

## REOPENING SCHOOLS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



The purpose of this tool is to assist administrators in making decisions regarding K-12 schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to check with state and local health officials and other partners to determine the most appropriate actions.

### Should you consider opening?

- ✓ Is the school in a community no longer requiring significant mitigation?
- ✓ Will reopening be in compliance with state and local orders?
- ✓ Will the school be ready to protect children and staff at higher risk for severe illness?

ANY  
NO



ALL  
YES

### Are recommended safety actions in place?

- ✓ Promote healthy hygiene practices such as hand washing, teachers and staff wearing a cloth face covering
- ✓ Intensify cleaning, disinfection, and ventilation
- ✓ Ensure social distancing such as increased spacing, small groups, limited mixing between groups
- ✓ Limit sharing of items such as student's belongings, supplies, and equipment
- ✓ Train all staff on safety actions

ANY  
NO



ALL  
YES

### Is ongoing monitoring in place?

- ✓ Check for signs and symptoms of students and staff
- ✓ Encourage anyone who is sick to stay home
- ✓ Plan for if students or staff get sick
- ✓ Regularly communicate with local authorities, staff, and families
- ✓ Monitor student and staff absences and have flexible leave policies and practices
- ✓ Be ready to close if there are increased cases

ANY  
NO



ALL  
YES

OPEN AND  
MONITOR

For more information, please visit [CORONAVIRUS.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



# Share Facts About COVID-19

Know the facts about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and help stop the spread of rumors.

**FACT 1** Diseases can make anyone sick regardless of their race or ethnicity.

People of Asian descent, including Chinese Americans, are not more likely to get COVID-19 than any other American. Help stop fear by letting people know that being of Asian descent does not increase the chance of getting or spreading COVID-19.

**FACT 2** Some people are at increased risk of getting COVID-19.

People who have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or people who live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread are at an increased risk of exposure.

**FACT 3** Someone who has completed quarantine or has been released from isolation does not pose a risk of infection to other people.

For up-to-date information, visit CDC's coronavirus disease 2019 web page.

**FACT 4** You can help stop COVID-19 by knowing the signs and symptoms:

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
- Seek medical advice if you
- Develop symptoms
- AND
- Have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

**FACT 5** There are simple things you can do to help keep yourself and others healthy.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing; going to the bathroom; and before eating or preparing food.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trash.

For more information: [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19)



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# STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.



Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



**You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:**

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.



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# CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)

## Considerations for Institutes of Higher Education (EXCERPT)

### •Cloth Face Coverings

Recommend and reinforce use of cloth face coverings among students, faculty, and staff. Face coverings should be worn as feasible and are **most** essential in times when physical distancing is difficult.

- Note: Cloth face covering should **not** be placed on:
  - Anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious
  - Anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance



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- Cloth face coverings are meant to protect other people in case the wearer is unknowingly infected but does not have symptoms. Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks, respirators, or other medical personal protective equipment.



# COVER YOUR FACE\*

BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE US VIRGIN ISLANDS

ALL VISITORS (Adult and Child) and EMPLOYEES of this establishment are required to wear a **FACE COVERING** at all times.

Violators of this rule, established by the Government of the Virgin Islands and other agencies, are subject to refusal of service, request to leave, establishment closure, additional restrictions, and fines covered under the guidelines of the Department of Licensing and Consumer Affairs and the Virgin Islands Police Department.

\*When entering a business, an individual is only permitted to cover one's mouth and nose. **Sunglasses, hats, ski masks or anything that may be used to cover your eyes and head are NOT PERMITTED.**

# OR NO SERVICE

MAINTAIN PROPER SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES

## REPORT VIOLATORS:

(340) 713-DLCA (3522) • (340) 714-DLCA (3522)  
REPORT SCAM: (340) 727-7226 • (340) 771-7226



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# Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Decision Tree

## Regardless of Community Spread



## No Community Spread

- Update Emergency Operation Plan
- Healthy hygiene and cleaning/ disinfection
- Monitor absenteeism
- Assess group gatherings/events
- Require sick individuals to stay home
- Establish procedures for individuals who are sick on campus
- Ensure health clinics prepare for COVID-19
- Communicate regularly with student, staff, faculty



## Minimal to Moderate OR Substantial Community Spread



- Social distancing
- Consider accommodations for children and families at high risk
- Ensure continuity of safe housing

- Continue to coordinate with local health officials
- Consider extended in-person class suspension

