

# COVID-19 Back-to-School Guidance

Resources to Help You Reopen Safely

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**B**ack-to-school planning, in the midst of a global pandemic, might make this year feel daunting but CSDSIP is here to help! We have compiled a list of hot-topic resources to help you navigate the moving target of changing regulations and expectations. This digest will help you navigate advice from the Colorado Department of Education (CDE), U.S. Department of Education (USDOE), Colorado Department of Public Health and Education (CDPHE), and the Colorado Governor's Office. As always, call CSDSIP's Risk Control department with questions. This information, as well as CSDSIP's most up-to-date COVID-19 resources are also available on the [COVID-19 Resources](#) page of our website.



[About COVID-19](#) – Find the most up-to-date information on the COVID-19 virus here.

[Planning in Uncertain Times](#) – Planning for restarting the school year may seem like a moving target given emerging epidemiological data and public health guidelines. CDE recommends establishing flexible contingency plans, including remote learning and small-group in-person learning. CDE's common-sense considerations will help you make in-person vs. remote learning decisions.

[Health Guidance by COVID Phase](#) - CDPHE, CDE and the Governor's Office worked together to develop this guidance for Local Public Health agencies (LPHAs) and districts as they develop school plans. The guidance considers evolving scientific knowledge about the spread of COVID-19 among children and in schools, as well as real-world disease control knowledge built on state and local-level experience.

[General Guidelines for Protecting Students/Parents](#) – General guidance for the safety of students and parents on masks, screenings, and hygiene.

[Safe Physical Distancing Guidelines](#)- Encouraging kids to physically distance during activities and getting them to limit sharing can be quite the challenge! Check out CDE's resource for tips and tricks.

[Transportation Guidance](#) – CDE recommendations on district provided transportation, including processes and protocols to help ensure student health and safety during their commute.

[FERPA and COVID-19](#) – The U.S. Department of Education has put together guidance concerning personally identifiable information disclosure and students' education records related to COVID-19.

[Staff & Students with COVID symptoms](#) – Guidance on how to care for individuals who may exhibit COVID like symptoms.

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[Continuity of Learning](#) – Maintaining the greatest continuity of learning possible is important. Different scenario guidance is available here.

[Sports & Playgrounds](#) – Navigating sports activities are on many minds! It is important to keep participants, staff, and the community safe. CSDSIP developed a Playbook that will give you the guidance you need to keep your community safe!

[Technology](#) - Many of our Members are moving classes online and checking equipment out to students in order to facilitate this work. Our Technology Risk Bulletin can help schools navigate common issues around loaning district property.

[Staff Safety Guidelines](#) – Bringing staff back into your office comes with challenges. CSDSIP has put together a Playbook that will give you guidance to keep you staff safe.

[CDE complete COVID -19 Toolkit](#) – For the complete CDE Framework and Toolkit for School Districts visit here.