

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	B.C.s Back to School Plan	<p><u>Learning Group</u> Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elementary: 60 ○ Middle: 60 ○ Secondary: 120 ○ Mandatory masks for middle and secondary school students in high traffic areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Optional masks in classroom for staff and students ○ Minimizing sharing and limiting use of frequently touched items ○ Physical distancing (staggered breaks, barriers, individual activities) 	<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>\$45.6 million in provincial funding (Government of British Columbia)</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>	<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"> 1. In-school classes resume (near normal with health measures) 2. In-school classes partially resume (with additional health measures) 3. 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) Safe schools plan: Level 2 Guidance (additional guidance from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer)</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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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: Level 1: Return to normal school with additional health measures Level 2: Masks required Level 3: Reduced in class learning Level 4: Alternative learning provided by divisions</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 #RestartMB: Restoring Safe Schools</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 required in school for grades 4-12, staff, and visitors 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Level 1: In-class learning ○ Level 2: Blended learning ○ Level 3: Remote learning </p>	<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”</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 <p>(ON gov)</p>	<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>\$35 million for schools in priority areas (Ontario Newsroom)</p> <p>Maximum of additional \$763.34 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)</p>
<p>Québec</p>	<p>Safety measures for workers and students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools</p> <p>Back to school plan for the Fall of 2020</p>	<p>Elementary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students in class with set educator/teacher-student ratios <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers will move between classrooms based on the subject being taught, and students will remain in the same classroom. ○ Masks: mandatory for grades 5 and up in common areas and around students from other groups ○ Maintain one metre between the various subgroups of students (recommended 1 metre for 16 and under, 2 for 17 and up) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Two metres between students and staff <p>Secondary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All subjects will be taught within the same group of students; <p>For schools in “Red” zones (Starting October 8) (Government of Quebec)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No extra-curriculars ○ No school trips ○ 2 metres physical distancing between all non-cohorted groups ○ Minimal school visitors <p>Secondary schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masks required at all times, even within cohorted group ○ Students in 4e and 5e years will attend school on alternating days 	<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</p> <p>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 (K-8); one metre distancing withing classrooms for 9-12 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 and required during transitions between classes ○ 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>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 ● Masks required on the school bus <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 at least 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>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 (CBC) <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, but is recommended for children above the age of 10 if they can't stay more than 2 metres away from others</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 <p>Grades 10-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Full-time in-person or blended when necessary <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 are currently in 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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