



On May 19, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) issued what it calls “considerations for schools”, or more specifically, ways in which schools can help protect students, teachers, administrators, and staff whenever schools re-open.

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The agency emphasized that “implementation should be guided by what is feasible, practical, acceptable, and tailored to the needs of each community.”

*“There are a number of actions school administrators can take to help lower the risk of COVID-19 exposure and spread during school sessions and activities.”*

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*Offering options for staff at higher risk for severe illness (including older adults and people of all ages with certain underlying medical conditions) that limit their exposure risk (e.g., telework, modified job responsibilities that limit exposure risk)*

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*Limiting any nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as possible – especially with individuals who are not from the local geographic area (e.g., community, town, city, county).*

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*Pursuing virtual activities and events in lieu of field trips, student assemblies, special performances, school-wide parent meetings, and spirit nights, as possible.*

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*Pursuing options to convene sporting events and participation in sports activities in ways that minimizes the risk of transmission of COVID-19 to players, families, coaches, and communities.*

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*Staggered Scheduling, including arrival and drop-off times or locations by cohort, and when possible, using flexible worksites (e.g., telework) and flexible work hours (e.g., staggered shifts)*

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*Cross-training staff, creating a roster of trained back-up staff, and conducting training virtually or ensuring that social distancing is maintained during training.*

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- THE COMPLETE TEXT AND LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS IS AVAILABLE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.CDC.GOV/CORONAVIRUS/2019-NCOV/COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS-CHILDCARE/SCHOOLS.HTML](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/community/schools-childcare/schools.html)



*“Create distance between children on school buses (e.g., seat children one child per row, skip rows) when possible.”*

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*School bus drivers “should practice all safety actions and protocols as indicated for other staff (e.g., hand hygiene, cloth face coverings)”*

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*“To clean and disinfect school buses or other transport vehicles, see guidance for bus transit operators.”*

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