

Status of Schools in G7 (As of August 17)

Country	Current Status (Open or Closed)	Date of Reopening	Return Approach (In-person; Distance; Hybrid/Elementary vs Secondary)	Limits to Class Sizes	Testing and Tracing as Part of Reopening Strategy	Mask Wearing	Other Protective Measures	Investment in Return to School	Additional Information	Any Known Associated Outbreaks / Impact on Transmission
France	Closed (summer holidays) *2 weeks of in-person schooling was provided before the end of the school year.	Maternelle to lycée: September 1, 2020. University : varies institution from mid-September to mid-October	In person (unless a spike of COVID-19 cases occurs before the start date or during the school year)	No-physical distance of 1m (or empty spot) between desks.		Yes- for all students over 11 years old and for all teachers when 1m distance isn't possible. No- for children under 11 years old.	-physical distancing (1m) -confined spaces aerated three times a day -cleaning of shared objects for younger students -regular cleaning of classrooms		Approach encourages parents to keep students home if sick. President Macron noted the plan would be re-evaluated if numbers spiked (distance education would be likely solution)	
Germany	School year has started in most of Germany's 16 states	N/A	In person	Will depend since protective measures varies from state to state;	Will depend since protective measures varies from state to state;	Will depend since protective measures varies from state to state; For example, where other states are implementing mandatory mask-wearing for teachers and students inside the school building, but not	Will depend since protective measures varies from state to state;		In Germany, education is a responsibility of the state (provincial) level. Whereas broad agreement on general hygiene/protective measures exists – from mask-wearing to airing out of classrooms to the	Following last week's return to school in the state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, two schools have been closed due to a positive

						during classroom teaching, in North-Rhine Westphalia, there will be a mask requirement inside the classroom for all classes at fifth grade and above			accessibility of COVID19 tests – their application varies from state to state.	test for COVID19 infection (in one case a teacher, in the other a primary school student).
Italy	Closed	Schools and daycares are scheduled to re-open on September 14	In person	students must be distanced by at least one meter "from mouth to mouth" (with the use of PPE still to be determined by health experts);	-The development of a molecular testing protocol for the frequent epidemiological control of the student population; - The conduct of a serological study on a representative sample of teaching personnel;	Yes	-The acquisition of new desks to guarantee distancing between students. -The hiring of up to 84,800 new teachers and school personnel; - Stacked schedules to avoid crowding at school entrances and exits and on buses, with the possibility of teaching by turn for various classes and a mix of in-class and virtual teaching (particularly for older students); - The imposition of strict sanitization rules, including controlled use of bathrooms (with masks being worn), the provision of disinfectant gel at strategic points, limitations on entry by outsiders (including parents), and dedicated lanes for certain activities; -Limitations on the use of gymnasium, which will have to be used for classes in many cases; and restricted breaks with PPE being worn; - The closure of cafeterias in many schools, with separate packed lunches to be provided and students asked to eat at their desks, without sharing food or utensils; - Regular monitoring of reopening modalities by the government's Technical and Scientific Committee, including with regard to the use of masks and physical distancing between students and between students and teachers.	The latest package of economic measures adopted by the Government on August 8 has allocated an additional 1.3 billion Euros to prepare for the September reopening of classes, adding to the 1.6B already allocated. These funds will be used in	An agreement was reached on June 26 with regions, provinces and municipalities on preliminary modalities, and a further protocol was adopted on August 6 by the Ministry of Education establishing health and safety rules for the reopening of Italian schools, produced together with trade unions and health specialists. The re-opening of schools is considered one of the riskiest activities, given	

									particular to rent extra space and to hire additional teachers and education staff.	the sheer volume of people affected (over 10 million between students, teachers and school workers).	
Japan	Open unless affected by COVID cases. PUBLIC SCHOOLS (NOTE, THESE ARE BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION BUT EXACT DECISIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION MAY VARY BY SCHOOL BOARD/MUNICIPALITY/ LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY	June 7 Daycares have also reopened	Gradual in-person return depending on school board-Almost all Japanese public schools are now re-opened with normal school hours-Summer holidays were shortened to make up lost school days-Children who are ill, are identified as a close contact, or have someone ill in their family or social circle should not attend school.**The policy of the Ministry of	None, although prefectures in a high state of infection or state of emergency are asked to consider staggered class hours.-Schools are nonetheless recommended to keep at least 1 meter between desks and where this is not possible to ensure very good ventilation.-They should also consider current infection rates in	-No particular testing required to reopen. -Cases after re-opening:- Parents must report a positive COVID case to the school-Local healthcare centers would conduct an epidemiological survey on a class depending on the reported activity of the affected child. -The school may close temporarily to conduct the survey and based on	Masks are recommended when social distancing cannot be maintained, except where temperature or humidity is high, due to risk of heatstroke (which is considered a higher risk). When masks are off, it is recommended to avoid speaking/conversing. It is not required to wear a mask during physical fitness classes.	Frequently touched areas like doorknobs should be washed with disinfectant once per day.Regular cleaning procedures should apply to bathrooms. No special cleaning of desks is required. Schools are provided with guidance on cleaning substances, but are asked to work with school pharmacists to ensure safety. Also, schools are asked not to spray or use disinfectant in the presence of children given health risks.Schools are asked to ventilate well.Finally, schools are asked to outsource cleaning whenever possible to not put additional pressure on teachers. If there is a case at a school, disinfection is recommended on the advice of public health (this may not require disinfection of school items belonging to the affected child and would instead recommend avoiding the area for 24-72 hours—the average survival time for the virus)	Nil reported	Children at high risk due to existing medical conditions must confirm attendance with their physician. In the event of absences due to COVID/closures/ or medical inability to attend, absences are not recorded as Absent. School buses should also be considered as part of this policy. Recommend daily checks of temperature and symptoms. Encourage policies that make it possible for teachers/staff to take time off if	Reports continue of outbreaks in elementary schools and childcare facilities in Tokyo and elsewhere in the country. As of August 6, there were 242 students infected nationwide; however, only 11 of them are believed to have caught the virus at school and 57% are	

			Education includes three levels, depending on the infection status in the area, with level 3 resulting in reduced activity and restrictions on movement, and Level 1 approaching normal school operations.	determining class layouts.	recommendations by the local health authority and findings of their survey.—If the local health care center can do a survey quickly enough and if there is a determination of no close contacts at school, schools may remain open (note: there have been some cases of this, where the local authorities determined the children had been out of school a sufficient period prior to symptoms— 48 hours in some reports—and the institutions were not			necessary. Staff rooms should also maintain social distancing/ventilation and reduce numbers asked to meet at the same time (due to staff being widely distributed in schools and the risk of wider contamination in the case of a close contact). Teachers asked to avoid activities where children speak very loudly, the use of recorders/woodwind or other instruments placed in the mouth, any cooking classes, close group work, and physical education activities where children group together. If children must do group work, they	believed to have contracted COVID at home.
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UK	Closed (summer holidays) Phased reopening in England started on June 1, with schools reopening for children in kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 6. From mid-June all primary schools were permitted to reopen at the discretion of the individual school. Throughout lockdown	In England all students in all grades are expected to return to school at the start of September. Exact start dates	In England all classes are expected to be delivered in-person. In-person attendance will be mandatory. Schools in England will be expected to offer remote education to pupils who are	No	In England schools will be provided with home testing kits for children and staff who have developed symptoms at school and where they think providing a home test will significantly	School transport services in England will require students over the age of 11 to wear masks when going to and from school. Students in England will not be required to wear facemasks in school as pupils and staff	In England protective measures include: --students to be kept in class "bubbles" and these students will have their lessons, breaks and lunchtimes together --regular cleaning of school facilities and increased handwashing --reducing the use of frequently shared items --minimizing contact in corridors --staggered start and finish times (without shortening teaching times) -- avoidance of assemblies or collective worship -- students are only to bring essentials items to school (lunch boxes, books, stationery)	Local authorities in England are required to use their own budgets to cover any additional costs in making their schools COVID-19 secure.	In England a school outbreak is defined as two or more cases within a two week period. If an outbreak is detected, the school will liaise with the designated local health protection team who will advise on further action, including	N/A as schools are not yet open.

	schools in England remained open for the children of key workers (doctors, nurses etc.) and vulnerable students.	depends on the school.	self-isolating and in the event of a school needing to close down due to a severe local outbreak. Schools are required to develop their own contingency plans for remote learning in the event of an outbreak.		increase the likelihood of the student/or staff member getting tested. If an outbreak in a school is confirmed, a mobile testing unit may be dispatched to test others who may have been in contact with the person who has tested positive.	are mixing in consistent groups. The guidance will be kept under review based on the latest evidence.		requiring a number of students/staff to self-isolate at home for 10 days. In the event of a local outbreak in the community, the Public Health England Health Protection team or local authority may advise a school or number of schools to close temporarily to help control transmission.		
	National Level (Cleared to Open pending local/state order) Education in the United States is highly decentralized and is largely a state and local responsibility. Generally speaking, decisions to reopen are made at the school board level in consultation with state and local government	Many US school systems start after Labor Day; however, it has become increasingly common for schools to start earlier in	President Trump continues to call for schools to fully reopen on time, yet has conceded that some hot spots may need to be flexible in their approach based on the conditions on the ground.	As a guiding principle, the CDC advises that virtual-only classes, activities and events come with the lowest risk. If schools do return to in-person instruction, there is moderate risk	Schools are encouraged by the CDC to develop a plan with state and local health departments to conduct tracing in the event of a positive case. This is often a state-level requirement as well.	Many US states and localities have issued mask mandates for indoor and outdoor public places. There is no nationwide mask mandate, although in recent days, presumptive Democratic	To be determined at the state and local level. National guidance documents: <i>Schools Should Safely Reopen (The White House)</i> https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/School-Opening-Policy.pdf (Issued: August 12) Considerations for Schools Operating Schools During COVID-19 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/schools.html (Updated: May 19)	The US federal government has committed to sending 125 million reusable face masks to school districts across the country. To support	N/A	Media reports have already documented numerous outbreaks and calls to quarantine at schools that have started reopening in Georgia, Indiana,

<p>US</p>	<p>and health officials. In certain states, governors have set forth guidelines for localities to follow, or have issued orders which shape local actions.</p> <p>At the federal level, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has released several reiterations of guidance as best practices for reopening. The language is suggestive in nature (“schools may consider...”). Such guidance does not carry the force of law, and each state or school system may choose to implement the guidance as it sees fit.</p>	<p>August or even late July.</p> <p>Schools in some US states have already opened their doors in early August, notably in Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and Indiana</p>	<p>Some jurisdictions plan to return in person, and some have already done so.</p> <p>Many localities have opted to begin the school year in a virtual posture and will reassess planning at a designated future point.</p> <p>Many of the nation’s largest school systems are planning to start the school year completely online.</p>	<p>in small, in-person classes, activities and events in which groups of students stay together and with the same teacher and do not mix.</p> <p>Full sized, in-person classes in which students are not spaced apart and mix between classes and activities come with the highest level of risk.</p>	<p>The CDC does not currently recommend universal symptom screening for K-12 schools, but parents are encouraged to monitor children for signs of illness and keep them home when sick.</p> <p>In its reopening guidance, the CDC explores cohorting strategies to reduce the spread and facilitate contact tracing, but does not make a firm recommendation.</p>	<p>nominee for President Joe Biden has called for a 3-month nationwide mandate.</p> <p>In White House guidance issued on August 12 for the safe return to school, Point 7 of 8 was to <i>encourage</i> the use of masks in schools when social distancing is not possible.</p>	<p>Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/prepare-safe-return.html (Updated: August 1)</p> <p>Guidance for K-12 School Administrators on the Use of Cloth Face Coverings in Schools https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/cloth-face-cover.html (Updated: August 11)</p>	<p>the reopening of schools, \$13 billion in CARES Act funding is available for elementary and secondary schools. The CARES Act also offers flexibility to states to direct additional funding to education priorities, including in-person reopening, technology and broadband access, and the establishment of tailored programs.</p>	<p>Mississippi, North Carolina and Tennessee, and elsewhere.</p> <p>For example, as of August 12, nearly 1,200 students and staff members in the Cherokee County School District in Georgia had already been ordered to quarantine since returning to schools on August 3.</p>	<p>West Virginia was one of the last U.S. states to</p>
	<p>West Virginia (Closed)</p>	<p>September 8 (statewide)</p>	<p>Hybrid: with the option of in-person or</p>	<p>Reduced class size to ensure</p>	<p>Mandatory testing for out-of-state</p>	<p>Masks are mandatory in</p>	<p>Other protective measures include a condensed instruction calendar; reduced class size; lunches</p>	<p>\$6 million in funding</p>	<p>West Virginia was one of the last U.S. states to</p>	<p>N/A</p>

		<p>e, announced by the governor)</p> <p>distance learning.</p> <p>Governor Justice (R-WV) released a reopening metrics chart which provides guidance on the risk throughout the fall term.</p> <p>All 55 counties have flexibility to design their fall 2020 rules, so long as they meet CDC guidelines and requirements in the WV DoE re-entry toolkit. Submission of re-entry plans were due to the Governor's office on August 14.</p>	<p>sufficient social distancing (6 feet) between students, including the use of gymnasiums, hallways and outdoor spaces as needed.</p>	<p>university students upon their return to West Virginia. No testing requirements for elementary and high school students.</p>	<p>public schools for students grade three and above, along with faculty and staff. Exemptions will be considered for medical conditions. Masks are mandatory for students, staff and faculty on the three WVU campuses.</p>	<p>in the classroom; closed libraries; controlled access to campuses by visitors.</p>	<p>for the Kids Connect program, which will provide broadband internet access for students at hundreds of facilities across the state. West Virginia schools will lend laptops or tablets to low-income students.</p>	<p>be impacted by the pandemic, although it has seen a steady increase in new cases throughout the summer, impacted by resident travel and large gatherings.</p> <p>The Governor has indicated that he will not move forward with school reopening until he is absolutely sure that everyone involved will be safe.</p>	
New Hampshire	<p>closed summer holidays</p> <p>On July 15, Gov Sununu's announced guidelines</p>	<p>in-class instruction in most circumstances but leave major</p>	<p>Left to the individual school's discretion</p>	<p>Develop a process for screening staff, students, and</p>	<p>Each district will need to make decisions regarding the use of cloth face coverings for</p>	<p>Classrooms should be arranged to minimize close contact between students. Chairs/desks should be re-arranged to avoid students sitting in groups. Individual chairs/desks should be arranged so that, where possible, students are spaced at least three feet apart with a goal of</p>	NIL	NIL	NIL

		for reopening New Hampshire schools	decisions for how to resume teaching during the pandemic to local districts.		visitors daily for symptoms of COVID-19 or risk factors for exposure prior to entering the educational facility (they provide a list of questions to ask).	students, educators and visitors to each facility that are specific to their community. Students should wear cloth face coverings in circumstances when physical distancing cannot be maintained (see classroom seating and transportation sections for additional guidance).	attempting to get chairs/desks six feet apart. All desks should face the same direction (e.g., toward the front of the class).			
	New York- closed summer holidays	Gov Cuomo on August 7 announced that public school districts across New York could hold in-person classes this fall.	It is now up to local school districts to decide whether to reopen, and how to do so.	Details on social distancing requirements, including class sizes, will be determined by the individual schools.	Staff, including teachers, will undergo COVID-19 testing on a rolling basis once school is in session, with the Department of Education recommending that they get checked at least once a month.	It is up to local school districts to decide what measures will be in place	Students and staff will be chosen at random for temperature screenings every day, prior to entering the building, and will be required to conduct at-home temperature checks - those with a temperature of more than 100 degrees will not be allowed to enter the building. All students and teachers in classes with a confirmed case must quarantine for 14 days, but will continue with remote learning	NIL	Their in-person reopening plans must also be approved by the state's education and health departments in the coming weeks. The President of the city's United Federation of Teachers said it was still "an open question" whether schools were safe enough to	NIL

	<p>Washington, District of Columbia (Closed)</p>	<p>August 31, 2020</p>	<p>Full-time computer <u>distance learning plan</u> for public schools announced on July 30; this is a pivot from the city's initial goal of hybrid learning.</p> <p>The plan is in place for first term (through November 6), with the goal to shift to a hybrid model for Term 2 on November 9.</p> <p>Some private institutions plan to re-open with strict plans in place.</p>	<p>N/A – virtual</p>	<p>Testing and contact tracing are central to DC's reopening strategy. The city offers testing at no cost to any resident who needs a test. Before moving to its next phase of general reopening (Phase 3), DC will require at least 60% of new cases result from quarantined contacts. As of 8/16, the city is able to trace 97% of all reported cases, but only 6.5% may be traced to individuals already in quarantine. Students coming to DC for education from a high-</p>	<p>Mayor Muriel Bowser (D-DC) has issued one of the strictest mask orders in the United States, requiring mask wear at all times outside of homes with limited exceptions. This would presumably be extended to in-person education</p>	<p>DCPS Reopen Strong: https://dcpsreopenstrong.com/</p>	<p>With 44% of the public school population without access to a device at home, the government will provide students LTE-enabled devices to facilitate virtual distance learning.</p>	<p>reopen N/A</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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Virginia (Cleared to Open at Local Level, with conditions)	Late August/early September; determined at the county level. The state legislature has recently allowed counties to open up to two weeks prior to Labor Day without seeking a waiver.	Virginia is in Phase 3 of its general reopening plan. Like Maryland, the state is allowing local systems the flexibility to determine how to reopen, in accordance with CDC and state health department protocols. On June 9, Governor Northam (D-VA) announced a phased reopening on K-12 schools, which gradually permits in-person instruction to resume while	Only in reference to child care centers at the state level. The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) cites CDC recommendation to generally keep classes smaller and consider class size maximums in reopening plans	Virginia defers to the CDC guidelines. Screening procedures are also available for students and staff who arrive with or develop symptoms during the course of the day. Sample health screenings and sample health entrance questionnaires are also available.	Virginia has a statewide order in place, requiring mask wear for people age 10 and up in "indoor settings to which the public has access." There are exceptions for daycare centers, K-12 schools and institutions of higher education. VDH indicates that school staff and older students (middle or high school) who are able to do so should wear cloth face coverings safely and consistently. This guidance opens the door for relaxed rules for younger students. The	Recover, Redesign, Restart 2020: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/support/health_medical/covid-19/recover-redesign-restart-2020.pdf	Virginia announced on June 17 it would use the \$23.9 million state set-aside from the CARES Act to help schools support vulnerable students, make up missed instruction, and protect the health and well-being of students and staff during the three phases of the Governor's school reopening plan.	Governor Northam is the only U.S. governor to also be a trained Medical Doctor	N/A	

		<p>prioritizing the health and safety of students and staff. Every public and private institution is required to submit to the Department of Health a plan outlining their strategies for mitigating public health risk and complying with CDC and VDH recommendations. Additionally, public school divisions are required to submit a plan for providing new instruction to all students in the 2020-2021 academic year, regardless of operational status at the time. This must include strategies to</p>			<p>reopening plan also focuses on PPE supply and training for proper use of masks and good hygiene.</p>				
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			address learning loss from Spring 2020 and a plan for fully remote instruction should public health conditions require it. Plans are due 15 business days before the start of the division's school year.							
Maryland (Cleared to Open at Local Level, with conditions)	In Maryland, schools generally resume between August 31 and September 8. This is determined at the county level	Governor Hogan (R-MD) announced on July 22 that local systems will have the flexibility to determine how to reopen, in accordance with state-mandated guardrails . Each school system had until August 14 to confirm its plans. Most	Only in reference to child care programs. For example, the children of essential personnel attending state-funded child care programs will be kept under a student to teacher ratio of 9:1, with smaller class sizes for younger	Schools must follow state health protocols for responses to confirmed cases , and must meet a series of benchmarks for reopening	Maryland has a statewide mask order in place for all public indoor businesses and in outdoor public areas where it is not possible to distance. Additional state guidance extends this mandate to schools.	N/A	The state is allocating \$100 million to technology to address the digital divide, including an additional \$100 million for tutoring services, and additional funds for broadband access.	Governor Hogan served as Chair of the National Governors Association through August 5, 2020. He is a Republican governor of a blue state and has one of the highest approval ratings in the nation for responding to the pandemic	N/A	

		<p>school systems, including the state's major jurisdictions in suburban Washington, D.C. and the greater Baltimore region, plan to start virtually.</p> <p>Private schools are permitted to resume if strict guidelines are followed.</p> <p>When one local county attempted to bar private schools from reopening, Gov. Hogan amended a previous executive order, stating that school systems and private schools should have the sole authority to determine</p>	<p>children.</p> <p>Class size restrictions now also exist for all child care providers in the state.</p>						
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			when and how to safely reopen; local health officials may shut down schools only on a case-by-case basis for health reasons							
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