrid learning to allow for more social distancing. Middle and high schools should consider virtual learning or continue with hybrid with strict social distancing and mask guidelines. *, **, ** No assemblies or large group activities.
EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extracurricular activities to follow state and local event gathering guidelines with social distancing and masks except when doing strenuous activity. Limit spectators in accordance with state and local guidelines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be vigilant about precautions for extra-curricular activities and postpone or cancel activities as warranted. Athletic and extra-curricular activities should consider permitting parents/ guardians and close family only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong recommendation to limit extra-curricular activities and consider events with competitors/participants only, no in-person attendees. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extracurricular activities should be canceled.
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage community to actively participate in continued precautions. Discussion with parents and guardians about limiting social events outside of school. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion with parents and guardians about limiting social events outside of school. Local education leaders work with county health officials to determine if increased precautions and community engagement activities are necessary to prevent escalation of disease. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion with parents and guardians about limiting social events outside of school. Local county education leaders will work collaboratively with local health departments to consider implementation of aggressive precaution measures both in schools and communities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discourage social events. Local county education leaders will work collaboratively with local health departments to consider implementation of aggressive precaution measures both in schools and communities.

* Continue strict contact tracing, education about testing and staying home when ill or a close contact. Be prepared to move to virtual learning and provide virtual options for medically vulnerable children and families who select that option for their children.

** Strong recommendation for all school systems to maintain a building that is open to assist students with remote learning, to ensure safety and food security or to enter into an agreement with community organizations to do the same.