

# 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
<a href="#">British Columbia</a>	<a href="#">B.C.s Back to School Plan</a>	<p><b>Learning Group</b> Size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Elementary: 30</li> <li>○ Middle: 30</li> <li>○ Secondary: 60</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mandatory masks for staff and all middle and secondary school students in all indoor areas, including in learning groups               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Only exceptions are when eating/drinking, there's a barrier in place, or they're at their seat/workstation in a classroom</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Minimizing physical contact and reduce shared items</li> <li>○ Physical distancing (barriers in high traffic areas where distancing can't be maintained, stagger break times, avoid seating arrangements where students face each other)</li> </ul>	<p>Continuation of online/remote learning opportunities to supplement in-school instruction</p> <p>K-7 students must take a full course load at one school, while students in grades 8-12 can enroll in courses in multiple distributed learning schools at once</p>	<p>\$45.6 million in provincial funding (<a href="#">Government of British Columbia</a>)</p> <p>Maximum of additional \$242.36 million to be allocated (<a href="#">Canada.ca</a>)</p>
<a href="#">Alberta</a>	<p><a href="#">K to 12 Learning during COVID-19</a></p> <p><a href="#">2020-21 School Re-entry plan</a> (for all scenario)</p> <p><a href="#">COVID-19 School Status Map</a></p>	<p>Mandatory daily checklist before students attend school or childcare (<a href="#">Alberta Daily Health Checklist</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Mandatory masks for all staff teachers, and students in Grades 4-12 outside of the classroom where physical distancing is not possible, optional masks for K-3</li> <li>○ Reorganize rooms for more physical space</li> <li>○ Cohorting students</li> <li>○ Signage to guide foot traffic</li> <li>○ Avoiding large gatherings</li> <li>○ No requirement for masks, however masks are encouraged in cases where physical distancing is not possible</li> <li>○ Sharing to be avoided, sanitization of equipment between uses if sharing required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As of January 11th, in-person learning resumed</li> </ul>	<p>\$10 million dollars in additional funding for purchasing 2 masks for all staff and students (<a href="#">CBC</a>)</p> <p>Maximum of \$262.84 million in federal funding (<a href="#">Government of Canada</a>)</p>

<p><a href="#">Saskatchewan</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Saskatchewan Safe Schools Plan</a> (Government of Saskatchewan)</p> <p><a href="#">Safe schools plan: Level 2 Guidance</a> (additional guidance from Saskatchewan's Chief Medical Health Officer)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Modifying room configurations</li> <li>○ Staggered recess, lunch, and school entry/exit</li> <li>○ Controlled flow of students and staff via signage</li> <li>○ Limiting shared materials and school equipment, as well as physical contact</li> <li>○ Cohorting students (in elementary cohort = the classroom)</li> <li>○ Front-facing instruction</li> <li>○ Masks required for all staff, visitors, and students aged three and up except when they are eating or drinking (<a href="#">Safe Schools Plan</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>School divisions may choose the scenario most appropriate for their location and facilities from Level 2-4 (mask use is required)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8 students attend 5 days of full, in-class instruction per week</li> <li>○ 9-12 students are in-class up to 5 days per week (depends on the ability of the high school to maintain physical distancing) (<a href="http://edu.gov.mb.ca">edu.gov.mb.ca</a>)</li> </ul>	<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. (<a href="#">Government of Saskatchewan</a>)</p> <p>\$74.90 million in federal funding (<a href="#">Government of Canada</a>)</p>
<p><a href="#">Manitoba</a></p>	<p><a href="#">#RestartMB: Restoring Safe Schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Guidance for Restricted (Orange) response</a></p> <p><a href="#">Guidance for Critical (Red) response</a> (Note: Schools are not currently operating under the red response)</p>	<p><b>Currently schools are operating under restricted level (Orange)</b> (<a href="#">Minister of Education's Letter</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sports suspended, field trips cancelled, no indoor choir or use of wind instruments (Learn more here)</li> </ul> <p>Existing measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Flow of students controlled via signage and one-way hallways</li> <li>○ Cohorting students (max of 75 students)</li> <li>○ Limit gathering in common areas</li> <li>○ Use of additional space if necessary</li> <li>○ 2 metres physical distancing required, where possible</li> <li>○ Staggered lunch and recess</li> <li>○ No assemblies or gatherings that exceed public health advice</li> <li>○ Outdoor activities encouraged</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Masks required</a> in school for grades 4-12, staff, and visitors where physical distancing is not possible <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Younger students may wear masks</li> <li>○ Masks required on buses</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ High school: Some learning may be from home if cohorting/physical distancing is a challenge</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-8 students attend 5 days of full, in-class instruction per week</li> <li>○ 9-12 students are in-class up to 5 days per week (depends on the ability of the high school to maintain physical distancing) (<a href="http://edu.gov.mb.ca">edu.gov.mb.ca</a>)</li> </ul>	<p>\$100 million in Safe Schools funding from the <a href="#">Government of Manitoba</a></p> <p>\$85.41 million in federal funding (<a href="#">Government of Canada</a>)</p>

<p><a href="#">Ontario</a></p>	<p>Ontario.ca "<a href="#">Covid 19 Reopening Schools</a>"</p> <p><a href="#">Update from Chief Medical Officer of Health</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Masks required for 1-12 indoors, in transportation, and outdoors where physical distancing not possible</li> <li>● Masks encouraged but not required for kindergarten</li> <li>● Advanced screening protocols and signs to reinforce self-screening</li> <li>● Changes to how people enter and exit school and how children use playgrounds</li> </ul> <p>Ontario launches online tracker: "<a href="#">COVID-19 cases in schools and child care centres</a>". Data is updated at 10:30am Eastern on weekdays.</p>	<p>In-person learning resumed in 7 public health regions</p> <p>Schools in all other regions will continue remote learning</p>	<p>Up to 1.3 billion in supports for education sector (<a href="#">Ontario.ca</a>)</p> <p>Additional \$35 million for schools in priority areas (<a href="#">Ontario Newsroom</a>)</p> <p>Maximum of additional \$763.34 million to be allocated (<a href="#">Canada.ca</a>)</p>
<p><a href="#">Québec</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Safety measures for workers and students in preschool, elementary and secondary schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Organization of Educational Activities in 2020-2021 (COVID-19)</a></p>	<p>Elementary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● students in class with set educator/teacher-student ratios, and stable class groups</li> </ul> <p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teachers will move between classrooms based on the subject being taught, and students will remain in the same classroom.</li> <li>● Masks: mandatory for grades 5 and up in common areas and around students from other groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Recommended but not required for preschool to Elementary 4</li> <li>● Required for K-12 in red zones</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Maintain two metres between the various subgroups of students (recommended 1 metre for 16 and under, 2 for 17 and up) and between students and staff</li> <li>● No face-to-face extracurricular activities</li> </ul> <p>Secondary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● All subjects will be taught within the same group of students;</li> <li>● Schools may have students in 4e and 5e years use a work-study option if physical distancing cannot be maintained</li> </ul> <p>For schools in "Red" zones (<a href="#">Government of Quebec</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No extra-curriculars</li> <li>● No school trips</li> <li>● Minimal school visitors</li> </ul> <p>Secondary schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Masks required at all times, even within cohorted group</li> <li>● Students in 3e, 4e and 5e years will attend school on alternating days</li> </ul>	<p>In red and orange zones, alternating alternating in-person and online schedule required for students in Secondary III, IV, and V</p> <p>Elementary and younger students are expected to attend class in-person</p> <p>Secondary I, II 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 (<a href="#">Canada.ca</a>)</p>

<p><a href="#">New Brunswick</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Return to School: Guide for parents and the public</a></p> <p><a href="#">Return to School: September 2020 plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">Letter to parents and guardians</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Exact guidelines may vary depending on school zone (see updates at <a href="http://www2.qnb.ca">www2.qnb.ca</a>)</li> <li>○ Zone 4 (Edmonton region) is at Red level; other 6 zones are at Orange level</li> <li>○ Class Sizes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-2: class sizes as close to 15 students as possible</li> <li>○ Grade 3-5: reduced group sizes where possible</li> <li>○ Grade 6-8 regular class size Class sizes reduced to respect physical distancing of at least 1 metre</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Physical distancing not required within classroom bubble (K-8); one metre distancing withing classrooms for 9-12</li> <li>○ Minimum 2 metres distancing outside of the classroom (when around other groups/classes)</li> <li>○ Masks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ K-5 encouraged to wear masks outside of class</li> <li>○ Grades 6-12: will wear masks outside of class</li> <li>○ Grades 9-12: will wear masks outside of class</li> <li>○ 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 (<a href="http://GNB.ca">GNB.ca</a>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students in K-8 will attend school in-person</li> <li>○ 9-12 will attend school in-person at least every other day</li> </ul>	<p>Maximum of additional \$39.79 million to be allocated (<a href="http://Canada.ca">Canada.ca</a>)</p>
<p><a href="#">Prince Edward Island</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Welcome back to school plan</a> (Government of PEI)</p> <p><a href="#">Back to School website</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cohorting students</li> <li>○ Smaller classes (where possible)</li> <li>○ Reconfiguring classrooms to encourage physical distancing</li> <li>○ Signage guiding foot traffic</li> <li>○ Staggered school entry and exit times</li> <li>○ Scheduled lunch/recess breaks</li> <li>○ Limited number of school visitors</li> <li>○ K-6: Masks suggested but not mandatory, Grades 7-12: Masks required indoors except when in a classroom and able to maintain 2 metre distance (<a href="http://princeedwardisland.ca">princeedwardisland.ca</a>)</li> <li>○ 2020-21 School year has a revised curriculum to account for reduced learning (See curriculum changes <a href="#">here</a>)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In-class learning with detailed precautionary measures in place</li> <li>○ In-class learning with additional public health measures</li> </ul> <p>Back-up plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ At home learning with limited use of school facilities</li> <li>○ At home learning with no access to school facilities</li> </ul>	<p>\$2 million from COVID-19 contingency funding for hiring approx. 200 school staff (teachers, bus drivers, cleaners, EAs, admin support)</p> <p>(<a href="#">The Chronicle Herald</a>)</p> <p>\$10.39 million in federal funding (<a href="#">Government of Canada</a>)</p>

<p><a href="#">Nova Scotia</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Nova Scotia's Back to School Plan</a> (Government of Nova Scotia)</p>	<p>General:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ School spaces reorganized to limit unnecessary physical contact</li> <li>○ No large gatherings in schools</li> <li>○ Age-appropriate direction signage</li> <li>○ Masks required for grades 4-12 unless seated at desk which is separated from others by 2 metres, eating/drinking, or participating in a physical activity where a mask can't be worn</li> <li>○ Masks required on the school bus</li> </ul> <p>Pre-K:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Class size: 20 students with 2 staff OR 24 students with 3 staff</li> <li>○ Encouraged to spend 40% of learning outdoors</li> </ul> <p>K-12:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cohorting</li> <li>○ Encouraged to hold class outside when possible</li> </ul>	<p>In-class learning in September with a full school reopening</p> <p>Contingency plans include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Partial or blended response:</b> K-8 students in-class, secondary students primarily remote</li> <li>○ <b>At-home learning:</b> real-time, video, and self-directed learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ \$40 million to make schools safer</li> <li>○ \$29 million for substitute teachers (with dropped B.Ed requirement)</li> <li>○ \$8.7 million for custodial staff</li> <li>○ \$1.4 million to extend the hours of pre-primary teachers for cleaning</li> <li>○ \$1.2 million for lunch monitors.</li> <li>○ \$500,000 for school supplies</li> </ul> <p>(CBC)</p> <p>\$47.88 million in federal funding (<a href="#">Government of Canada</a>)</p>
<p><a href="#">Newfoundland &amp; Labrador</a></p>	<p><a href="#">Updated measures for safe return to school announced on Nov 2, 2020</a></p> <p><a href="#">Newfoundland and Labrador Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools</a></p> <p><a href="#">Government guidance documents/plans for September reopening</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Masks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For grades 7-12, required in class if 1 metre not possible between desks</li> <li>○ For K-6, masks required until seated in classroom for students who take the bus</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Where 2 metres is not possible between desks, the greatest possible spacing is recommended.</li> <li>○ Daily school routine should not be disrupted to accommodate smaller classes for physical distancing</li> <li>○ Physical distancing should be reinforced if there is an increase of COVID-19 in communities</li> <li>○ Students cohorted by class, where possible</li> </ul>	<p>Three scenarios for 2020/2021, depending on public health authority recommendations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In-person classes resume, with virtual schooling options where needed</li> <li>2. Partial in-person classes (minimum 30-50%)</li> <li>3. Entirely at-home/ distance learning</li> </ol> <p>Students who cannot attend in person must provide medical documentation (<a href="#">Updated measures for safe return</a>)</p>	<p>20 million dollars for technology to support digital learning (<a href="#">gov.nl.ca</a>)</p> <p>Maximum of additional \$26.18 million to be allocated (<a href="#">Canada.ca</a>)</p>

<p><a href="#">Yukon</a></p>	<p>Yukon government document "<a href="#">Planning for the 2020-21 school year</a>"</p> <p>Rather than an overall approach, each school has <a href="#">its own operational plan</a></p> <p><a href="#">Yukon Guidance for K-12 School Settings</a></p>	<p>The <a href="#">operational plan</a> of each school must be followed.</p> <p>Students and staff will need to practice physical distancing in schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students must maintain 2 metres physical distancing in all common spaces</li> <li>○ Classrooms should be organized into smaller groups that should not mix</li> <li>○ Flow of people in common areas should be managed</li> </ul> <p>Masks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students aged 10 and older are required to wear non-medical masks in all indoor settings except the classroom</li> <li>○ Students aged 5 and up must wear a mask on the bus; students aged 4 who take the bus are encouraged to wear masks</li> <li>○ Students aged 9 and under: mask use is optional</li> </ul> <p>Masks required in classroom if students cannot maintain 1 metre distance (<a href="#">yukon.ca</a>)</p>	<p>The <a href="#">operational plan</a> of each school must be followed.</p> <p>At rural and Whitehorse schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ In rural communities, K- 12 returns to full-day, in-class instruction 5 days/ week</li> <li>○ In Whitehorse, K-9 returns to full-day, in-class instruction 5 days/wk.</li> <li>○ Grade 10-12 does ½ day in-class, ½ day at home 5 days/wk</li> </ul> <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. (<a href="#">McCarthy</a>)</p> <p>Maximum of additional \$4.16 million to be allocated (<a href="#">Canada.ca</a>)</p>
<p><a href="#">Northwest Territories</a></p>	<p><a href="#">JK-12 School Information</a></p> <p><a href="#">Reopening NWT Schools Wisely</a></p> <p><a href="#">Reopening schools safely: 2020-2021 COVID-19 school planning factsheet</a></p>	<p>In 2020-2021, all schools will have: (<a href="#">Gov NT</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Physical distancing for Grades 7-12</li> <li>○ Altered routines and schedules for movement through into, and out of the school</li> <li>○ Spacing of desks and other furniture</li> <li>○ Extra activities outdoors, when possible</li> <li>○ No assemblies and limits on other gatherings</li> <li>○ Use of face shields and masks by staff and students on the school bus and in school when needed</li> <li>○ Limited access to parents, guardians and visitors</li> <li>○ New daily screening process for students and staff</li> <li>○ Stricter personal and school cleaning processes</li> <li>○ No sharing of food or personal items</li> </ul>	<p>JK-Grade 6:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Full-time in-person</li> <li>○ No distancing inside classroom 'bubble'</li> </ul> <p>Grades 7-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Full-time in-person or blended when necessary</li> <li>○ distancing of 1m between students and 2m between students and staff</li> </ul> <p>Grades 10-12</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Full-time in-person or blended when necessary</li> <li>○ distancing of 2m between all students and staff</li> </ul> <p>Students aged 19+</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Students aged 19+ must learn remotely</li> </ul> <p>(<a href="#">Gov NT</a>)</p>	<p>Total of 12.371 million dollars (<a href="#">nt.ca</a>)</p> <p>Of this, 4.85 million from the Government of Canada (<a href="#">Canada.ca</a>)</p>

<p><a href="#">Nunavut</a></p>	<p><a href="#">The 2020-21 Opening Plan for Nunavut Schools: Health and Safety</a> (Government of Nunavut)</p>	<p>Stage 2 schools:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enhanced cleaning, physical distancing at discretion of CPHO</li> <li>● Limited group activities</li> <li>● No sharing food</li> <li>● Staggered bus schedule</li> </ul> <p>Stage 3 schools (Whale Cove):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enhanced cleaning, physical distancing at discretion of CPHO</li> <li>● No group activities</li> <li>● No eating in common areas</li> <li>● Staggered bus schedules</li> </ul> <p>Stage 4 schools (Arviat):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Complete closure of in-school and land-based learning environments</li> </ul>	<p>As of January 25th, 2021, all schools under Stage 2 except Whale Cove (Stage 3) and Arviat (Stage 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Whale Cove: blend of online and in-person learning (3 days/week for Elementary, 2 days/week for middle and high schools)</li> <li>● Arviat schools will remain closed until further notice, with all instruction conducted remotely</li> </ul> <p>(Find more service updates <a href="#">here</a>)</p> <p>4 scenarios:</p> <p><b>Stage 1:</b> Least restrictive learning environment (No COVID-19 in the community)</p> <p><b>Stage 2:</b> Increased restrictions on school environments</p> <p><b>Stage 3:</b> Recovery-based restrictions to in-school learning environments</p> <p><b>Stage 4:</b> Complete closure of in-school and land-based learning environments</p>	<p>\$5.75 million in federal funding (<a href="#">Government of Canada</a>)</p>
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