

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 8. 	<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>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>2020-21 School Re-entry plan (for all scenario)</p> <p>COVID-19 School Status Map</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>New restrictions starting November 30, 2020</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grades 7-12 learning at-home until January 8 (excl. Winter break) Grades K-6 continue in-person learning until winter break; 1 week of remote learning from January 4-8 	<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>
Saskatchewan	<p>Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan (Government of Saskatchewan)</p> <p>Safe schools plan: Level 2 Guidance (additional guidance from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. (Government of Saskatchewan)</p> <p>\$74.90 million in federal funding (Government of Canada)</p>

<p>Manitoba</p>	<p>#RestartMB: Restoring Safe Schools</p> <p>Guidance for Restricted (Orange) response</p> <p>Guidance for Critical (Red) response (Note: Schools are not currently operating under the red response)</p>	<p>Currently schools are operating under restricted level (Orange)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sports suspended, field trips cancelled, no indoor choir or use of wind instruments (Learn more here) <p>Existing measures:</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 ○ High school: Some learning may be from home if cohorting/physical distancing is a challenge 	<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”</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>Ontario launches online tracker: “COVID-19 cases in schools and child care centres”. Data is updated at 10:30am Eastern on weekdays.</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> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$35 million for schools in priority areas (Ontario Newsroom) ○ Maximum of additional \$763.34 million to be allocated (Canada.ca)

<p>Québec</p>	<p>Safety measures for workers and students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools</p> <p>Organization of Educational Activities in 2020-2021 (COVID-19)</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) ● 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 (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>
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<p>New Brunswick</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"> ○ Class Sizes <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 Class sizes reduced to respect physical distancing of at least 1 metre ○ 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) ○ Masks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ K-5 encouraged to wear masks outside of class ○ Grades 6-12: 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 ○ 2020-21 School year has a revised curriculum to account for reduced learning (See curriculum changes here) 	<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)</p> <p>(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 <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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$40 million to make schools safer ○ \$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 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In rural communities, K- 12 returns to full-day, in-class instruction 5 days/ week ○ In Whitehorse, K-9 returns to full-day, in-class instruction 5 days/wk. ○ Grade 10-12 does ½ day in-class, ½ day at home 5 days/wk <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 NST 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>As of November 18, 2020, all schools are under Stage 4 and engaging in remote learning.</p> <p>(Find more service updates here)</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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