

MI SAFE SCHOOLS ROADMAP

On **Tuesday, June 30**, Gov. Whitmer and members of the Return to Learning Advisory Council announced their detailed plan to safely bring students back into the classroom without risking their health or well-being.

The MI Safe Schools Roadmap was created by a highly-skilled coalition of public health experts, educators, parents, students, school board members and community leaders to make the transition back to in-person instruction — including specific safety protocols based on which Phase the region is in at the time.

School districts will be required to submit their specific preparedness plans to the state for approval before the school year begins.

REGIONS IN PHASE 5

School districts will be allowed more flexibility based on their unique needs, pending state approval.

REGIONS IN PHASE 4

School districts must:

- » Require face coverings for: all students and staff in grades pre-kindergarten and up when on the school bus or in indoor hallways and common areas; all staff in classrooms; all students in grades 6 and up in classrooms; and all students grades kindergarten through 5 if they interact with students from other classes (except during meals and for those with medical conditions).
- » Prohibit indoor assemblies that bring together students from more than one classroom.
- » Incorporate the MI Safe School Roadmap's required protocols governing hygiene, cleaning, athletics, screening, testing and busing.

REGIONS IN PHASES 1-3

School districts must:

- » Close school buildings to anyone except employees and contractors necessary for minimum operations, food service works preparing food for distribution and families and licensed child-care providers.
- » Offer alternative modes of instruction to substitute in-person learning.
- » Suspend school athletic activities.
- » Provide continued access to food for eligible students.
- » Provide continued pay of school employees while redeploying staff under the district's preparedness plan.

FOR MORE INFORMATION on the MI Safe Start Roadmap, [click here](#).