



Reopening plans for schools for grades K-6 by province/territory Updated: 18 November 2020

Context: Regulated child care has been officially allowed to reopen in all provinces/territories. Uncertainty about whether and how schools will reopen in September for children in grades K-6, (as well as older children) has become a child care issue as other workplaces reopen and parents contemplate their return to work. This chart provides provincial /territorial policies and procedures relevant to reopening schools in Fall 2020.

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Newfoundland and Labrador	No	<p>01/09/2020 – One metre distancing to be maintained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Masks will be required to be worn by students in grades 7 to 12 in classrooms where physical distancing of one metre face to face is not possible. <p>06/07/2020 – See: K-12 Education Re-entry Plan and News release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School districts will plan for three scenarios for the fall while focusing on maximizing in-person attendance in the K-12 education system while ensuring health and safety measures to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission for students, all teaching staff, support workers and families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Scenario 1: In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures) o Scenario 2: In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures) o Scenario 3: At-home learning (in-school classes are suspended/cancelled) - Students to be cohorted by classes <p>EECD is working with the Department of Health and Community Services to create criteria for operating under the various scenarios. The preferred scenario is that students will return to daily in-school classes at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year.</p>	<p>13/10/2020 - Schools can begin phasing in some indoor extra-curricular activities.</p> <p>20/07/2020 – Schools reopen for principals, teachers and staff on September 2 and for students on September 9</p>
Nova Scotia	No	<p>Public schools: Back to school plan (updated 17/09/2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All students in public schools will start back to school in September 2020 with full-time, in-school learning. - Pre-primary: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cohorts of up to 20 children with 2 staff or 24 children with 3 staff who stay together each day. o Conduct outdoor activities as much as possible, with a goal of at least 40% of the day. o Staff working with pre-primary to grade 3 must wear a mask when unable to physically distance from students. - Primary – grade 12: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Cohorting, physical distancing as much as possible o Children grade 4 to 12 must wear a mask if unable to physically distance (except in indoor physical activity) - Masks are not required for any student during outdoor activities. - Staff and visitors will wear masks: 	<p>22/07/2020 - All Nova Scotia students to return to school in September on September 8</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In common areas and whenever they are unable to maintain physical distance from others. ○ If move between classrooms is part of their duties (otherwise should refrain to do so) <p>26/08/2020 - Supporting Children & Families in the Pre-primary Program during COVID-19: A Guide for Families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Pre-primary Program in a school or offsite facility will function as a bubble within the broader school environment to reduce the risk of disease transmission. Where there is more than one pre-primary class in a school, each pre-primary class will stay together and not mix with the other class or other students in the school. Within a pre-primary class, depending on size, smaller groups or cohorts of children with assigned pre-primary staff will be organized. - Non-medical masks are required for pre-primary children who will be taking the bus. No expectation for pre-primary children to wear masks while they are in the classroom or outdoors. 	
New Brunswick	No	<p>13/08/2020 - Return to School: Guide for Parents and the Public & Return to School: Direction for School Districts and Schools (Updated 16/09/2020)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduced group size: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-2: As close to 15 students as possible ○ 3-5: As close to 22 students as possible - Physical distancing of two metres between class groupings in Grades K-8. Physical distancing is not required within these groups. - Masks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All students and school personnel are expected to bring two clean community masks to school with them every day. ○ K-5: In common areas when class grouping is not protected, community masks are encouraged. ○ If they stay within their classroom bubble, K-8 teachers can choose whether or not to wear a face mask or shield. - Music education: Singing will be allowed, but students will be asked to sing softly or increase their physical distance if singing indoors. Sharing musical instruments will also be allowed, except for wind instruments. <p>Early Learning and Childcare Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early learning and childcare facilities (daycares) that are already established within a school may continue to operate. - If services are being offered during the school day, clients and relevant staff will separate from the school population <p>Early Childhood Programs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Early childhood programs such as Talk with Me, Family and Early Childhood, Early Years Evaluation-Direct Assessment and Preschool Autism Services will be offered in a school facility during the day and after-school hours. If no school space is available, the school district is responsible to arrange an alternate school location. - Small group sessions are allowed. 	<p>13/10/2020 – Zone 5 (Campbellton region) is in Orange level (see level rules here).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K to 12 schools are open under strict guidance, virtual to be used for at-risk populations. <p>20/08/2020 - COVID-19 testing for teachers and school staff Public Health will make COVID-19 testing available for asymptomatic teachers or school staff who are concerned about potential exposure to the virus.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - School operational plans must include reference to early childhood programs and services <p>12/06/2020 - Return to School: September 2020</p> <p>The plan outlines the operational requirements schools and school districts must meet while developing their COVID-19 operational plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some classrooms may have smaller groupings, depending upon the grade level. - Transition times, such as arrival, breaks and lunches, will be staggered. - Kindergarten to Grade 8 will attend school full time and stay within their class grouping throughout the day. - Grades 9 to 12 will be taught using blended learning methods (in-class and distance instruction), including online course work, guided projects, experiential learning or co-op placements. Physical distancing is required as much as possible. 	
Prince Edward Island	No	<p>21/09/2020 – Back to school FAQs</p> <p>28/08/2020 - Wearing Masks and PPE in Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students in K-12 are required to wear masks on the school bus. Students in K-6 may wear a non-medical mask inside school facilities when physical distancing cannot be maintained. - Staff for all grades are strongly recommended to wear non-medical masks at school when physical distancing cannot be maintained. Staff members will be provided with masks or an allowance to purchase their own personal, non-medical masks. <p>14/08/2020 – UPDATED: See Public Schools Branch Updated Guidelines for Return to School 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohorts will be identified and kept as small as possible, depending on size of the school, grade level of the school, physical layout of the school, number of school staff, etc. - Within a physical school zone, students will be assigned washrooms, water bottle filling stations, lockers/hooks/cubbies, entrance/exit, section of the playground, section of the cafeteria, etc. and will use these assigned spaces as much as possible. - Staff and student in Grades 7-12 are recommended to wear non-medical masks inside school facilities when physical distancing cannot be maintained. <p>05/08/2020 – See Public Schools Branch Guidelines for Return to School 2020 and News release</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cohorts will be identified and kept as small as possible, depending on grade level and the physical space - All before and after school activities will be “paused” during school start up. PSB and schools will collaborate to determine when before and after school activities will resume. 	<p>Schools re-opening for teachers and staff on September 1 and for students on September 8.</p> <p>Schools have the option to stagger start dates and hold an orientation day for new grades to the school on Tuesday, September 8th. If a school chooses to do this, the remaining grades would start school on Wednesday, September 9th</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When before/after school activities resume: Extra-curricular activities for students before and after school will be at each schools' discretion, provided they can put precautions in place that follow these guidelines and are similar to any other organized activities – refer to Organized Recreational Activities guidance for current guidelines. <p>02/07/2020 – See: Welcome back to school plan</p> <p>In-class learning is the ideal environment for teaching and learning. Schoolboards, schools and teachers will plan for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In-class learning with detailed precautionary measures in place, and - In-class learning with additional public health measures; <p>As a precautionary measure, back-up plans are being developed, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At home learning with limited use of school facilities. - At home learning with no access to school facilities 	
Quebec	Yes – Mid May 2020 (schools in Greater Montreal reopened as of September); strict public health guidelines	<p>5/10/2020 – Alert level 4 for some regions (Check Map of COVID-19 alert levels by region)</p> <p>Alert level 4 requirements for preschool and elementary school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one stable class group is permitted at all times, with no physical distancing required - Students from different class groups must stay 2 metres apart when moving around in common areas - Extracurricular activities are suspended - Field trips and interscholastic activities are suspended - Special pedagogical projects may continue as long as the principle of stable class groups is respected. If this is not possible, a 2-metre distance between students from different stable class groups must be maintained at all times, and the health guidelines must be strictly respect - Wearing a procedural mask is mandatory for all school staff at all times - School visitors must be kept to a minimum - School daycare services are organized based on the principle of stable class groups or by creating subgroups, with a 2-metre physical distance between groups - Students eat lunch with their stable class group <p>10/08/2020 – UPDATED: Back-to-school plan for the Fall of 2020 (COVID-19)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entire classes (rather than a subgroup of 6 students in the previous plan) will be considered class groups and must maintain 1 metre distance with other groups but not within themselves. 	08/10/2020 – The education ministry drops the fall report card for elementary and secondary schools , to lighten the workload of teachers during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A distance of 2 metres must be maintained at all times between students and school staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Preschool teachers (Kindergarten for 4-year-olds and 5-year olds) must wear PPE (mask or visor) but will not be required to keep physical distance with students - Students are not required to wear face coverings in classrooms. Preschool up to and including Elementary 4, students are allowed to wear them in school and on school transportation vehicles. Elementary 5 and 6 students will be required to wear a face covering when they are in common areas and in the presence of other groups. <p>03/07/2020 – See: Back-to-school 2020: Reopening all schools in Quebec, Emergency protocols Kindergarten, elementary school and Secondary I, II and III</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All students in preschool, elementary school and Secondary I, II and III will attend class full-time - For kindergarten and elementary school: A return to school is not compulsory. Children learning from home will be provided with distance pedagogical support. The parents’ decision must not change for the remainder of the school year. - School day care services will resume regular operations in every school when schools reopen. - Respite services may be offered (up to each institution) for families with a child who has a disability or is deemed to be at-risk. Groups will consist of no more than 15 students. 	
Ontario	No	<p>14/08/2020 – See Before and After School Programs: Kindergarten – Grade 6</p> <p>Best practices to limit interactions between students from different classes and reduce transmission of COVID-19 may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Making best efforts to group the before and after school program class with the same core day class (e.g. determining core day classes based on whether the child is enrolled in the before and after school program); and - Making use of large, well-ventilated spaces (e.g. gymnasium) or outdoor spaces as much as possible for the before and after school programs. <p>29/07/2020 – See Guide to Reopening Ontario’s Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All elementary schools (K – Grade 8) will open for conventional in-person delivery of teaching and instruction, five days a week, with 300 minutes of instruction per day, remaining in one cohort for the full day. Class sizes will not be reduced. - Secondary schools in designated school boards will open on an adapted model, with class cohorts of approximately 15 students, on alternating schedules with at least 50% of in-class instructional days. Secondary schools in non-designated school boards will be permitted to open with conventional delivery, with enhanced health and safety protocols. - In-person school attendance will be optional for the 2020/21 school year. 	<p>09/10/2020 - The York Catholic and Dufferin-Peel Catholic school boards are moving into a blended model of online and in-person learning.</p> <p>14/09/2020 – Government’s webpage to report COVID-19 cases in schools and child care centres</p> <p>26/08/2020 - COVID-19 guidance: school outbreak management</p> <p>School boards’ reopening plans: 12/08/2020 - York Catholic District School Board 11/08/2020 – Rainbow District School Board</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students in Grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear masks indoors on school property. Students may wear their own non-medical masks, and non-medical masks will also be made available for students. K – Grade 3 students are not required to wear masks. - School-based staff who are regularly in close contact with students will be provided with all appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). The Ontario government will provide PPE and cleaning products to school boards - Most schools in Ontario will open for students on September 8, 2020. School boards schedule three days of professional activity prior to September 8. One day paid, mandatory health and safety training for all school-based staff. - As much distancing as possible between students, between students and staff and between staff members should always be promoted. - Before and after school programming will be available and students in these programs would be part of two cohorts. Schools, child care operators and authorized recreation providers in schools will collaborate to ensure that student lists <p>19/06/2020 – See: Ontario prepares for the safe reopening of schools and Approach to reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year</p> <p>School boards will be required to plan for the following three scenarios to be implemented in September, depending on the public health situation at the time:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scenario 1: Normal school day routine with enhanced public health protocols - Students will attend school every day, in classes that reflect standard class size regulations. - Scenario 2: Modified school day routine - This model would require alternate day or alternate week delivery to a segment of the class at one time. Based on public health advice, an adapted delivery model will allow physical distancing and cohorts of students. Under this model, school boards will maintain a limit of 15 students in a typical classroom at one time and adopt timetabling that would allow for students to remain in contact only with their classmates and a single teacher for as much of the school day as possible. - Scenario 3: At home learning - If school closure is extended, or some parents choose not to send their child back to school, school boards need to be prepared to offer remote education. Remote education should be delivered online to the greatest extent possible, including the establishment of minimum expectations for students to have direct contact with their teacher at the same time on a regular basis, also known as synchronous learning. Synchronous learning can be used as part of whole class instruction, in smaller groups of students, and/or in a one-on-one context. 	<p>10/08/2020 – Ottawa-Carleton School Board; Ottawa Catholic School Board; Toronto District School Board [latest update]; Simcoe County District School Board</p> <p>04/08/2020 - Toronto Catholic District School Board</p> <p>31/07/2020 – York Region District School Board</p> <p>31/07/2020 - Ontario elementary students will return to school full time, while some high schoolers will attend part-time</p> <p>08/07/2020 – Ontario government tells school boards to maximize time children are in the classroom</p>
Manitoba	Partly - Elementary and high schools in partially reopened,	<p>02/11/2020 – See Pandemic Response System Levels for K-12 Schools</p> <p>All K-12 schools move to the Restricted level (Orange)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two metres of physical distancing to be ensured to the greatest extent possible - Teachers and staff are required to wear medical masks if moving across cohorts of students 	<p>09/11/2020 – MB is establishing a new remote learning support centre for teachers, students and parents who engage in remote learning.</p>



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	with not all students attending and those attending in small groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cancel field trips - Indoor choir and wind instruments are not permitted - K-8 students may be offered a temporary remote learning option <p>25/08/2020 – See COVID-19 Guidelines for Schools and School-Located Child Care Centres</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Existing early learning and child care programs located in schools or on school property cannot be displaced from their dedicated space to manage physical distancing requirements. Should relocation takes place, this would require relicensing of the temporary space. - Movement within the school should be limited throughout the day to the greatest extent possible - Roll-away child care programs, such as before and after school programs, rely on shared school space and should not be displaced. - Both child care centres and schools will determine their own cohorts (i.e. maximum groups of children), which will be distinct. - Children who are school-aged and also attend a before and after school program will belong to two distinct cohorts: one as part of child care programming and another as part of the school. - Where physical distancing cannot be maintained between individual children, it is important to maintain at least one metre between children seated within a cohort and at least four meters between groups or cohorts of children (i.e. two groups of children can be in the same room provided the groups do not intermingle and four metres of space is maintained). <p>24/08/2020 – UPDATED: See Restoring Safe Schools: August 24 - School Settings Practice Guidance and Protocols & Restoring Safe Schools: August 13 - A Guide for Parents, Caregivers and Students</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mandatory use of non-medical masks for students in Grades 4 to 12, as well as teachers, staff and visitors where two meters of distancing is not possible. <p>30/07/2020 – See Welcoming Our Students Back: Restoring Safe Schools</p> <p>In-class learning will resume on September 8th for students in all public and independent schools across the province.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kindergarten to Grade 8 students will return for five days of in-class instruction (full instructional day) per week. - Students in Grades 9 to 12 will return for up to five days per week of in-class instruction if high schools can effectively implement physical distancing and the use of cohorts to reduce the risk of transmission and to ensure documentation for contact tracing. - Students with special needs in all grades will return for five days of in-class instruction (full instructional day) per week. - Teachers and staff will return to schools on September 2, 3 and 4, providing an opportunity for orientation to public health requirements and the educational priorities to support students, as well as professional learning around recovery learning. - Two metres of physical distancing is required to the greatest extent possible. Classrooms will be configured to support physical distancing with the use of alternate space as needed, such as multi-purpose rooms. 	<p>28/09/2020 - In Winnipeg capital region, wearing a mask mandatory at all times in indoor public locations by adults and children aged five and older.</p> <p>02/09/2020 - Guidance for mask use in schools</p> <p>Schools will reopen for teachers and staff on September 2, 2020 with students returning on September 8, 2020. School divisions will submit division-level plans to Manitoba Education and will ensure all schools within their division have school-level plans that are accessible to the school community. Funded independent schools will also be asked to submit their plans to the department and post for their respective school.</p> <p>The province will confirm which scenario will be followed in the fall on or before Aug. 1, taking into account the public health situation at the time.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Where physical distancing is not possible, students must remain within cohorts to reduce exposure to others. In these instances, there must be at least one metre between students as they sit at their desks in classrooms. - Maximum cohort size is to be no more than 75 students. There is no limit on the number of cohorts, as long as distinct cohorts of 75 can be separated to prevent contact with other groups. - At this time, public health guidance does not require students and staff to wear masks or other PPE in school settings or on school buses. - The Departments of Education and Families are working together with school divisions and the child care sector to ensure that families can continue accessing child care within schools. Schools will work cooperatively with child care centres to ensure that these centres can continue to operate. <p>Three response levels will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1 – In-class Learning (planned for September 2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Details as above. - Level 2: Blended Learning (in-class and remote). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o K-8 students and students with special needs are prioritized for in-class learning. o Grades 9 to 12 will participate in teacher-led remote learning, with limited use of school facilities for specific programming and assessment - Level 3: Remote Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Remote learning in place o Schools are closed to the public with the exception of Kindergarten to Grade 6 students of critical workers o Early Learning and Child Care guidelines will be followed with reduced class sizes and strict infection prevention and controls in place <p>25/06/2020 - See: Restoring safe schools: Welcoming our students back</p> <p>While Manitoba is targeting a return to in-class learning for all in the fall, school divisions and independent schools are asked to prepare a re-opening plan for different public health scenarios as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scenario 1: In-class learning resumes for all, with near normal conditions. - Scenario 2: In-class learning resumes with additional public health measures. - Scenario 3: Remote learning from home, with limited use of school facilities 	
Saskatchewan	No	11/08/2020 – Safe School Plan Level 2 Guidance released	13/10/2020 - Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS) is temporarily closing one of its elementary schools and moving



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Grade 4 through 12: mask use in high traffic areas (hallways, buses) and in classrooms where physical distancing is not maintained or where students are outside of the cohort within their classroom, as well as all teachers and staff. - Teacher and class cohorting, with a focus on cohorting teachers to a limited number of students and keeping students in one cohort as much as possible; - In elementary school settings, students’ cohorts will be the classroom; - Front-facing instruction for students, any exceptions will be identified for approval by public health; and - Staggered start times, breaks and end times, where possible. - Students are encouraged to bring their own non-medical cloth masks. <p>04/08/2020 – See: Safe School Plan Saskatchewan’s 27 school divisions have plans in place for the safe return of students and staff to the classroom in September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minimize contact through reconfiguring physical spaces and staggering timetables. - Utilizing outdoor spaces for learning when possible. - Mask use are not mandatory. <p>Four scenarios that may be activated regionally or provincially based on the advice of SK Chief Medical Health Officer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Level 1: Return to school, as close to normal as possible, with additional health measures and precautions. This is the scenario we are planning for come September 1. - Level 2: Mask usage as determined by the Chief Medical Health Officer. These masks are being purchased centrally by the ministry of education and distributed to school divisions. - Level 3: In the event it becomes necessary, school capacity will be reduced. This may include establishing cohorts and hybrid learning models as considerations. - Level 4: Implementing learning continuity plans, which means transitioning to mandatory remote learning. <p>09/06/2020 - See: Primary educational institution guidelines Government of Saskatchewan announced that in-classroom learning will resume for the 2020-21 school year. Schools will increase sanitation measures and continue to promote proper hygiene practices. This includes the availability of hand sanitizer wherever possible, establishing clear protocols for bringing supplementary school materials such as backpacks and school supplies in and out of schools, and planning for minimized contact among students and staff as much as possible.</p>	<p>to online learning after someone there tested positive for COVID-19.</p> <p>17/08/2020 - Students and staff will now be rescheduled to return to class on September 8</p> <p>05/08/2020 – All school divisions released their plans for school return</p> <p>Prekindergarten to Grade 12 schools can plan for school to resume as previously scheduled this fall. Classes will begin as early as September 1, depending on local school division calendars.</p> <p>As this is a highly evolving situation, the guidelines may be updated and adjusted depending on the impact of COVID-19 and the feedback of education partners in our province prior to the beginning of the school year.</p>

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Alberta	No	<p>22/07/2020 – See: K to 12 School re-entry</p> <p>Students across Alberta will return to classrooms for the 2020/21 school year under scenario 1: In-class learning with enhanced health and safety measures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - COVID-19 information: Guidance for schools on re-entry scenario 1 - Get the facts: Back to class for 2020-21 - 2020/21 Parent Guide <p>10/06/2020 - See: School re-entry 2020-21</p> <p>School authorities must plan for the following 3 scenarios for September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scenario 1 – In-school classes resume, near-normal operations with health measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o COVID-19 information: Guidance for schools on re-entry scenario 1 - Scenario 2 – In-school classes partially resume with additional health measures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o COVID-19 information: Guidance for schools on re-entry scenario 2 - Scenario 3 – At home learning continues, in-school classes are cancelled <p>Summer school: COVID-19 information: Guidance for summer school on re-entry</p>	<p>31/08/2020 – Two-metre distancing is exempted for school settings, so long as students distance the desks as far apart as possible or make sure they don't face each other.</p> <p>28/08/2020 – Every student, teacher and staff received two re-usable masks. Every teacher and staff received one face-shield.</p> <p>21/08/2020 – Ministry of Education turned down a request to mandate a postponement to school start day but leave flexibility for school boards to push back if deemed necessary.</p> <p>04/08/2020 – Mandatory mask use for students in Grades 4 to 12 and all staff, two reusable masks will be distributed to all student and staff. Mask use is optional for kindergarten to Grade 3 students.</p> <p>22/07/2020 - Alberta education ministers outlines plans to return to school in September</p> <p>11/07/2020 - Start of school year re-entry scenario will be determined by August 1, 2020. Scenario 1, resuming daily in-school classes is the preferred and likely scenario - near normal operation with health measures.</p>
British Columbia	Yes – June 1, 2020 with strict public health guidelines;	<p>21/08/2020 – UPDATED: See B.C.'s Back to School Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Every student and staff member will be given two masks. Masks are required for all staff and all students in middle and secondary school when they are in high traffic areas. Elementary school students are not required to wear masks. Students will have the choice to wear a mask in the classroom. Staff will have the choice to wear a mask when interacting within their learning group. 	<p>27/08/2020 – All school districts release detailed plans.</p> <p>12/08/2020 – Orientation week for K-12 school</p>



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	an optional part-time basis.	<p>29/07/2020 – See: COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 School Settings (update 11/09/2020) & COVID-19: Return To School</p> <p>Schools will enter Stage 2 in September 2020. Most students in grades K-12 to return with full-time in-class learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Learning group size (cohorts) -, remains together throughout school term: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Elementary: 60; Middle: 60; Secondary: 120 o Composed of students and staff o Cohort composition can be changed at the start of a new quarter, semester or term o No physical distancing required within cohort but minimizing contact is encouraged o Maintain 2-metre physical distancing with those outside the cohort o In elementary schools, students can socialize with peers in different cohorts if they are outdoors and can minimize physical contact or if they are indoors and can maintain physical distance. o Wearing a non-medical mask or face covering within schools is a personal choice for students and adults. Non-medical masks or face coverings may be useful when physical distance cannot be consistently maintained and the person is interacting with people outside of their cohort for extended periods of time. o Middle and secondary students should wear non-medical masks or face coverings. Non-medical masks are not recommended for elementary students on buses o PPE, such as masks and gloves, is not needed for most staff beyond that used as part of routine practices - Density Targets: N/A - Instruction Method: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Full-time instruction for all students for the maximum instructional time possible within learning group limits. o Self-directed learning supports in-class instruction, if required - Schools should not provide notification to staff or students' families if a staff member or student becomes ill at home or at school, including if they display symptoms of COVID-19, unless directed to by public health. <p>15/05/2020 - See: 5-stage K-12 Education Restart plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All staff meet with H/S committee and finalize plans for learning groups starting Sept. 8 - Students will be back to class for orientation and assigned to learning groups by Sept. 10 <p>11/08/2020 – B.C. shifting to phased-in school restart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The start of the school year is being pushed back to a yet-undecided date. - Only teachers and staff returning to school on Sept. 8 to sort out logistics - Most students from kindergarten through Grade 12 would be able to resume classes after the Labour Day weekend. - The province has promised to share final details by Aug. 26 <p>26/06/2020 - Staggered recess, smaller classes: What will B.C. schools look like in September?</p>
Northwest Territories	No	<p>24/08/2020 – UPDATED: NWT Education Bulletin: Back to School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In person learning: Student who is well - Remote learning: Student who is self-isolating - Home schooling: Parent has placed student on an approved Home Schooling Program and becomes their child's teacher. 	If there is a case of COVID-19 in the school, parents should be prepared for their child(ren) to be sent home quickly and for contact tracing to be done before schools can reopen. Should



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		<p>20/08/2020 – See OCPhO Backgrounder: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Children and the Re-Opening of Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No physical distancing for outdoor play or sports for students 12 and under. - Encourages “on the land learning” outdoors weather permitting (open pavilion set-up) - Full curriculum with exception of indoor wind musical instruments and live singing and drama indoors. Avoid singing to mitigate aerosol transmission. - Non-medical masks or face coverings recommended for students above age 2 if tolerated when unable to physically distance indoors in a prolonged contact setting. - Teachers can consider using face shields rather face coverings. <p>03/07/2020 – See :Reopening NWT schools safely & School safety plan for 2020 – 2021 school year</p> <p>The upcoming 2020-2021 school year will not be a return to normal for educational staff and students. Most classrooms will be arranged differently, students and staff will need to use masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE), and there will be new rules to enforce hygiene and physical distancing.</p> <p>In order to ensure learning continues for all students, schools will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prioritize full-time in-person learning whenever it is safe and possible to do so - Ensure distance learning continues for those who require it, in the short or long term - Allow for a blended learning model that combines in-person with coordinated distance learning <p>In-person learning</p> <p>All NWT schools are striving to provide a safe way for students to learn in person at school for the 2020-2021 school year as much as possible. In-person learning ensures that our students will receive as much time as possible in classrooms with teachers, through our usual method of schooling with additional safety guidelines in place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For Grades JK-6, in-person learning will be easier to provide, as there are fewer rules about physical distancing for younger children. <p>K-Grade 6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full time, in-person instruction - No physical distancing inside the classroom bubble. Students maintain physical distance of 1-2 metres when outside of the classroom 	<p>a child develop symptoms at school, they will be isolated safely and parents will be contacted to pick them up. If a number of school staff are impacted by COVID-19, school closure may become necessary.</p> <p>When schools cannot be open full time to all students, students in JK-6 will be the priority for fulltime in-person schooling along with those in Grade 12, to ensure they are prepared for postsecondary opportunities.</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Changes to classrooms to maximize safety, such as removal of materials that cannot be easily cleaned (e.g. toys, sand or water-tables), modifications to gathering circles, etc. - Use of non-medical masks when physical distance cannot be maintained, such as when moving through the hallways to the washroom or riding the bus - Assigned doors for exit and entrance - Changes in the school, such as sanitation stations for hand cleaning, additional signage and plexiglass barriers <p>Indigenous languages and land-based learning To make sure education remains accessible, equitable and culturally relevant for NWT students, the ministry is collaborating closely with education partners to ensure that Indigenous education and Indigenous languages remain integral components of school programming despite the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	
Nunavut	No	<p>27/07/2020 - See - COVID-19 Department of Education Services update&2020-21 Opening Plan for Nunavut Schools: Health and Safety</p> <p>Planning for 2020-21 school year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All schools will open, as scheduled, for the new school year, unless otherwise directed by CPHO. - 4 stages have been developed to direct school operations depending on the impacts of COVID-19 in each community. - The CPHO will determine when a community moves from stage to stage. <p>COVID-19 stages of planning and levels of risk for school operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stage 1: No COVID-19 in the community or other communities in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All instruction will take place at school. - Stage 2: Escalated risk of COVID-19 transmission in the region. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Elementary school instruction will take place at school. o Middle and high school instruction will be a blend of in-school and remote learning. Students will attend school two to three days per week with staggered schedules to reduce physical interaction. - Stage 3: Isolated/recovery from COVID-19 in the community. (scheduled for 14/09/2020) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Instruction for all grade levels will be a blend of in-school and remote learning. o Elementary school students will attend school three days per week. o Middle and high school students will attend school two days per week with staggered schedules to reduce physical interaction. - Stage 4: Community transmission of COVID-19. 	<p>16/11/2020 - As of November 18, 2020, all schools will be moving to remote learning.</p> <p>06/11/2020 – All schools in Sanikiluaq have been recommended to close by the Chief Public Health Officer due to confirmed cases of COVID-19.</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Complete closure of in-school and land-based learning environments. All instruction will be conducted remotely. <p>Health and safety restrictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Health and safety restrictions are different in schools than everywhere else to balance the risk of direct infection and transmission of COVID-19 in children with the harms of school closure - Cleaning will be enhanced in all schools, and custodians will receive guidelines and training. <p>Learning and instruction</p> <p>The focus in the first several months of school will be on learning recovery, assessment, and instruction.</p> <p>Physical distancing and masks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physical distancing requirements depend on the stage a community is in. - In general, the use of masks is not recommended for children. There may be some instances where students should wear masks. Some school staff may wear masks, if they are unable to physically distance when required by the CPHO. 	
Yukon	No	<p>12/08/2020 - Yukon's chief medical officer, however, is recommending that children age 10 and older wear a non-medical face mask if they're riding the bus or in other places where they can't physically distance.</p> <p>23/07/2020 – See Guidelines for K-12 school settings</p> <p>Physical distancing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There can be any number of students and staff in a school setting at any given time if they are not all in one area and can keep a safe distance of 2 metres from each other. Physical distancing by and among staff is strongly recommended. - Consider staggering pick-up and drop-off times, recess, lunch and class transitions to support physical distancing - Groups of students should stay together throughout the day and not mix with other groups. - Staff should remain with the same group whenever possible <p>Hand hygiene</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Student and staff to clean or sanitize their hands throughout the day as required. - Alcohol based hand rub should be made available at school entrances and exits, entry points to classrooms and other high traffic areas <p>Teaching materials and objects</p> <p>There is no evidence that textbooks, paper and other paper-based products transmit the COVID-19 virus. Books and paper-based educational resources can be distributed or shared with students.</p>	<p>04/08/2020 - Yukon Public Schools to begin year with only online classes</p> <p>07/09/2020 - School principals will share finalized school operational plans with school communities in August before the start of the 2020–21 school year.</p>



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		<p>Personal protective equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personal protective equipment (PPE) is not recommended in school settings, beyond what is normally used by staff. <p>Programming and activity guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Singing and playing woodwind and brass instruments must not occur at this time, as these activities increase the risk of spreading the virus due to aerosolized respiratory fluids. - Outdoor education and on the land programming is encouraged. <p>After school use</p> <p>Public access for after school use should be permitted provided user groups follow the general guidelines contained in this document. These requirements should be communicated through an updated user group agreement.</p> <p>09/07/2020 - See: Yukon learning continuity guidelines & Planning for the 2020 – 21 school year</p> <p>All students will return to classes in school for the start of the 2020-21 school year, with infection prevention and control measures put in place</p> <p>Rural school operations in the 2020–21 school year</p> <p>Rural schools have the flexibility in their learning spaces to safely bring back all students to the school while following health and safety guidelines. This is why all Kindergarten to Grade 12 students in rural schools return to full-day in-class instruction five days per week.</p> <p>Whitehorse school operations in the 2020–21 school year</p> <p>Whitehorse Kindergarten to Grade 9 students in Whitehorse will also return to full-day, in-class instruction five days per week.</p> <p>Whitehorse Grade 10 to 12 students will return to half-day in-class instruction and half-day learning away from school five days per week using blended learning with additional support through virtual or in-person study halls with teachers.</p> <p>Note: Students in Kindergarten to Grade 3 will have traditional direct instruction and support from teachers for their learning. Students in Grades 4 to 9 students will have both face-to-face activities with their teachers and classmates and digital activities with technology and online tools.</p>	