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President Donald Trump is pressuring states to return children to in-school classrooms for the 2020-21 school year. He says the shift will get parents back to work and jump-start the economy. Many governors, local leaders and educators are conflicted about how and when to reopen schools, citing unknown disease spread in children and costs of reopening safely.

## **A Johns Hopkins University education tracker launched July 9 analyzes states' school reopening plans in 12 categories, reporting as of July 15:**

- **All states and the District of Columbia** address instruction scheduling and assessment; sanitation, screening and social distancing measures regarding Covid-19; school transportation; meal sources; and policy communication as the situation evolves.
- **Almost all** outline student health services and special needs instruction, while about three-fourths indicate plans for children living in poverty and parental choice of in-person and/or remote student attendance.
- **Only half** outline attendance options for schoolteachers and staff.



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Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, CDC, National Center for Education Statistics, Johns Hopkins University eSchool+ Initiative, POLITICO staff reports

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	Estimated population, July 1, 2019	Covid-19 case rate per 100,000 people, July 15, 2020	Estimated K-12 public school enrollment, Fall 2020	Included in 2020-21 K-12 school year reopening plan, as of July 15:											
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>NEW ENGLAND</b>															
Massachusetts	6,892,503	1624.6	923,300	█	█		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Connecticut	3,565,287	1330.4	528,500	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
New Hampshire	1,359,711	449.0	182,400	█	█		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Maine	1,344,212	267.3	187,300	█	█		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Rhode Island	1,059,361	1653.9	142,400	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Vermont	623,989	208.4	89,800	█	█		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
<b>MID-ATLANTIC</b>															
New York	19,453,561	1,647.2	2,657,700	█	█		█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Pennsylvania	12,801,989	762.6	1,761,000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
New Jersey	8,882,190	1,974.7	1,295,900	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Maryland	6,045,680	1,241.4	934,200	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Delaware	973,764	1,349.3	138,200	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
District of Columbia	705,749	1,558.2	71,900	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
<b>GREAT LAKES</b>															
Illinois	12,671,821	1,229.4	2,061,600	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Ohio	11,689,100	581.7	1,677,000	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Michigan	9,986,857	779.7	1,479,200	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Indiana	6,732,219	787.3	1,005,100	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	
Wisconsin	5,822,434	711.2	881,300	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	



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Missouri	6,137,428	470.5 ●	923,500 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Minnesota	5,639,632	769.4 ●	913,600 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Iowa	3,155,070	1,135.9 ●	504,100 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Kansas	2,913,314	688.9 ●	498,900 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Nebraska	1,934,408	1,125.7 ●	316,700 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
South Dakota	884,659	858.3 ●	135,500 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
North Dakota	762,062	600.6 ●	107,500 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>																	
Florida	21,477,737	1,351.2 ●	2,903,500 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Georgia	10,617,423	1,178.4 ●	1,760,500 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
North Carolina	10,488,084	861.8 ●	1,602,100 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Virginia	8,535,519	863.2 ●	1,333,000 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Tennessee	6,829,174	986.5 ●	1,054,200 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
South Carolina	5,148,714	1,187.8 ●	761,100 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Alabama	4,903,185	1,172.5 ●	715,000 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Louisiana	4,648,794	1,760.6 ●	697,900 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Kentucky	4,467,673	452.6 ●	672,600 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Arkansas	3,017,804	986.6 ●	485,700 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Mississippi	2,976,149	1,257.0 ●	468,200 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
West Virginia	1,792,147	244.0 ●	262,700 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
<b>SOUTHWEST</b>																	
Texas	28,995,881	958.3 ●	5,511,100 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Arizona	7,278,717	1,786.2 ●	1,226,000 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
Oklahoma	3,956,971	530.6 ●	689,000 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█
New Mexico	2,096,829	740.4 ●	342,900 ▬	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█

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<b>ROCKY MOUNTAIN</b>																	
Colorado	5,758,736	661.7 ●	931,600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Utah	3,205,958	986.9 ●	683,700	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Idaho	1,787,065	668.0 ●	307,800	■	■		■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■
Montana	1,068,778	183.8 ●	147,100	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Wyoming	578,759	337.7 ●	96,900	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■
<b>FAR WEST</b>																	
California	39,512,223	850.7 ●	6,543,800	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Washington	7,614,893	561.4 ●	1,124,200	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Oregon	4,217,737	305.6 ●	603,600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■
Nevada	3,080,156	983.1 ●	496,600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Hawaii	1,415,872	81.5 ●	180,600	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	■
Alaska	731,545	214.1 ●	147,200	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■