

NASET NEWS ALERT

Information & Resources for Schools and School Personnel

U.S. Dept of Education

Health officials are currently taking steps to prevent the introduction and spread of COVID-19 ("Coronavirus") into communities across the United States. Schools can play an important role in this effort.

Through collaboration and coordination with State and local health departments, State and local educational agencies, other education officials, and elected officials, schools can disseminate critical information about the disease and its potential transmission to students, families, staff, and community. Schools can prepare to take additional steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19, should State and local health officials identify such a need.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) offers the most up-to-date information on [COVID-19](#) along with their [Guidance for School Settings](#).

Additional Resources for Elementary and Secondary Schools

The Following links are from and available on the U.S. Department of Education website at: <https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus>

- [Protecting Student Privacy: FERPA and the Coronavirus](#) (March 12, 2020)
- [CDC guidance on Considerations for School Closures](#) (March 13, 2020)
- [Questions and Answers on Providing Services to Children with Disabilities During the COVID-19 Outbreak](#) (March 12, 2020)
- [Fact Sheet: Impact of COVID-19 on Assessments and Accountability under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act](#) (March 12, 2020)
- [CDC Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs: Plan, Prepare, and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (updated March 12, 2020)
- Other Languages: [Español](#) | [中文](#)
- The [Readiness Emergency Management for Schools \(REMS\) Technical Assistance](#) website, https://rems.ed.gov/Resources_Hazards_Threats_Biological_Hazards.aspx, has useful information, resources, trainings, and tools for addressing infectious diseases, related topics, and protecting the school community.
- The USDA released new information on [flexibilities that will allow students to access meal service during school closures](#).
- The Office for Civil Rights issued a [Letter to Education Leaders on Preventing and Addressing potential discrimination associated with COVID-19](#).
- [Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations: Interim Recommendations for US Community Facilities with Suspected/Confirmed Coronavirus Disease](#)