

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff, and communities
- Maximize the amount of safe, in-person learning opportunities
- Make decisions based on science and data

The full NMPED Reentry Guidance may be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/SchoolReentryNM>

The document contains detailed information about:

- Social Emotional Learning
- COVID-19 Safe Operating Categories
- Addressing Community Spread in K-12 Schools
- Practicing Prevention
- Protecting High Risk Populations
- Transporting Students
- Entering School Buildings
- Serving Meals
- Transitioning
- Group Gatherings
- Supporting Teaching & Learning
- Supporting At-Risk Students
- When a Child, Staff Member, or Visitor Becomes Sick at School
- Partnership & Tribal Collaboration
- Staffing

Requirements for Reentry

NMPED's Reentry Guidance provides considerations, recommendations, and best practices to encourage a safe and successful school year.

Minimum requirements for reentry are:

- 1 To begin, all districts and schools across the state will be able to operate strictly according to hybrid guidelines. The Department of Health and Medical Advisory Team will regularly assess rates of the spread of COVID-19. Districts and schools will then follow the appropriate guidelines based on the designated safe reentry category.
- 2 Schools must participate in a surveillance and rapid response testing program for all staff.
- 3 Schools must adhere to the social distancing requirements of their designated category.
- 4 Schools should avoid large group gatherings.
- 5 Face coverings are required for all students and staff except while eating, drinking and exercising, with limited exceptions for students or staff who have medical reasons for not being able to wear a mask or face shield.
- 6 All staff must be screened on a daily basis, including a temperature check and review of potential symptoms. All sites must work with state and local health officials to have a plan for contact tracing. While not required, this is also recommended for students.
- 7 For transportation, all staff and students must wear a face covering. In addition, based on the public health conditions some schools may also limit bus seats to one student.
- 8 Meals must be provided to students during in-person instruction and remote learning.

