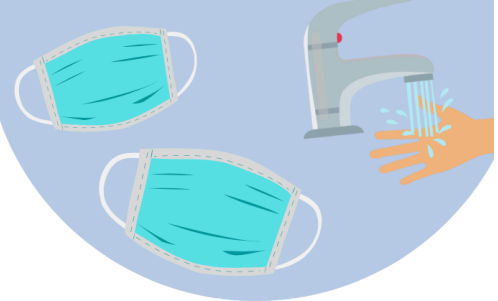


# GUIDANCE FOR REOPENING SCHOOLS



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Includes recommendations from the Hawaii State Department of Health



## CLASSROOMS

- **Training:** Provide guidance to teachers and staff, including substitute teachers, on what to do when a student may be ill, and procedures for accessing the Health Room.
- **Cohorts:** Keep the same group of students with the same staff throughout the day; all day for younger students and as much as possible for older students.
- **Physical Distancing:** Maintain a distance of at least 3 feet between seats, including group tables. At least 6 feet of distance should be maintained if students are seated facing each other.
- **Face Coverings:**\* Face coverings must be worn when outside the classroom, especially when physical distancing is difficult.
- **Meals:** Individually plated meals are to be consumed in classrooms or at designated outdoor locations, or distancing precautions must be instituted in dining halls or cafeterias.
- **Shared Use:** Discourage the sharing of items that are difficult to clean or disinfect. Have a cleaning schedule for any equipment, materials and assistive devices that must be shared.
- **Personal Items:** Separate each child's belongings from others.
- **Travel:** Pursue virtual activities and events; no offsite field trips.
- **Ventilation:** Open windows for greater natural air circulation.

\* Wearing of masks is appropriate only if the child can safely and reliably wear, remove and handle the masks following CDC guidance throughout the day. Per CDC guidelines, children under 2 and anyone with trouble breathing should not wear a cloth face covering. Masks should not be worn by children while they are sleeping.

## CLEANING & DISINFECTION

Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (e.g., door handles and sink handles) at least daily or between use as much as possible. Provide a guide of when hands should be washed and when surfaces should be cleaned. Have students wash their hands when coming in from playing outside.



## CAMPUS SAFETY

The Hawaii Department of Health (DOH) uses guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to inform and develop state guidelines. DOH advises that a combination of safety and health approaches is the best defense in maintaining healthy schools.

- **Hand Hygiene:** Have soap and water and/or hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol available in work and public settings for use by employees and the public.
- **Stay Home if Ill:** Educate employees, students and their families about the importance of staying home when ill and when they can return to school.
- **Monitor Health:** Screen employees, students and visitors for overt signs of illness in a safe and respectful manner.
- **Signage:** Post signs in highly visible locations to promote everyday protective measures on how to prevent spreading germs by properly washing hands, properly wearing a face covering and physical distancing, and staying home when feeling ill.
- **Visitors:** Limit nonessential visitors, volunteers and activities involving external groups and organizations on school campuses.

## SCHOOL BUSES

Students, drivers and anyone else riding the bus should wear face coverings. Create and maintain physical distance between children on buses.



## RESTROOMS

Regularly check bathrooms to ensure soap and towel dispensers are filled. Post materials promoting protective measures and proper hand-washing techniques.



## HEALTH ROOMS

Ensure school health aides are trained on recognizing illness in children, how to refer or arrange for medical evaluation, and follow up. Every school must have thermal scanners or a way of measuring body temperature. Keep student emergency contacts updated.

