

PT K-12 School Opening Plans – Public Health Measures

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Province: General Reopening Plan and Current Stage	Outbreak Response Plan and Tracking	Fall 2020 instruction method	Cohorts/ Class Size/Density	Masks, Testing	Physical Distancing	School Transportation	Extra- Curricular/ Other/ International
<p>British Columbia -‘COVID-19: Return to School’ plan (last updated: September 4) (link)</p> <p>-Plan includes 5 Stages: Stage 1 is a return to full-time with no restrictions and progresses to stage 5 with remote learning for almost all students</p> <p>Current Stage: 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote learning programs provided by some districts for students of an immune-compromised families • Elementary schools students returned to in-class learning on Sept 10 • Back-to-school plans for K-12 families released for all 60 school districts (August 26) • Gradual restart of classes in September, with students divided into cohorts - a maximum cluster of 60 (elementary and middle school) or 120 (secondary school) students. • Return to school delayed until September 10 (updated: August 12) • Students will return to class full-time • Parents who do not want to send their child to attend in-person 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning group cohorts: maximum of 60 for elementary/ middle and 120 for secondary (some schools will have smaller cohorts). • Class size not reduced • School density not reduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Middle and secondary schools staff and students required to wear masks in areas where physical distancing cannot be maintained, such as high traffic areas like the hallway and school buses (updated: August 17) • Every student and staff will be given 2 masks when they return in September (updated: August 18) • For older students and staff non-medical masks provided upon request when interacting outside learning group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased spacing in classes • Limitations on assemblies and other large gatherings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should have own seat unless sitting with a member of the same household • Non-medical masks may be provided upon request 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • International K-12 students need to quarantine for 14-days upon arrival

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		classes have the option to register for on-line learning or home schooling					
<p>Alberta - 'K-12 school re-entry' plan (last updated: August 20) (link)</p> <p>-Plan includes 3 Scenarios: Scenario 1 is in-class learning with near normal operations and progresses to Scenario 3 with at-home learning</p> <p>Current Stage: Scenario 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Launch of new online COVID-19 School Status Map to track cases and outbreak. Map will list every school where there are two or more confirmed cases and an outbreak is declared. (link) • CMOH provided information on protocols for outbreaks and cases in schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •School re-entry tool kit available for parents and students • In-class learning with near-normal operations • Options available for children who chose to learn from home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class size not reduced • Cohorts of students by class created where possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two reusable, non-medical masks will be provided for every student and staff member at schools •Masks mandatory for Grade 4 to 12 students and all school staff in all settings where distancing isn't possible(updated: August 24) •Calgary's public and Catholic schools require all K-12 students and staff to wear a mask at school including in the classroom, public spaces, bathroom, and when travelling on Calgary Transit or the yellow school bus, expanding on provincial guidelines (updated: August 14) • Staff and students will receive 2 reusable masks each (updated: August 8) • COVID-19 testing recommended for all teachers and staff prior to the start of the school year (updated: August 12) • Provincial guidelines: Grade 4 to 12 students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Physical distancing not required in classrooms (updated: September 1) •Reorganize rooms for more physical space • Avoid large gatherings like assemblies • Flow through school controlled 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students in Grades 4 to 12 and school bus drivers must wear non-medical masks • Students assigned seats with other household members 	

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				must wear non-medical masks where physical distancing cannot be maintained			
<p>Saskatchewan - K – 12 ‘Safe Schools Plan’ (last updated: August 4) (link) -Safe Schools Plan: Level 2 Guidance (released August 11) (link):</p> <p>-Plan includes 4 levels: Level 1 is a return to school, as close to normal as possible and progresses to level 4, which is at-home learning.</p> <p>Current Stage: Level 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public posting of outbreaks will be posed online and notified to parents; if two or more people test positive and are all linked to a specific school setting, an outbreak is declared for that school. Parent information package released on August 27, including fact sheet on COVID-19 testing options and information/protocols in case of an individual at a school tests positive 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes at Regina schools to resume on Sept 8 and staggered between groups of students, with daily attendance starting Sept. 14 First Nation schools to offer online learning for at least the next month, instead of following provincial schools reopening plan on Sept. 8 School operation plans for Sept released on August 26 Return to school delayed from Sept 1-2 until Sept 8 (updated: August 17) Students will return to class full time (updated: August 17) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class size not reduced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary in-school testing begins at three school locations (Sept 14) For Level 2: Masks recommended for high-traffic areas for Grades 4 to 12; required in some Divisions/School Boards (updated: August 11) Masks not required (Level 1) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staggered lunch/recess/class transition time to allow for additional space Controlled flow of students and staff in school Classes reconfigured to minimize contact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assigned seating Students who live in same household seated together Parents encouraged to transport children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extra-curricular activities allowed as specified under Phase 4 Re-Open Saskatchewan Plan.
<p>Manitoba -‘Restoring Safe Schools’ plan (Released June 25) (link) and last updated August 19)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools reopened on Sept 8 New online guidance and resources for parents released (September 2) Students in K-8 and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cohorts of up to 75 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required for students in Grades 4 to 12 and staff where physical distancing is not possible. (updated: August 19) The province will provide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Physical distancing required to the greatest extent possible Schools arranged to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required on school buses for bus driver and all students in Grades 4 (updated: August 19) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requirement to following Manitoba’s Restoring Safe Services guidelines

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<p>-Plan includes 3 levels. Level 1 is the least restrictive and progresses to Level 3, which is a return to remote learning</p> <p>Current Stage: Level 1</p>		<p>those with disabilities return full-time in classroom learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students return for a minimum of 2 days out of 6 		<p>masks for students and staff(updated: August 13)</p>	<p>encourage separation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-metre separation in class • Assemblies and large gatherings that exceed public health guidelines avoided 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing and cohorts required on school buses • Parents encouraged to transport their own children 	
<p>Ontario ‘Ontario back to school plan’ (last updated: August 2)(link)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School outbreaks will be publically reported/posted (updated: Sept 9) • Five French schools in Ottawa reported COVID-19 cases after opening last week. About 200 staff/students in isolation. Infections may have occurred on school buses (updated: Sept 8) • COVID-19 school outbreak plan released on August 26, including protocol for triggering response measures and rules for student dismissals and closures • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TDSB pushed back its restart date for in-person and virtual classes for most high school students from Sept 15 to Sept 17 • Elementary students return to class full-time • Secondary students in ‘24’ boards with high populations will return on alternating days 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students remain in one cohort for the day including recess/lunch • Secondary students should be limited to 100 contacts • School boards expected to develop timetables to support cohorting of students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-medical masks required for Grades 4 to 12 indoors. Masks recommended for Grades K-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School assemblies or other large gatherings (e.g., concerts or dances) should be avoided • Schools /classrooms to be reorganized to allow as much distancing as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OSTA announced students in grades 7-12 to take public transit, and some school buses will be delayed or cancelled due to insufficient school bus drivers (updated: Sept 9) • Active transportation by parents encouraged • Non-medical masks required for Grades 4 to 12 when physical distancing not possible • Assigned seating plan required • Students in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools can offer clubs and organized sports if physical distancing is possible and equipment and spaces are cleaned and disinfected between each use

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<p>Quebec Back-to-school plan for the Fall of 2020 (Covid-19) (last updated: September 2) (link).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of COVID-19 cases and outbreaks in QC schools released on Sept 4 (link) Up to 120 schools may have already been affected by COVID-19 since classes began last week (updated: Sept 8) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students in preschool, elementary school and secondary I,II, III will attend full time Based on a schools ability to organize stable classroom bubbles, students in secondary IV and V will attend school full-time or alternate between online/home learning and attending in-class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classes no longer organized into sub-groups but will act as self-contained units. (update: August 10) Standard class size 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students Grade 5 and up will be required to wear masks in hallways, but not in classrooms (updated: August 10) PPE (mask or visor) required for preschool teachers (updated: August 10) Staff must wear face coverings when moving around the school. Not required if staff remain 2 metres from students (updated: August 10) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-metre distance maintained among students and two-metres among staff and students who are not part of the same stable group (updated: August 10) Staff and students must maintain 2 metre distance except for preschool (updated: August 10) Staff will move between classes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will sit in the same seat everyday Distance of one-metre on school buses Schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools allowed to hold art and sports activities between class groups as of September 14
<p>New Brunswick -Return to School: September 2020 plan (last updated: August 13)(link, link) -School operational plans released September 2 (link)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools reopened on Sept 8 High school students will have a combination of in-class and at home learning; schedule for high school students can vary (updated August 27) K – 8 in school full-time Grades 9 – 12 attend 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Class size reduced to 15 for K-2 (regular class size for Grade 3-8) Children within groups may interact but distance from other groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks will be required in common areas for Grades 6 to 12 but will not inside the classroom but (updated: August 13) K-8 teachers can chose to wear a face mask or shield Grade 9-12 teachers must wear a face mask or shield when they cannot physically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 9 – 12 one-metre physical distancing required in classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will sit in the same seat everyday Bus filled from back to front K-5 students no masks required and sit one per seat Grade 6 to 12 must wear masks if sitting 2 per seat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extramural and extracurricular clubs allowed with physical distancing if zone or province stays in the Yellow Alert Level; interscholastic sports and

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		on a rotational basis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Class size reduced for Grades 9 to 12 to respect physical distancing 	distance(Update: August 13)		(updated: August 13)	<p>events can happen with public health restrictions if the zone or NB stays in the Yellow Alert Level</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Parents responsible for screening child before going to school each day (updated: August 13)
<p>Nova Scotia Back-to-school plan(last updated: August 14) (link, link)</p> <p>-Three scenarios: Full opening, partial/blended response, at-home learning</p> <p>Current Stage: Full opening (individual schools may move to different levels)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response plan put in place to manage cases of coronavirus (Updated: Sept 2) • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools reopened on Sept 8 • Full-time in class instruction for all students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students grouped into cohorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students and staff will receive two free cloth masks (updated: August 14) • All students in Grades 4 to 12 will be required to wear a mask inside schools except if they are seated at desks 2-metres apart and facing in the same direction. Masks must be worn in hallway/ common areas if a 2-metre distance cannot be maintained. (updated: August 14) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools organized to create more space • No large gatherings held • Movement in schools controlled • Flexible timetable to enable distancing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students and drivers required to wear non-medical masks on school busses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •International students will not be allowed to return to middle and high schools this fall. •Return to school sport schedule and protocols that follow public health guidelines are in the final stage of development with Sports Nova Scotia (updated:

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							August 14) • Activities must follow public health guidelines
<u>Prince Edward Island</u> 'Welcome Back to School Plan' (last updated: August 6) (link)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools adopting additional staggered starts, September 8 and 9. • Students will return full-time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will work in cohorts based on size of school and class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks will be required for students in Grades 7-12 during transitions and emergency procedures. • Non-medical masks may be works for students in K-6 • Masks strongly recommended for Grades 7 to 12 when physical distancing cannot be maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms configured to support distancing • Entry and exit from school will be staggered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks mandatory for all students, K-12 on the bus. • Strongly recommended for students and bus drivers to wear masks • School buses rerouted to minimize transfers • Family members encouraged to sit together 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports and before and after activities paused for beginning of year • Intramurals will follow CPHO guidelines
<u>Newfoundland and Labrador</u> -K-12 Education Re-entry plan(last updated: July 6) (link) -Three scenarios: Scenario 1 is regular in-school class and progresses to Scenario 3 which is at-home learning - NL English School District Plan (last updated: August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time in-school class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students cohorted by class 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French School District: Masks required for older students when moving through common areas such as hallways (updated: August 26) • English School District: Masks required in communal areas for high school students and staff. Staff required to wear masks when moving between cohorts when distance cannot be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reorganization of school to allow for more physical space • No large gatherings such as assemblies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French School District: Masks required for students and bus driver (updated: August 26) • English School District: Capacity on buses reduced to 46 students/2 per seat; Bus drivers and students must wear masks, exception for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regulations around choirs and wind instruments loosened to allow practices for schools (updated: Sept 10) • Sports and physical education should continue

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<p>17)(link)</p> <p>Current Stage: Stage 1</p>				<p>maintained (updated: August 17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • English School District: Two reusable masks will be given to staff and one per student (updated: August 17) • Masks optional but not required 		<p>student who cannot tolerate masks (updated: August 17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students should be assigned seats • Students in same household should be seated together • Procedures for loading/unloading to meet physical distancing 	<p>according to public health protocols</p>
<p><u>Northwest Territories</u> - K-12 Reopening Schools Safely: Planning for the 2020-2021 School Year (link) - Updated guidelines for reopening schools released on August 24 - Planning for flexibility with in-person, blended and distance learning</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools planning to reopen with a focus on as much in-person learning as possible 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possible non-medical mask for school when physical distance cannot be maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classrooms reconfigured to allow for physical distancing • Physical distancing for Grades 7-12 • Mandated staggered recess periods to increasing physical distancing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-medical masks required on school buses 	
<p><u>Yukon</u> - 'Planning for the 2020-21 school year' (last updated:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school for most Yukon students on August 20 • K-9 will receive full 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children aged 10 and older recommended to wear masks in schools and may be required based on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School bus routes being updated to accommodate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for school buses released: Families encouraged to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines for contact sports released

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<p>July 23) (link) -Plan that schools may need to transition to blended or at-home learning</p>		<p>time in-class instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 10-12 half-days in Whitehorse 		<p>school/CMHO (updated: August 12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks not required 	<p>high volume of eligible students</p>	<p>arrange alternative transportation to allow for more space on buses; Assigned seating on school buses (link)</p>	
<p><u>Nunavut</u> - '2020-21 Opening Plan for Nunavut Schools: Health and Safety' (last updated: July 24) (link) -Plan includes 3 stages. Stage 1 has no distancing requirements and progresses to Stage 4 with closures of the school for 14 days.</p> <p>Current Stage: Stage 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 receive full time in-class instruction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular class sizes Cohorts would be developed for stages 2 and 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks not required 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No distancing requirements Distancing protocols would be developed for stages 2 and 3 		
INTERNATIONAL TRENDS							
<p><u>Brazil</u></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 not reopening for in-class learning in September 					
<p><u>China</u></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 return to full 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temperature check on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varied rules on 		

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		time in-class		arrival <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varied rules on mask wearing depending on the region 	social distancing depending on the region		
<u>Denmark</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 receive full time-in class learning 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facemasks mandatory 			
<u>France</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 receive full time in-class learning. Instruction to follow New Health Protocol for the start of the school year (*) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facemasks mandatory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain 1 meter social distance 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • *As per the instruction in New Health Protocol
<u>Germany</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 receive full time in-class • Measures vary from school-to-school, with a patchwork of anti-COVID measures strategy • Reappearing of spread during early opening, moved to a hybrid model of remote and in-classroom learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small class size has been tried 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facemasks mandatory • All class tested strategy applied (deployed widespread testing, effective contact tracing and tests with rapid results) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical distancing is Mandatory 		
<u>Hong Kong</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 started online in August • K-12 full time in-person starts on September 23 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phased approach considered (primary schools and upper kindergartens on Sept. 23, while other grades would 				

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			open on September 29)				
<u>Italy</u>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facemasks mandatory during school hours (>6 years of age) • Facemasks not required when students are at the desks, as long as one-meter distancing can be maintained 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 meter physical distancing in place 		
<u>Mexico</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 school year begins with online classes, instruction broadcast on television channels and radio programming in Indigenous languages, and with the distribution of about 140M free text books 					
<u>New Zealand</u>	Level 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only grade 12 and 13 students return to classes under alert level 3 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly encouraged to wear facemasks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain 2 meters distance when outside their homes 		
<u>Norway</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 receives full time in-class instructions 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children in primary school (1st - 7th grade) and those younger than this are not required to wear a face mask 			
<u>South Korea</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 in-person classes suspended due to recent outbreak • All K-12 classes in the greater Seoul area will 					

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		hold online classes until September 11					
<u>United Kingdom</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 receive full time in-person instructions • Government has launched “Back to School Safely” campaign 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In lockdown regions , facemasks wearing is mandatory • In other regions, it is decided by head teacher of the school 			
<u>United States</u>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • K-12 varied public health measures in place at the state and local level, that is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Blended learning vs altering online and in-person days, - Some schools that have opened had to re-close and go back to virtual learning 					CDC has published guidelines on Preparing K-12 School Administrators for a Safe Return to School in Fall 2020 to help school system