

School K-12 Guidelines to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation

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- Public schools are open
- Local education agencies (school districts and charter schools also known as LEAs) will develop plans for reopening schools for inperson instruction
- Plans must be approved by the local school board or charter school governing board
- Plans must address the elements and minimum requirements contained in the Utah State Board of Education's [Planning Requirements and Recommendations for K-12 School Openings](#) document
- Refer to Appendix C for details regarding exceptions to face coverings during school sponsored activities

Appendix C: Face Covering Exceptions in K-12

In accordance with the public health order issued on July 17, 2020 by the Utah Department of Health and in consideration of students' physical, social and mental wellbeing, students are exempt from wearing a face covering when actively engaging in:

- Outdoor recess in elementary schools
 - Cohorting, physical distancing and hand hygiene before and after recess is promoted
- A school-sponsored activity or physical education class if the individual cannot reasonably participate while wearing a face covering. Each individual participating in a school-sponsored activity must complete a symptom assessment, verbally confirm they are free of COVID-19 symptoms before participating in each event, and attest to the fact they have not been in close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) with a COVID-positive case in the last 14 days prior to participation
 - Where possible, confirm participant temperature is below 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit

Institutions shall identify school-sponsored activities that are higher-risk and consider not holding the activities or introduce additional mitigating strategies. See the Utah State Board of Education School Reopening Planning Handbook for descriptions of higher-risk activities and tools and resources. The Handbook is located at <https://schools.utah.gov/file/5997f53e-85ca-4186-83fe-932385ea760a>.

Institutions may also reference the Utah High School Activities Association's Return to Play guidelines for considerations to mitigate the risk of virus spread in school-sponsored activities. The guidelines are located at <https://uhsaa.org/SportsMed/UHSAA%20Return-to-Play%20Guidelines.pdf>.

Spectators at school-sponsored activities or events should follow the guidelines from Events, Cultural Arts & Entertainment on page 16 of this document.

This guidance may be modified based on data and milestone trends.