

DPI releases safety guidelines for reopening schools

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The Department of Public Instruction today released its COVID-19 safety guidelines for the upcoming school year.

DPI's "Education Forward" provides health information to school boards, warning short-term closures of schools are still possible, and children and teachers with health conditions will continue to be at risk.

The plan suggests, among other things, that schools should screen students and staff for symptoms, keep work-from-home options available for those who do not feel safe returning in-person and maintain social distancing "in all settings."

"While I expect schools to reopen this fall, they will undoubtedly look different," wrote state Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor in the plan. "Risk mitigation and health factors will drive decisions regarding school operations."

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