

Tracking Canada's education systems' response to COVID-19

Province/ Territory	Provincial school reopening plan	Health and safety protocol	In-class and/or online learning	Additional funding
British Columbia	<p>K-12 Education Restart Plan -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools reopen in Stage 2 of the Five Stages Framework for K-12 Education September 10, two days later than originally planned. 	<p>Learning Group Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary: 30 Middle: 30 Secondary: 60 <p>Density Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% for all schools 	<p>Continuation of online/remote learning opportunities to supplement in-school instruction</p> <p>Full-time instruction for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children of essential service workers Students with disabilities/diverse abilities Students who require additional supports <p>In-class instruction for all other students for the maximum time possible within above limits/targets. (BC Gov)</p>	<p>Maximum of additional \$242.36 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p>
Alberta	<p>K to 12 school re-entry plan for scenario 1</p> <p>Guidance and plans for students to start the 2020-21 school year.</p> <p>2020-21 School Re-entry plan(for all scenario)</p> <p>Chief Medical Officer of Health Order 33-2020</p> <p>No delayed school year start date</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory masks for all students and students in Grades 4-12 where physical distancing is not possible, optional masks for K-3 Reorganize rooms for more physical space Cohorting students Signage to guide foot traffic Avoiding large gatherings No requirement for masks, however masks are encouraged in cases where physical distancing is not possible "No sharing" policy 	<p>Students will be returning to in-class learning with enhanced health and safety measures (Scenario 1)</p> <p>The 3 scenarios are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures) In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures) At-home learning continues (in-school classes are suspended/cancelled) 	<p>\$10 million dollars in additional funding for purchasing 2 masks for all staff and students (CBC)</p> <p>\$262.84 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>

<p>Saskatchewan</p>	<p>Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan (Government of Saskatchewan)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delayed school year start: September 8 instead of September 1-3 ○ Modifying room configurations ○ Staggered recess, lunch, and school entry/exit ○ Signage guiding students around school ○ Limiting sharing materials and school equipment ○ Cohorting students (in elementary cohort = the classroom) ○ Front-facing instruction ○ No masks required in level 1 scenario ○ Level 2: ○ Masks required for grades 4-12 in high traffic areas like hallways and buses ○ Masks may be required in the classroom for grades 9-12 if physical distancing is not possible 	<p>School divisions may choose the scenario most appropriate for their location and facilities</p> <p>4 scenarios:</p> <p>Level 1: Return to normal school with additional health measures</p> <p>Level 2: Masks required</p> <p>Level 3: Reduced school capacity, cohorting, hybrid models</p> <p>Level 4: Remote learning</p>	<p>\$40 million in additional funding for PPE, learning supports, and other pandemic-related costs.</p> <p>In addition, school divisions have access to \$40 million in savings from March-June that can be used towards one-time pandemic-related costs.</p> <p>(Government of Saskatchewan)</p> <p>\$74.90 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>
<p>Manitoba</p>	<p>Welcoming our students back: Restoring safe schools K-12 Guidelines for September 2020 (Government of Manitoba)</p> <p>School settings practice guidance and protocols</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cohorting students (max of 75 students) ○ Limit gathering in common areas ○ Use of additional space if necessary ○ 2 metres physical distancing required, where possible ○ Staggered lunch and recess ○ No assemblies or gatherings that exceed public health advice ○ Outdoor activities encouraged ○ Masks strongly recommended for grades 5-12 and staff in common areas and where physical distancing is not possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Younger students may wear masks ○ Masks required on buses (5-12) ○ High school: Some learning may be from home if cohorting/physical distancing is a challenge 	<p>Schools will open under Level 1 in September.</p> <p>3 scenarios:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Level 1: In-class learning ○ Level 2: Blended learning ○ Level 3: Remote learning 	<p>\$100 million in Safe Schools funding from the Government of Manitoba</p> <p>\$85.41 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>

<p>Ontario</p>	<p>Ontario government releases: “Guide to reopening Ontario’s schools” School opens September 8, 2020.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks required for students in grades 4-12 ● Masks encouraged for students K-3 indoors <p>Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All elementary schools in the province will open for conventional in-person teaching, 5 days/wk. For all students K-8 <p>Secondary</p> <p>Boards to develop timetables that over a 1- to 2-week period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Limit student contacts to approximately 100 students in the school ● Encouraged to keep secondary school students in a maximum of two in-person class cohorts (ON gov) 	<p>Elementary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● K-8 in-person delivery 5 days/wk ● Option to opt-out of in-person <p>Secondary</p> <p>Schools will open in September with conventional or delivery, depending upon the designation of the school board.</p> <p>For designated schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Class cohorts of ~15 ● Alternating schedules with >50% in-class instructional days <p>All school boards are encouraged to adopt timetabling methods that emphasized cohorting of students</p>	<p>\$309 million in funding to schools announced (ON gov)</p> <p>Other additional funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$15 million to purchase technology ● \$10 million to hire front-line mental-health workers in secondary schools (Ontario Newsroom)
<p>Québec</p>	<p>Back-to-school plan for education and higher education (COVID-19)</p> <p>Preschools and elementary and secondary schools during the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<p>Primary and below:</p> <p>All students in preschool, elementary school and Secondary I, II and III will attend class full-time</p> <p>Mask guidelines vary by activity and individual type (Quebec.ca)</p> <p>Elementary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students will return to class according to the set educator/ teacher-student ratios and the principle of stable groups. ● Maintain one metre between the various subgroups of students ● Two metres between students and staff ● Teachers will move between classrooms based on the subject being taught, and students will remain in the same classroom. ● Face coverings not mandatory for preschool-grade 4 ● Grade 5 & 6 required to wear face coverings in common areas or around students from other subgroups or on school transport <p>Secondary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All subjects will be taught within the same group of students; teachers will move between rooms and students will remain in one room ● Face coverings mandatory in common areas or around students from other groups 	<p>Elementary and younger students are expected to attend class in-person</p> <p>Secondary I, II, III students attend school in person.</p> <p>Secondary IV, V school boards may opt for alternative delivery if course schedule cannot be reorganized to maintain stable student groups.</p>	<p>Maximum of additional \$432.15 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p>

<p>New Brunswick</p>	<p>Government of NB released Return to School 2020 Plan on June 12, 2020 (Gov NB)</p> <p>Return to School: Guide for parents and the public</p> <p>Return to School: September 2020 plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-2 class sizes as close to 15 students as possible ○ Grade 3-5: reduced group sizes where possible ○ Grade 6-8 regular class size ○ Physical distancing not required within classroom bubble ○ Minimum 2 metres distancing outside of the classroom (when around other groups/classes) ○ All students bring masks to school daily but masks not required in the classroom. ○ K-5 encouraged to wear masks ○ Grades 6-8 will wear masks outside of class ○ Grades 9-12 will wear masks outside of class ○ K-8 teachers can choose whether to wear a mask if they stay in classroom bubble. 9-12 teachers will wear mask or face shield when they cannot be physically distant (GNB.ca) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students in K-8 will attend school in-person ○ 9-12 will attend school in-person at least every other day 	<p>Maximum of additional \$39.79 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p>
<p>Prince Edward Island</p>	<p>Welcome back to school plan (Government of PEI)</p> <p>Back to School website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cohorting students ○ Smaller classes (where possible) ○ Reconfiguring classrooms to encourage physical distancing ○ Signage guiding foot traffic ○ Staggered school entry and exit times ○ Scheduled lunch/recess breaks ○ Limited number of school visitors ○ K-6: Masks suggested but not mandatory, Grades 7-12: Masks strongly recommended ○ September 2020 includes revised curriculum and focus on social-emotional well-being of students 	<p>Schools are expected to be open for in-class learning in the fall. Boards and schools asked to prepare for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In-class learning with detailed precautionary measures in place ○ In-class learning with additional public health measures <p>Back-up plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At home learning with limited use of school facilities ○ At home learning with no access to school facilities 	<p>\$2 million from COVID-19 contingency funding for hiring approx. 200 school staff (teachers, bus drivers, cleaners, EAs, admin support) (The Chronicle Herald)</p> <p>\$10.39 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>

<p>Nova Scotia</p>	<p>Nova Scotia's Back to School Plan (Government of Nova Scotia)</p> <p>No delayed reopening. School year starts on September 8, 2020.</p>	<p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ School spaces reorganized to limit unnecessary physical contact ○ No large gatherings in schools ○ Age-appropriate direction signage ○ Masks required for grades 4-12 unless seated at desk which is separated from others by 2 metres <p>Pre-K:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Class size: 20 students with 2 staff OR 24 students with 3 staff ○ Encouraged to spend 40% of learning outdoors <p>K-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cohorting ○ When large groups required, non-medical masks ○ Encouraged to hold class outside when possible 	<p>In-class learning in September with a full school reopening</p> <p>Contingency plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Partial of blended response: K-8 students in-class, secondary students in-class 2-3 days/ week ○ At-home learning: real-time, video, and self-directed learning 	<p>\$40 million to make schools safer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$29 million for substitute teachers (with dropped B.Ed requirement) ○ \$8.7 million for custodial staff ○ \$1.4 million to extend the hours of pre-primary teachers for cleaning ○ \$1.2 million for lunch monitors. ○ \$500,000 for school supplies <p>(CBC)</p> <p>\$47.88 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>
<p>Newfoundland & Labrador</p>	<p>Updated measures for safe return to school announced on Sept. 3</p> <p>A Safe Return to School: NLESD September Reopening Plan</p> <p>Newfoundland and Labrador Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools</p> <p>Government guidance documents/plans for September reopening</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Where 2 metres is not possible between desks, the greatest possible spacing is recommended. ○ Daily school routine should not be disrupted to accommodate smaller classes for physical distancing ○ Strict physical distancing should not be over-emphasized to children in the school setting ○ Close interaction, such as playing and socializing is central to play-based curriculum and child development, and should not be discouraged ○ Physical distancing should be reinforced if there is an increase of COVID-19 in communities ○ Students cohorted by class, where possible 	<p>Three scenarios for 2020/2021, depending on public health authority recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In-person classes resume, with virtual schooling options where needed 2. Partial in-person classes (minimum 30-50%) 3. Entirely at-home/ distance learning 	<p>Maximum of additional \$26.18 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p>

<p>Yukon</p>	<p>Yukon currently in Phase 3 of plan for lifting COVID restrictions</p> <p>Yukon government document "Planning for the 2020-21 school year"</p> <p>Rather than an overall approach, each school has its own operational plan</p>	<p>The operational plan of each school must be followed.</p> <p>Students and staff will need to practice physical distancing in schools.</p> <p>This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ smaller classrooms and group sizes ○ managing traffic areas in common areas like hallways and cafeterias ○ staggering pick-up and drop-off times, recess and lunch. <p>Wearing masks will not be required.</p>	<p>The operational plan of each school must be followed.</p> <p>At rural and Whitehorse schools</p> <p>In rural communities, K- 12 returns to full-day, in-class instruction 5 days/week</p> <p>In Whitehorse, K-9 returns to full-day, in-class instruction 5 days/wk.</p> <p>Grade 10-12 does ½ day in-class, ½ day at home 5 days/wk</p> <p>Resource Programs for students with disabilities, transitions programs and other programs for students needing additional support will continue at school all day every day.</p>	<p>The Government of Yukon announced that families with children in Kindergarten to Grade 12 are eligible for \$250 per student if they have been impacted by COVID-19. (McCarthy)</p> <p>Maximum of additional \$4.16 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p>
<p>Northwest Territories</p>	<p>Reopening NWT Schools safely</p> <p>Reopening schools safely: 2020-2021 COVID-19 school planning factsheet</p>	<p>In 2020-2021, all schools will have: (Gov NT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Physical distancing for Grades 7-12 ○ Altered routines and schedules for movement through into, and out of the school ○ Spacing of desks and other furniture ○ Extra activities outdoors, when possible ○ No assemblies and limits on other gatherings ○ Use of face shields and masks by staff and students on the school bus and in school when needed ○ Limited access to parents, guardians and visitors ○ New daily screening process for students and staff ○ Stricter personal and school cleaning processes ○ No sharing of food or personal items 	<p>JK-Grade 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-time in-person ○ No distancing inside classroom 'bubble' <p>Grades 7-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-time in-person or blended when necessary ○ distancing of 1m between students and 2m between students and staff <p>Grades 10-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Full-time in-person or blended when necessary ○ distancing of 2m between all students and staff <p>Students aged 19+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students aged 19+ must learn remotely <p>(Gov NT)</p>	<p>Maximum of additional \$4.85 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p> <p>Two funding initiatives to support licensed child care programs have been extended until September 30, 2020:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ funding to pay up to 75% of eligible fixed costs for child care operators; and ○ funding supports for enhanced cleaning of child care spaces. <p>(McCarthy)</p>

<p>Nunavut</p>	<p>The 2020-21 Opening Plan for Nunavut Schools: Health and Safety (Government of Nunavut)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avoiding physical contact ○ Limited group activities ○ Students allowed to eat in common areas, but no food sharing ○ Regular bus schedule ○ Masks not required 	<p>All schools will reopen in September under Stage 1</p> <p>4 scenarios:</p> <p>Stage 1: Least restrictive learning environment (No COVID-19 in the community)</p> <p>Stage 2: Increased restrictions on school environments</p> <p>Stage 3: Recovery-based restrictions to in-school learning environments</p> <p>Stage 4: Complete closure of in-school and land-based learning environments</p>	<p>\$5.75 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>
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