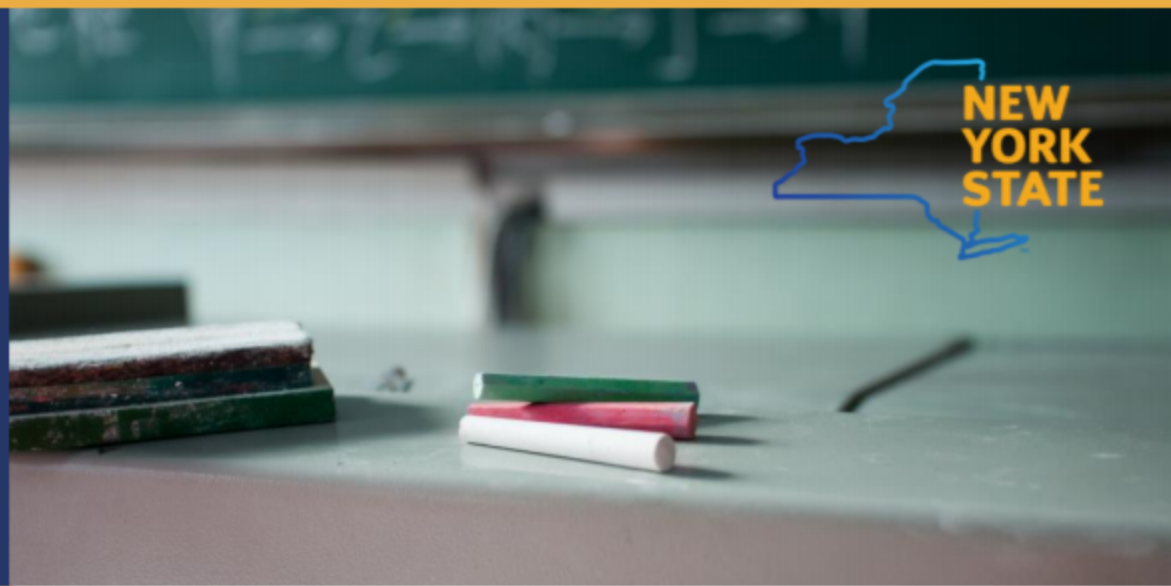




Reopening New York



Checklist for Pre-K to Grade 12 School Reopening Plans

All types of public and private (both secular and non-secular) elementary (including pre-kindergarten), middle, and high schools must develop and submit plans for reopening and operating for the duration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Plans should reflect engagement with school stakeholders and community members, including administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents/legal guardians of students, local health departments, local health care providers, and, where appropriate, affiliated organizations (e.g., union, alumni, and/or community-based groups). Each school district, BOCES, charter school, and private school must develop and submit a plan that, at minimum, covers the topics included in this document. See "[Interim COVID-19 Guidance for Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools](#)" for more information.

During the COVID-19 public health emergency, schools are accountable for staying current with any updates to local, state, and federal requirements related to Pre-K to Grade 12 education and activities, and incorporating those changes into their operations.

Reopening Plan Core Health and Safety Principles

Core Principles and Definitions

- ✓ **Responsible Parties:** Responsible Parties shall be responsible for developing the plan, affirming to having read and adhere to this guidance, and meeting the standards set forth therein. For school districts and BOCES, the district superintendent, or another party as may be designated by the district superintendent, and for private and charter schools, the head of school, or another party as may be designated by the head of school, is the Responsible Parties. The designated party can be an individual or group of individuals responsible for the operations of the school or schools.
- ✓ **Face Coverings:** Responsible Parties must maintain protocols and procedures for students, faculty, staff, and other individuals to ensure appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) is used to protect against the transmission of the COVID-19 virus when on school grounds and in school facilities. Specifically, appropriate PPE means, at least, an acceptable face covering, which is strongly recommended to be worn by all individuals at all times but is required to be worn any time or place that individuals cannot maintain appropriate social distancing. However, if face coverings are to be worn by all individuals at all times, Responsible Parties should allow students

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