

2020-21 School Re-Opening Plans - Religious and Independent Schools - 2020 Re-Opening

Introduction - Introduction and Background

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In this survey, religious and independent schools will provide the following essential information about the comprehensive re-opening plans developed for the 2020-21 school year:

Upload of the school plan; and

A set of mandatory assurances affirming that the school has address, in each re-opening plan, all of the mandatory elements outlined in [NYSESED's Religious and Independent School Reopening Guidance](#) document and in the guidance released by NYS Department of Health (DOH) on July 13, 2020.

Please note that, the information submitted through this survey will not include detailed narratives or descriptions of specific actions to be taken by a school as part of their Reopening Plan. Instead, those details must be articulated in the materials that are uploaded to the portal and/or publicly posted to the schools website. This approach will allow schools to develop plans in their preferred format, to rapidly address changes that may be needed based on local needs, and to update their plan materials during the school year.

Once a school has completed and submitted their survey within the NYS Business Portal, a confirmation notice indicating that the completed survey has been received by NYSED will be generated and sent to the Chief Executive Officer.

Plans should be implemented with fidelity upon submission and should be considered approved unless the school is notified that modifications are necessary to ensure compliance with this guidance.

For more information, visit [Reopening Guidance for Religious and Independent Schools](#). Users may submit questions via email at ReopeningPlans@nysed.gov.

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School Re-Opening Plans - School Re-Opening Plans

School Re-Opening Plans - Part 1

1. **Link to School Reopening Plan**
2. **Upload Reopening Plan**

School Re-Opening Plans - Part 2

3. **As applicable, please identify any related school buildings that do not have a unique BEDS Code and provide a web-link for each building re-opening plan. If the building has its own BEDS Code, the school should complete its own survey.**

BEDS Code	School Name	Link to School Re-Opening Plan	Upload Reopening Plan
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Mandatory Assurances - Communication/Family and Community Engagement

Communication/Family and Community Engagement - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **The school engaged with school stakeholders and community members (e.g., administrators, faculty, staff, students, parents/legal guardians of students, local health departments, local health care providers, and affiliated organizations, such as unions, alumni, and/or community-based groups) when developing reopening plans. Plans for reopening should identify the groups of people involved and engaged throughout the planning process.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **The school developed a communications plan for students, parents or legal guardians of students, staff, and visitors that includes applicable instructions, training, signage, and a consistent means to provide individuals with information. Responsible Parties may consider developing webpages, text and email groups, and/or social media groups or posts.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **The school will ensure all students are taught or trained how to follow new COVID-19 protocols safely and correctly, including but not limited to hand hygiene, proper face covering wearing, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **The school will encourage all students, faculty, staff, and visitors through verbal and written communication (e.g., signage) to adhere to CDC and DOH guidance regarding the use of PPE, specifically acceptable face coverings.”**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Health and Safety

Health and Safety - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan must review and consider the number of students and staff allowed to return in person. These factors should be considered when determining resumption of in person instruction: (1) Ability to maintain appropriate social distancing (2) PPE and face covering availability; (3) Availability of safe transportation; and (4) Local hospital capacity – consult your local department of health.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan must include a communications plan for students, parents/guardians, staff, and visitors that includes applicable instructions, training, signage, and a consistent means to provide individuals with information.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan has a written protocol developed in collaboration with the school's health professionals or relevant staff to instruct staff to observe for signs of illness in students and staff and requires symptomatic persons to be sent to the school nurse or other designated personnel.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
4. **Each school reopening plan has a written protocol for daily temperature screenings of all students and staff, along with a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff and periodic use of the questionnaire for students.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **Each school reopening plan requires that ill students and staff be assessed by the school nurse (registered professional nurse, RN) or medical director and that if a school nurse or medical director is not available, ill students and staff will be sent home for follow up with a healthcare provider.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
6. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol requiring students or staff with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire to be sent directly to a dedicated isolation area where students are supervised, prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
7. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to address visitors, guests, contractors, and vendors to the school which includes health screening.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
8. **Each school reopening plan has a written protocol to instruct parents/guardians to observe for signs of illness in their child that require staying home from school.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
9. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol and appropriate signage to instruct staff and students in correct hand and respiratory hygiene.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
10. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to ensure all persons in school buildings keep social distance of at least 6 feet whenever possible.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
11. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol detailing how the district/school will provide accommodations to all students and staff who are at high risk or live with a person at high risk.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
12. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol requiring all employees, adult visitors, and students to wear a face covering whenever social distancing cannot be maintained.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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13. **Each school reopening plan has plan for obtaining and maintaining adequate supplies of face coverings for school staff, students who forget their masks, and PPE for use by school health professionals or relevant staff.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
14. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol for actions to be taken if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
15. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol that complies with DOH and CDC guidance for the return to school of students and staff following a positive screen for COVID-19 symptoms, illness or diagnosis of confirmed case of COVID-19 or following quarantine due to contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Return to school will be coordinated with the local health department.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
16. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to clean and disinfect schools following CDC guidance.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
17. **Each school reopening plan has written protocol to conduct required school safety drills with modifications ensuring social distancing between persons.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
18. **Each school reopening plan has written plan for school run before and aftercare programs.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
19. **Each school reopening plan designates a COVID-19 safety coordinator (administrator) whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with all aspects of the school's reopening plan, as well as any phased-in reopening activities necessary to allow for operational issues to be resolved before activities return to normal or "new normal" levels.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

Facilities - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

- 1. Each school reopening plan which include changes or additions to facilities must comply with the requirements of the 2020 New York State Uniform Fire Prevention and Building Code (BC) except as specified in 19 NYCRR 1221.2(d). Such activities may require building permits and review by local municipalities and/or code enforcement officials.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

- 2. Each school reopening plan must ensure that standard operations and procedures are conducted to the best of their ability without deviating from current requirements. Fire (evacuation) Drills and Lockdown Drills are required by Education Law and regulations and the Fire Code Section 404 and must be conducted without exception.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

- 3. Each school reopening plan must ensure that the stair and corridor doors that have closures with automatic hold open functions, that are automatically released by the fire alarm system must remain unchanged.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

Child Nutrition - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Does this school participate with the School Food Authorities (SFA)?**
 - Yes, the school participates with SFA.
 - No, the school does not participate with SFA.
- 1a. **If schools participate in SFA (Federal Child Nutrition Program), the reopening plan must provide all students enrolled in the SFA with access to school meals each school day. This must include students in attendance at school and students learning remotely.**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1b. **For SFAs, the Plan must ensure compliance with Child Nutrition Program requirements**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1c. **For SFAs, the Plan must include protocols that describe communication with families through multiple means in the languages spoken by families.**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.
2. **Each school reopening plan must address all applicable health and safety guidelines.**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.
3. **Each school reopening plan must require that students must social distance (six feet separation) while consuming meals in school unless a physical barrier is provided.**
 - YES, the LEA provides the above assurance.
4. **Each school reopening plan include measures to protect students with food allergies if providing meals in spaces outside the cafeteria.**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.
5. **Each school reopening plan must include protocols and procedures for how students will perform hand hygiene before and after eating, how appropriate hand hygiene will be promoted, and how sharing of food and beverages will be discouraged.**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.
6. **Each school reopening plan must include protocols and procedures that require cleaning and disinfection prior to the next group of students arriving for meals, if served in the same common area.**
 - YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Transportation

Transportation - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. Does the school use its own transportation?

- Yes
 No

- 1a. Each school reopening plan must ensure all buses (conforming and non-conforming to Federal Motor Carrier Safety Standards, as well as type A, C or D) which are used every day by districts and contract carriers will be cleaned/disinfected once a day.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1b. Each school reopening plan ensures high contact spots must be wiped down after each a.m. and p.m. run depending upon the disinfection/cleaning schedule.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1c. Each school reopening plan must ensure that school bus drivers, monitors and attendants must not carry personal bottles of hand sanitizer with them on school buses.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1d. Each school reopening plan must ensure school buses shall not be equipped with hand sanitizer due to its combustible composition and potential liability to the carrier or school.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1e. Each school reopening plan will require that school bus drivers, monitors, attendants and mechanics must wear a face covering along with optional face shield.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1f. Each school reopening plan requires that transportation staff (drivers, monitors, attendants, mechanics and cleaners) will be trained and provided periodic refreshers on the proper use of personal protective equipment and the signs and symptoms of COVID-19.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1g. Each school reopening plan requires that transportation departments/carriers will need to provide Personal Protective Equipment such as masks, gloves for drivers, monitors and attendants in buses.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1h. Each school reopening plan ensures that hand sanitizer will be provided for all staff in their transportation locations such as dispatch offices, employee lunch/break rooms and/or bus garages.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1i. Each school reopening plan requires that drivers, monitors and attendants who must have direct physical contact with a child must wear gloves.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1j. Each school reopening plan requires that students must wear a mask on a school bus if they are physically and mentally able.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1k. Each school reopening plan requires that students should appropriately socially distance on the school bus.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.
- 1l. Each school reopening plan ensures that students with a disability which would prevent them from wearing a mask will not be forced to do so or denied transportation but must maintain social distancing of 6 feet from other individuals on the bus.**
 YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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1m. School bus drivers, monitors, attendants and mechanics must perform a self-health assessment for symptoms of COVID 19 before arriving to work. If personnel are experiencing any of the symptoms of COVID 19 they should notify their employer and seek medical attention.

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

2. Each school will encourage all students who receive transportation from the public school district to adhere to CDC and DOH guidance.

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

School Schedules - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan describes the school schedule planned for implementation at the beginning of the 2020-21 school year and to the extent practicable any contingent scheduling models it may consider if the situation warrants.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

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Mandatory Assurances - Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism

Attendance and Chronic Absenteeism - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan must describe a mechanism to collect and report daily teacher student engagement or attendance regardless of instructional setting.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

Teaching and Learning - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. **Each school reopening plan includes a continuity of learning plan for the 2020-2021 school year. Such plan must prepare for in-person, remote, and hybrid models of instruction.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

2. **For voluntary registered nonpublic high schools, who offer a NYS diploma, instruction must be aligned with the outcomes in the New York State Learning Standards.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

The school is not a voluntary registered nonpublic high school.

3. **Instruction aligned to the academic program must include regular and substantive interaction with a competent teacher regardless of the delivery method (e.g., in-person, remote or hybrid).**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

4. **Equity must be at the heart of all school instructional decisions. All instruction should be developed so that whether delivered in-person, remotely, or through a hybrid model due to a local or state school closure, there are clear opportunities for instruction that are accessible to all students.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

5. **Schools must create a clear communication plan for how students and their families/caregivers can contact the school and teachers with questions about their instruction and/or technology.**

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

Boarding Schools - Mandatory Assurances

The assurances marked below indicate your intent to comply with the required activities to the extent the activity applies to your district, now or in the future as a result of changes to your plan or its implementation.

1. Is your school a boarding school?

- Yes, this school is a boarding school.
- No, this school is not a boarding school.

1a. Plans should include protocols for capacity limits, enhanced cleaning and disinfection, appropriate social distancing, use of acceptable face coverings in common areas, restrictions on non-essential gatherings and activities, limited access by students to other residential facilities (e.g., dormitories), restrictions of visitors, special housing considerations for students who are immunocompromised or who have an underlying health condition, separate living spaces for persons undergoing isolation or quarantine, and a modified set of rules for students to follow.

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

1b. Plan for screening all students and faculty upon return, and to ensure diagnostic testing for any students or faculty members who screen positive for potential COVID19 infection upon return, especially including any individuals with recent international or long-distance travel, or travel from designated states with widespread community transmission of COVID-19, as identified through the New York State Travel Advisory

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

1c. Isolation (for individuals with suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19) or quarantine (for individuals exposed to a suspected or confirmed case of COVID19, or who have recently traveled internationally or in states with widespread COVID-19 transmission) of individuals residing on school grounds may become necessary and schools should develop plans, in consultation with the local health department, that specify where individuals will be residing (e.g., dedicated residence hall, hotel, home) and the support system that will be implemented to meet daily needs (e.g., food, medication, psychosocial, academic and/or other support) throughout the duration of their isolation or quarantine. Plans should include measures to monitor and provide medical care and other health services to students who test positive and are in isolation, need more advanced medical care, or who are awaiting test results.

YES, the school provides the above assurance.

1d. Plans need to be put in place for how students should safely depart residence halls in the event of a closure. Schools should consider policies for students who may not be able to depart campus quickly (e.g. international students).

YES, the school provides the above assurance.