This information is designed to help local officials make decisions about school operations based on the level of COVID-19 in their counties. Schools may remain open to in-person instruction at all levels as conditions permit. Decisions should be made in consultation with local health officials in accordance with all current local and state guidelines.

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

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| BLUE (minimal community spread) | • Schools may operate all grades in-person taking all proper precautions including maximizing social distancing, focus on hand hygiene, and masks. *  
• Limit activities where social distancing is not feasible. | • 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. | • Engage community to actively participate in continued precautions.  
• Follow guidance in Executive Order 20-48 and all local guidance.  
• Discuss with parents and guardians about limiting social events outside of school. |
| YELLOW (moderate community spread) | • Schools may continue all grades in-person 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. | • Be vigilant about precautions for extracurricular activities and postpone or cancel activities as warranted.  
• Athletic and extracurricular activities should consider permitting parents/guardians and close family only. | • Discuss with parents and guardians about limiting social events outside of school.  
• Follow guidance in Executive Order 20-48 and all local guidance.  
• Local education leaders work with county health officials to determine if increased precautions and community engagement activities are necessary to prevent escalation of disease. |
| ORANGE (moderate to high community spread) | Schools may continue in-person instruction, especially in grades K-8, but decisions should be made in consultation with local health department and include consideration of the ability to maintain social distancing, enforce hand hygiene and wearing of masks.  
• No assemblies or large group activities. | • Attendance at winter indoor K-12 extracurricular activities and co-curricular activities is limited to 25 percent capacity, in consultation with local health departments.  
• All non-competing and non-performing participants required to wear face coverings. | • Discuss with parents and guardians about limiting social events outside of school.  
• Follow guidance in Executive Order 20-48 and all local guidance.  
• Local county education leaders will work collaboratively with local health departments to consider implementation of aggressive precaution measures both in schools and communities. |
| RED (high community spread) | • Schools may continue in-person instruction, especially in grades K-8, but decisions should be made in consultation with local health officials and include consideration of the ability to maintain social distancing, enforce hand hygiene and wearing of masks.  
• Schools may consider hybrid instruction for high school students in consultation with local health officials. | • Attendance at winter K-12 extracurricular and co-curricular activities is limited to participants, support personnel and parents/guardians, in consultation with local health officials.  
• All non-competing and non-performing participants must wear face coverings. | • Discourage social events.  
• Follow guidance in Executive Order 20-48 and all local guidance.  
• 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.

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