




Return to **SCHOOL** 2020

Back to School Pledge

Health and safety always come first

- **PPE and cleaning supplies** will be supplied to all schools, and DOE will have a 30-day supply on hand at all times—with a hotline for principals to call for immediate resupply for their schools
 - There will be a **full-time nurse** in every public school building
 - Any school building or room found to have inadequate ventilation will not be used by students or staff
 - Students and staff will practice **physical distancing** in all school buildings
 - Students and staff will wear **face coverings** throughout the school day; if they do not have them, they will be provided for free
 - Students will remain in pods for as much of the day as possible
 - We will place **hand sanitizer** in every classroom
 - City-run testing sites will prioritize **free COVID testing and expedited results** for school staff; free testing is also available to all students, families, and New Yorkers citywide
 - We are encouraging all DOE employees to be tested monthly
 - **NYC Department of Health and Test + Trace Corps** will immediately investigate confirmed cases to prevent spread of the virus
 - Schools will communicate with all students and families when there are confirmed cases in schools
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- When necessary, classrooms or school buildings will temporarily close to maintain safety of school communities and prevent spread of the virus
- School buildings will close if the percentage of positive COVID-19 tests in New York City is 3% or more using a 7-day average—the most aggressive threshold in the nation

NYC Public Schools will be cleaned and disinfected, day and night

- All school buildings will be **disinfected overnight**, every night
- **High-touch zones will be cleaned multiple times** throughout each day
- Electrostatic disinfectors will **clean surfaces daily** with zero physical contact

Students will be learning 5 days a week, no matter what

- Whether in-person or online, **students will study in supportive environments** with rigorous academic standards
- Remote students will interact with their teachers every day
- Student schedules—both remote and in-person—will be preset and consistent to allow families to plan
- Academic instruction will integrate **social-emotional learning and trauma-informed care** to support students holistically
- Teachers will have time each day to **engage one-on-one with students and families**

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