

COVID-19 Update: School Closures

States	Orders	Local Orders	Notes
National	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The National Governors Association (NGA) offered guidance this week for a nuanced approach to the reopening of colleges and universities. 		
Alabama	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Kay Ivey made changes to her “safer at home” order to begin the process of opening the state back up. The amended order opens educational institutions and childcare facilities on June 1, 2020 subject to social distancing and sanitation rules and guidelines. Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the academic year. All Alabama public schools will be closed from March 18 through April 6, 2020. 		
Alaska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Gov. Mike Dunleavy announced that Alaska's schools will remain closed at least through May 1, 2020, instead of the previous set date of March 30. 		
Arizona	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Doug Ducey and Superintendent of Public Instruction Kathy Hoffman announced the extension of Arizona school closures through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Statewide closures of Arizona schools are in effect through March 27, 2020. 		
Arkansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. As of March 20, Arkansas public schools will now be closed through April 17, 2020. 		
California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools are recommended to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On July 17, Gov. Gavin Newsom is expected to hand down stricter guidelines that would limit which school districts can reopen during the coronavirus outbreak and, for those that can, require masks for older kids and consistent testing for staff. While staff are required to maintain social distancing, that precaution would not be expected for students. Public school campuses in Sacramento County will remain closed when instruction resumes in the fall, leaving tens of thousands of families and teachers to begin planning for an extension of distance-learning programs. The Sacramento County Office of Education, which oversees districts serving more than 250,000 students from kindergarten through high school, announced that its 13 districts will continue distance learning programs they implemented in the spring. The decision to close campuses was made by school officials. The Orange County Board of Education voted 4-1 on July 13 to allow schools to reopen in August with in-person instruction. Students and teachers can choose to attend classes without masks and no social distancing is required. The Los Angeles Unified School District announced on July 13 that students would not be returning for in-person classes this fall for the 2020-2021 academic year, after teachers 	

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		<p>urged the district to keep stay-at-home orders in place and put an increased focus on improving online learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ San Diego Unified School District leaders will delay the physical re-opening of schools this fall and instead start the school year with online learning for safety reasons. San Diego Unified will re-assess on August 10, 2020, three weeks before the start of school, whether and when the District can reopen. 	
Colorado	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Connecticut	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Ned Lamont announced that K-12 public schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Gov. Ned Lamont announced that school classrooms will remain closed until May 20, 2020. 		
Delaware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Schools closed across the state through March 27, 2020. 		
District of Columbia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Muriel Bowser announced that schools will stay closed until April 27, 2020. ○ Schools will continue distance learning until March 27, 2020. ○ All public schools closed effective March 16, 2020. 		
Florida	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools are recommended to close for the remainder of the 2019-2021 academic year. ○ On March 17, Gov. Ron DeSantis closed all Florida public schools until April 15, 2020, ended classroom instruction at universities and colleges for the semester and ordered a limit of 10 people at beach gatherings. 		
Georgia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Brian Kemp announced that he will be signing an order closing Georgia kindergarten and public schools for the rest of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Gov. Brian Kemp has signed an executive order to extend public school closures across the state through April 24, 2020. 		
Hawaii	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Officials in Hawaii announced that they are extending spring break for public and charter schools by a week, with students now slated to return on March 30, 2020. 		
Idaho	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools are recommended to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Illinois	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Indiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ All 273 public school districts in the state are closed. 		
Iowa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On June 1, 2020 schools will be permitted to resume school-sponsored activities and learning which includes Iowa high school baseball and softball. Further guidance is expected in the coming weeks on additional youth sports. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Kim Reynolds and the Iowa Department of Education announced on April 17, 2020 that all school districts and nonpublic schools will be closed for the remainder of the school year and will continue to offer continuous learning. This also includes the cancellation of spring sports activities. ○ Gov. Kim Reynolds signed a new proclamation on April 2 ordering the closure of schools, waiving time requirements as long as school districts put in place a continuous learning plan until April 30, 2020. 		
Kansas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On July 22, the Kansas State Board of Education was deadlocked 5-5 on an executive order from Gov. Laura Kelly that would have prohibited classes from resuming until after Labor Day. The tie means the Board did not approve the order. The decision leaves individual school districts the power to reopen as they see fit, possibly within weeks. ○ On July 15, Gov. Laura Kelly issued an executive order to delay the reopening of Kansas K-12 public schools until after Labor Day as well as mandating “commonsense mitigation strategies” in schools. The Order dealing with the reopening of K-12 schools is subject to approval by the Kansas Board of Education. ○ Governor Laura Kelly announced this week that her administration, as well as officials with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), recommend that most local communities consider moving into Phase 3 of “Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas,” on June 8, 2020 as scheduled. In phase 3, all education, activities, venues and establishments may operate and are recommended to follow all public health guidelines. ○ On March 17, Gov. Laura Kelly announced that K-12 schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year and prohibited prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people. 		
Kentucky	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools are recommended to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Louisiana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ All K-12 schools have been suspended for the time being. 		
Maine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools are recommended to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Maryland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Maryland’s Department of Education released it’s recovery plan. Schools will now remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year and online and distance education will continue. Decisions pertaining to graduations will be made by local superintendents, but must remain in compliance with executive orders. ○ On April 17, Maryland officials said Friday they were closing public schools until May 15, 2020. ○ Maryland School Superintendent Karen Salmon announced on March 25 that schools will now remain closed until at least April 24, 2020. ○ All public schools are closed as of March 16, 2020. 		
Massachusetts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Charlie Baker extended the closure of K-12 schools and non-emergency childcare programs through the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Remote 		

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	<p>learning will continue and schools are taking additional steps to boost remote learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Charlie Baker has suspended K-12 public schools through April 3, 2020. 		
Michigan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ All K-12 schools are closed through April 5, 2020. 		
Minnesota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Mississippi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On August 4, Gov. Reeves issued Executive Order 1517 to delay public school reopenings in target counties. The executive order ensures school districts in the following counties to delay their reopening for grades 7-12 until Monday, Aug. 17: Bolivar, Coahoma, Forrest, George, Hinds, Panola, Sunflower and Washington counties. The order includes a statewide mask mandate for schools, instructing all Mississippians to wear a mask when inside a school building or classroom, or outside on a school campus when social distancing is not possible. ○ On May 28, Gov. Tate Reeves signed Executive Orders 1491 and 1482 which are part of his transition from his “SAFER AT HOME” policy to his new “SAFE RETURN” policy effective June 1, 2020 at 8 am. Public school buildings are allowed to reopen to the public to offer in-person classroom learning, such as summer school programs and special education evaluations. Private schools and institutions of higher learning are allowed to reopen their buildings and campuses to the public. ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ On March 19, the State Board of Education voted to affirm the Governor’s closure of schools until April 17, 2020. ○ Gov. Tate Reeves called on all K-12 public schools to close for an indefinite period. 		
Missouri	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Gov. Mike Parson announced on April 9 that schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. 		
Montana	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed through May 6, 2020. 		
Nebraska	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Nevada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
New Hampshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Gov. Chris Sununu ordered all K-12 public schools to use remote instruction through April 3, 2020. 		
New Jersey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools received updated guidance from the Department of Education, which states face coverings will be required for all students at all times while inside a school building, regardless of social distancing, unless doing so would inhibit the individual’s health. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Phil Murphy announced that schools will remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. Schools have been ordered to remain closed until May 15, 2020. 		
New Mexico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Effective March 16, all K-12 schools will close through April 3, 2020. 		
New York	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced that schools in New York state can reopen in the fall. Every school district in every region is reauthorized to reopen. He added that they will continue to monitor the infection rate leading up to the first day of school. Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on May 1 that K-12 schools and college facilities will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 academic year. Distance learning will still continue. Schools have been ordered to remain closed until May 15, 2020. Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced on April 6 that all public school buildings in New York State will now remain closed until April 29, 2020. Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered all schools in the state to close by March 18, 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All New York City schools are ordered to close for the remainder of the academic year. All public schools in New York City and Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester counties will be closed this week to limit the spread of coronavirus. 	
North Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On July 14, Gov. Roy Cooper announced public school students will return to school in August. Cooper announced that K-12 public schools will reopen under a “moderate social distancing” plan that limits how many people can be on campus, forcing many students to get a mix of in-person and remote instruction. The reopening plan requires daily temperature and health screening checks, maintaining six feet of social distancing and face coverings to be worn by all school employees and students. Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Gov. Roy Cooper issued an executive order closing all K-12 public and private schools for at least through the end of the March. 		
North Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Gov. Doug Burgum ordered the closure of all public and private K-12 schools through March 20, 2020. 		
Ohio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. All schools are suspended until April 3, 2020. 		
Oklahoma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. All Oklahoma public schools will be closed through April 6, 2020. 		
Oregon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. Gov. Kate Brown announced on April 8 that public schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. All K-12 schools are closed through March 31, 2020. 		
Pennsylvania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gov. Tom Wolf announced that schools will be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. The closure applies to all public K-12 schools, 		

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	<p>brick and mortar and cyber charter schools, private and parochial schools, career and technical centers and intermediate units. All Department of Education early learning program classrooms, including those for Pre-K Counts, Head Start Supplemental Assistance Program (HSSAP) and Pre-school Early Intervention, also will remain closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All public schools are closed for two weeks effective. 		
Puerto Rico	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Rhode Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Spring break has been moved to March 16-March 20, 2020, effectively closing schools. 		
South Carolina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ Gov. Henry McMaster directed that all schools in South Carolina, including K-12 and universities, colleges and technical colleges, be closed for students and non-essential personnel through the end of March 2020. 		
South Dakota	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On April 6, Gov. Kristi Noem announced that schools would be closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ On March 17, Gov. Kristi Noem ordered all K-12 schools closed through March 27. 		
Tennessee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools are recommended to close for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		
Texas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Greg Abbott announced that public and private schools will remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. 		
Utah	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ All in-person instruction at schools is suspended for two weeks. 		
Vermont	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ He also ordered the dismissal of all Vermont schools by March 18, for closure until at least April 6, 2020. 		
Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov. Ralph Northam ordered schools in the state to remain closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year, though online classes will begin April 14, 2020. ○ Effective March 16, 2020, Gov. Ralph Northam closed all public schools for at least two weeks. 		
Washington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. ○ On March 13, Gov. Jay Inslee expanded a school-closure order to include all K-12 public and private schools in the state, adding that they will remain closed until at least April 24, 2020. ○ All K-12 schools are closed until April 2, 2020. 		
West Virginia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Gov. Jim Justice announced all K-12 schools will be closed as of March 16, 2020.		
Wisconsin	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed for the remainder of the 2019-2020 academic year.○ All K-12 schools are closed through April 6, 2020.		
Wyoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Schools have been ordered to remain closed until April 30, 2020.○ Gov. Mark Gordon issued an executive order closing K-12 schools, colleges, universities and trade schools statewide.○ On March 15, Gov. Mark Gordon announced all schools will be closed to students through at least April 3, 2020.		