

Return to In-Person Learning

Proposed Plan
March 18, 2021



Commissioner's Plan



Return to full-time, in-person school five days per week would proceed in three phases*

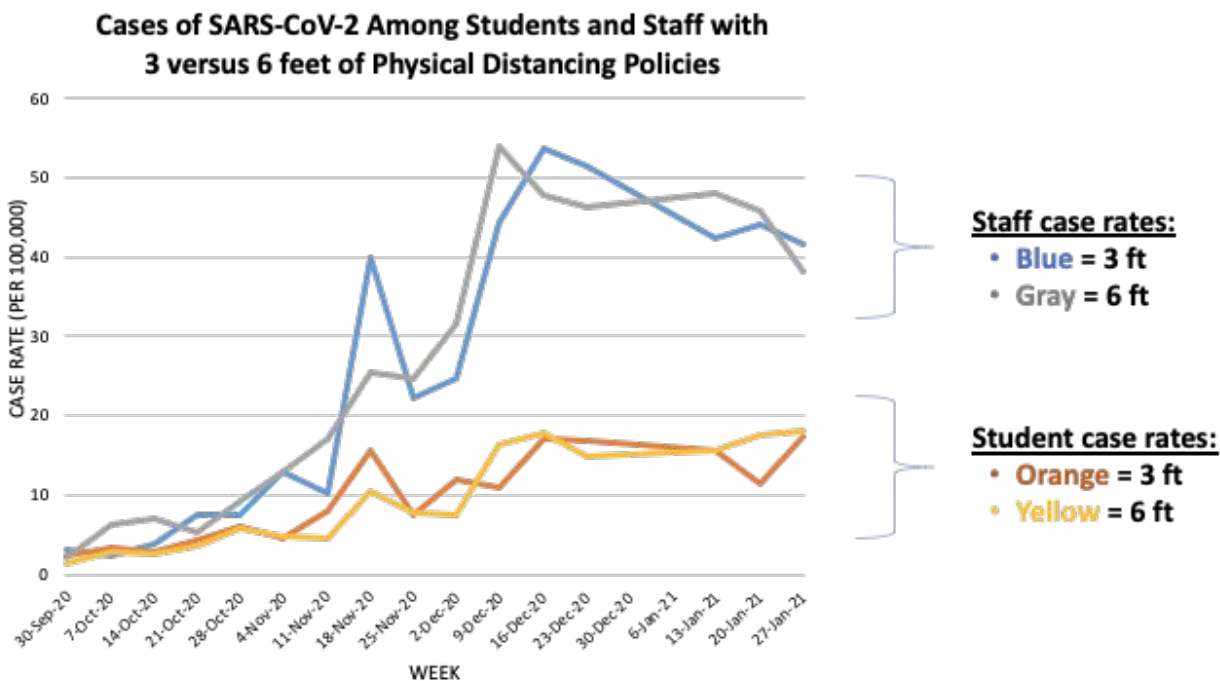


Timeline for subsequent phases will be determined in consultation with medical experts and state health officials



***Parents/Caregivers will have the opportunity to choose to remain in remote learning mode for the remainder of the school year.**

Study of Massachusetts data indicates no substantial difference in cases among students or staff with 3 versus 6 feet of distance since schools re-opened



Key Dates/Times



Dates of Return

April 5, 2021: Pre-K through Grade 4

April 28, 2021: Grades 5-12: waiver approved on March 18, 2021



Hours of Operation: Parent Drop-Off Not Allowed Prior to Start Time

- Academy of Early Learning: 8:30 am-2:55 pm, half-day/full-day sessions
 - Direct to classrooms upon entry - grab and go breakfast
- Discovery School at Four Corners, Federal Street School, Newton School: 8:30 am-2:55 pm
 - Direct to classrooms upon entry - grab and go breakfast
- GMS: 7:40 am-2:20 pm
 - Direct to designated areas upon entry - grab and go breakfast, classes start at 7:55 am
- GHS: 7:15 am-2:10 pm
 - Direct to designated areas upon entry - grab and go breakfast, classes start at 7:45 am



Mitigation Strategies per DPH, CDC, DESE Guidelines

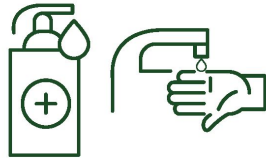




The Daily Four

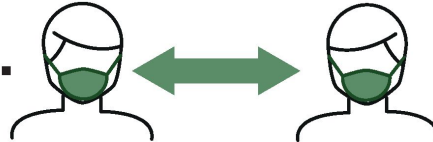
Help us help you stay healthy.

1. Wear a mask.



2. Wash your hands.
(and use hand sanitizer)

3. Stay apart.



4. Stay home if you don't feel well.



*If you have any questions, contact your school's nurse.
Or call the Superintendent's office at 413-772-1300*

Mitigation Strategies

- Physical Distancing: 6 feet between students and staff, no closer than 3 feet for desks/tables
 - Protective barriers
- Masking for all students/staff per guidelines
- Pooled testing starts week of March 22, 2021
- Cleaning protocols
- Protocols for symptomatic individuals
- Air purifiers
- Transportation protocols: masking, assigned seats, windows open, cleaning protocols
- Technology needs to ensure safe learning environments
- Grab and Go meals to ensure safety for all students



Personal Responsibilities: Key to Success

Making good decisions

- Following guidelines outside of school
- Travel
- Personal precautions



Next Steps



- Community Engagement
 - Regular updates on our progress
 - Public forums - week of March 22nd
 - Virtual tours - will be filmed on March 19th
 - Working with faculty and staff to identify challenges and find solutions
- Additional survey to gather more specific information - early next week
- IPL Command meetings 2x per week
- School Committee engagement: key decision points



