



Return to School: Strategic Planning Considerations

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Background

- ❑ Government mandated COVID-19 school closures and restrictions will likely be relaxed in the coming weeks or months
- ❑ The school environment we return to will not be the same as the one we left
- ❑ New regulations and student family/faculty/staff expectations will require changes
- ❑ T&M has been studying how schools are reopening in places that were afflicted with COVID-19 before the US
- ❑ Lessons learned can be applied here to help optimize results and avoid pitfalls

Policies, Procedures and Protocols

- What should a multi-phase approach to reopening look like?
- Will we need to recalibrate policies to address:
 - Scheduling
 - Classroom occupancy
 - Wellness
 - Student Counselling/Employee Assistance
 - Potential for continuation of Remote Learning
- Is thermal screening of all persons entering our school right for us? How should we do this?
- What actions should we be taking to keep students/faculty/staff and visitors safe?
- What is our medical incident response protocol if someone becomes ill while in school? Does it need to be revised? Is training needed?

Policies, Procedures and Protocols

- What physical distancing policies should we have in classrooms, libraries, cafeterias, assembly areas, rest rooms, PE facilities, and common areas such as halls and stairwells?
- How should we handle arrivals and dismissals?
- How should we handle before and after school activities?
- What impact will this have on summer programs, such as camps?
- What adjustments will be required re: student transportation?
- Should we require/encourage the use of personal protective equipment (PPE) while in school?
- How should we handle visitors?
- Should we continue to lease our facilities to outside groups?
- Should we train students/faculty and staff on new safety policies and procedures and protocols PRIOR to return to school?
- How often should we be communicating with student families, faculty and staff?

Physical & Architectural Mitigation Measures

- What will student families, faculty and staff expect when they return to our school?
- How should we conduct and schedule deep cleaning and sanitizing of school facilities?
- Where should we place hand sanitizer stations?
- Should we reduce school entry points?
- Should we designate an emergency quarantine area?
- Do we need to reconfigure classrooms, libraries, labs, faculty offices, etc., to maintain physical distancing?
- How should the cafeteria operate?
- Should we be holding assemblies and meetings?
- Would it be beneficial to increase fresh air flow in school facilities? How can that be done?
- How can we be sure that infection prevention measures do not compromise security?

Staff & Equipment Needs

- What personal protective equipment (PPE) will we need?
- Should we provide PPE to our students, faculty, staff and visitors?
- What other cleaning/sanitizing materials should we procure and have available when the school reopens?
- What should we do about staffing for and scheduling of school cleaning?
- What type of thermal scanning device(s) is best suited for our needs?
- Who should conduct thermal screening? How should this be done?



T&M can help you develop a custom, strategic plan for transitioning back to school.

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