School Pulse Panel  February Survey

Learning Modes

LEARNING1 1-1A. As of today, does your school offer full-time, in-person learning for any students? Full-time, in-person learning refers to students learning in the school building every day of the school week full-time. Include students who take remote classes while in the school building.

   o Yes
   o No

LEARNING5 1-2a. As of today, does your school offer full-time, remote learning for any students because of the COVID-19 pandemic? Remote learning refers to students using online and/or paper materials to learn only from home or a location other than the school building. Include students who come into the building only for state testing or who come in for services no more than one day a month.

   o Yes
   o No

LEARNING8 1-2d. As of today, was remote learning offered to all students or some students? [Display if LEARNING5 1-2a]

   o All students
   o Some students

LEARNING9 1-2e. As of today, which students were offered full-time, remote learning? Select all that apply. [Display if LEARNING8 1-2d = SOME STUDENTS]

   o Students in certain grades
   o Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) - not including students with 504 plans
   o Economically disadvantaged students (such as those who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch)
   o English Learner (EL) or English as a Second Language (ESL) students
   o Students experiencing homelessness
   o Migrant students

LEARNING11 1-3a. As of today, does your school offer a hybrid of remote and in-person learning for any students because of the COVID-19 pandemic? Hybrid remote and in-person learning refers to students who are in the school building for less than a full school day or full school week on a regular basis. These students come into school for some days or classes but also stay at home for some days or classes.

   o Yes
   o No

LEARNING12 1-3b. As of today, was hybrid of remote and in-person learning offered to all students or some students? [Display if LEARNING11 1-3a = YES]

   o All students
   o Some students
LEARNING13 1-3c. As of today, which students were offered a hybrid of remote and in-person learning? Select all that apply. [Display if LEARNING12 1-3b = SOME STUDENTS]
   - Students in certain grades
   - Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) - not including students with 504 plans
   - Economically disadvantaged students (such as those who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch)
   - English Learner (EL) or English as a Second Language (ESL) students
   - Students experiencing homelessness
   - Migrant students

LEARNING18 1-5. You indicated that your school is not offering in-person, remote, or hybrid learning as of today. Would you briefly explain how your school is operating below? Please also note if your school is closed because of COVID-19. If your school is closed or not operating in any of the modes inquired above, you do not need to complete the remainder of this survey [Display if LEARNING1, LEARNING5, LEARNING11 = NO].

FEBLEARNING19 2-1. Did your school delay the return to learning (i.e., school was closed, no instruction was offered) after winter break because of COVID-19?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don’t Know

FEBLEARNING20 2-1a. Which of the following reasons was your school delayed in returning from winter break? Select all that apply. [Display if FEBLEARNING19 2-1= Yes]
   - Provide additional time for students and staff to get tested for COVID-19
   - Concerns from district leaders or administrators over the ability to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at your school
   - Concerns from school leaders or administrators over the ability to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at your school
   - Concerns from school staff over the ability to reduce the spread of COVID-19 at your school
   - High transmission rates of COVID-19 in the community
   - High transmission rates of COVID-19 among students, staff, and/or their families
   - Staffing shortages
   - Other, please specify: ________________

FEBLEARNING21 2-2. Did your school require that students test negative for COVID-19 before returning to in-person learning after winter break?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don’t Know
   - Not applicable – school has not returned to in-person learning
FEBLEARNING22 2-3. Did your school or district provide COVID-19 tests to each student prior to returning to school after winter break?

- Yes
- No
- Don’t Know
- Not applicable – school has not returned to in-person learning

FEBLEARNING23 2-4. At any time since returning from winter break, did your school switch from in-person learning to either remote or hybrid learning?

- Yes, switched to remote learning
- Yes, switched to hybrid learning
- No, remained in-person
- Don’t Know

Quarantine

Quar4 3-1. Does your school have a way of tracking which students are required to stay home and not attend school in person for reasons related to COVID-19? This could be because they display COVID-19-like symptoms, have potentially been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or have tested positive for COVID-19.

- Yes
- No

Quar6a 3-1a. Today (or the most recent day you have information), are any STUDENTS currently at home and not allowed to attend school in person because they have been potentially exposed to COVID-19, displayed COVID-19 like symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19? [Display if Quar4 3-1 = Yes]

- Yes
- No
- Don’t Know
- Not Applicable – all students are currently receiving full-time remote instruction

Quar6b 3-1b. Today (or the most recent day you have information), how many STUDENTS are currently at home and not allowed to attend school in person because they have been potentially exposed to COVID-19, displayed COVID-19 like symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19? [Display if Quar6a 3-1 = Yes]

students

Quar8 3-2. Does your school have a way of tracking which students have received the COVID-19 vaccine?

- Yes
- No
Quar19a 3-3. Today (or the most recent day you have information), are any TEACHERS and/or NON-TEACHING STAFF members currently at home and not allowed to be in the school building because they have been potentially exposed to COVID-19, displayed COVID-19 like symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19?

- Yes
- No
- Don’t Know
- Not Applicable – we are only providing full-time remote learning at this time

Quar19b. Today (or the most recent day you have information), how many TEACHERS and NON-TEACHING STAFF members are currently at home and not allowed to be in the school building because they have been potentially exposed to COVID-19, displayed COVID-19 like symptoms, or have tested positive for COVID-19? [Display if Quar19a 3-3 = Yes]

__________ teachers and non-teaching staff members

STAFFING4 3-3b. How have teacher and staff COVID-related absences impacted your school? Select all that apply. [Display if Quar19a 3-3 = Yes]

- Forced change in learning modes (e.g., switching from in-person to hybrid learning)
- Disruptions in student transportation
- Disruptions in administration of school meals
- Disruptions in administration of medical care or response
- Offering fewer extra-curricular opportunities (e.g., athletics, clubs)
- Offering fewer student services (e.g., counseling, guidance)
- Increased class sizes
- Sharing of teachers and/or staff with other schools
- Increased need to use teachers outside of their intended duties (i.e., needing teachers to cover duties they were not hired to do)
- Increased need to use non-teaching staff outside of their intended duties (i.e., needing staff to cover duties they were not hired to do)

Mitigation

The next questions are about whether your school uses the Test to Stay (TTS) program. TTS is a COVID-19 testing program that allows unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals who are identified as a close contact to a case of COVID-19 in certain school settings to continue to come to school if they are asymptomatic and serially test negative for COVID-19.

NEWMITIGATION1 4-1. Does your school use the Test to Stay (TTS) program in order to keep individuals in school?

- Yes [Display NEWMITIGATION2-6 if “Yes” selected]
- No
- Don’t Know
NEWMITIGATION2 4-1a. Who is eligible to participate in the TTS program? Select all that apply.
  o Students
  o Staff
  o Other, please specify: ________________

NEWMITIGATION3 4-1b. Which of the following criteria are required for close contact individuals to begin participating in TTS? Select all that apply.
  o Their COVID-19 exposure occurred in school
  o Close contact individuals were masked during the entire exposure event
  o Close contact individuals are asymptomatic
  o Close contact individuals must test negative for COVID-19
  o Other, please specify: ________________

NEWMITIGATION4 4-1c. Which of the following criteria are necessary for close contact individuals to remain participating in TTS? Select all that apply.
  o Close contact individuals must continue to test negative for COVID-19
  o Close contact individuals must remain masked in school
  o Close contact individuals must remain asymptomatic
  o Close contact individuals must adhere to applicable quarantine guidance (e.g., city, state, or federal guidance) outside of school
  o Close contact individuals must physically distance in school, when feasible
  o Other, please specify: ________________

NEWMITIGATION5 4-1d. Which of the following best describes how often individuals participating in TTS are tested for COVID-19?
  o Daily
  o Four times per week
  o Three times per week
  o Two times per week
  o Once per week
  o Other, please specify: ________________

NEWMITIGATION6 4-1e. If an individual remains asymptomatic and continues to test negative for COVID-19, how long are they required to participate in TTS?
  o Less than one week after initial exposure
  o One week after initial exposure
  o Two weeks after initial exposure
  o More than two weeks after initial exposure
MITIGATION As of today, are there formal systems in place for the following?

MITIGATION1 4-2. A STAFF MEMBER to report if they have been clinically diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION2 4-3. A STAFF MEMBER to report if they have symptoms of COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION3 4-4. A STAFF MEMBER to report if they have a student with symptoms of COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION4 4-5. A STAFF MEMBER to report if they have been exposed to someone with COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION5 4-6. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN to report if their child has been diagnosed with COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION6 4-7. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN to report if their child has symptoms of COVID-19?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION7 4-8. A PARENT OR GUARDIAN to report if their child has been exposed to someone with COVID-19 outside of school?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know
MITIGATION 8-9. To notify PARENTS OR GUARDIANS when their child may have been exposed to COVID-19 at school?
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don’t know

MITIGATION 9-9b. How soon after the school knows of the exposure does a notification go out to parents? [Display if MITIGATION 8-9 = YES]
   o Same day
   o Next day
   o Within a week
   o Within a month
   o More than a month

MITIGATION 10-10. Is there a formal system in place to notify STAFF when they may have been exposed to COVID-19 at school?
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don’t know

MITIGATION 11-10a. How soon after the school knows of the exposure does a notification go out to staff? [Display if MITIGATION 10-10 = YES]
   o Same day
   o Next day
   o Within a week
   o Within a month
   o More than a month

MITIGATION 12-11. Is there a designated staff member(s) assigned to contact trace students who have tested positive for COVID-19?
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don’t know

MITIGATION 13-12. Does your district or school have any kind of publicly available tracker documenting all COVID-19 cases in a given school or district to date?
   Do not include state-level case trackers.
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don’t know
The next questions are about whether your school does screening or testing for COVID-19. Screening includes asking about COVID-19 symptoms and/or checking temperatures. Testing includes PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) and rapid (antigen) COVID-19 testing. Do not include antibody testing.

MITIGATION As of today:

MITIGATION20 4-13. Does your school require daily COVID-19 symptom screening with STAFF?

Screening includes asking about COVID-19 symptoms and/or checking temperatures.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION21 4-14. Does your school require daily COVID-19 symptom screening with STUDENTS?

Screening includes asking about COVID-19 symptoms and/or checking temperatures.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION22 4-15. Does your school have on-site COVID-19 testing for STAFF when they have symptoms or possible COVID-19 exposure?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

MITIGATION23 4-16. Does your school have on-site COVID-19 testing for STUDENTS when they have symptoms or possible COVID-19 exposure?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
MITIGATION24 4-17. Does your school have on-site COVID-19 testing for STAFF even if they have no symptoms or possible exposure?
  o Yes
  o No
  o Don’t know

MITIGATION25 4-18. Does your school have on-site COVID-19 testing for STUDENTS even if they have no symptoms or possible exposure?
  o Yes
  o No
  o Don’t know

NEWMITIGATION6. What type(s) of COVID-19 testing does your school conduct? Select all that apply. [Display if any of MITIGATION22-25 = YES]
  o Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) testing
  o Rapid (antigen) testing
  o Pooled sample testing
  o Antibody testing
  o Don’t know

NEWMITIGATION7. Who is primarily responsible for administering COVID-19 tests at your school? [Display if any of MITIGATION22-25 = YES]
  o School medical professional(s) (e.g., school nurse, nurse’s aide)
  o An outside vendor (e.g., a contracted COVID-19 testing service)
  o School administrator(s) (e.g., principal, vice principal)
  o School staff (e.g., teacher, secretary)
  o Other, please specify: _________________________

MITIGATION26 4-19. Does your school require that any STAFF wear a mask inside the school?
  o Yes
  o No
  o Don’t know

MITIGATION27 4-19a. Are STAFF who are vaccinated against COVID-19 required to wear a mask? [Display if MITIGATION26 4-19 = YES]
  o Yes
  o No
  o Don’t know

MITIGATION28 4-19b. Does your school require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to exempt STAFF from wearing a mask? [Display if MITIGATION27 4-19a = YES]
  o Yes
  o No
  o Don’t know
MITIGATION29 4-20. Does your school require that any PARENTS OR GUARDIANS wear a mask inside the school?
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know
   o Not applicable - parents or guardians are not allowed inside the building at this time

MITIGATION30 4-20a. Are PARENTS OR GUARDIANS who are vaccinated against COVID-19 required to wear a mask? [Display if MITIGATION30 4-20 = YES]
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION31 4-20b. Does your school require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to exempt PARENTS OR GUARDIANS from wearing a mask? [Display if MITIGATION30 4-20a = YES]
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION32 4-21. Does your school require that any STUDENTS wear a mask inside the school building?
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION33 4-21a. Are STUDENTS who are vaccinated against COVID-19 required to wear a mask? [Display if MITIGATION32 4-21 = YES]
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION34 4-22b. Does your school require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 to exempt STUDENTS from wearing a mask? [Display if MITIGATION32 4-21a = YES]
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know
MITIGATION36 4-22. As of today, is your school doing any of the following to decrease the spread of COVID-19? Please select all that apply.
- Spaced desks and seating at least 3 feet apart
- Faced student desks and seating in the same direction
- Decreased class size
- Placed physical guides (e.g., tape, marks) and signs for distancing to account for movement of staff and students in the hallways or classrooms
- Encouraged social distancing during recess or physical education
- Installed physical barriers (i.e., plastic or other dividers) between students and staff
- Installed physical barriers (i.e., plastic or other dividers) between students
- Increased ventilation by opening windows and doors, using fans, and/or making improvements or upgrades to the school’s ventilation system
- Increased how often surfaces are cleaned
- Added additional handwashing stations or hand sanitizer stations
- None of the above
- Don't know

MITIGATION37 4-23. As of today, is your school modifying any of the following for food service? Please select all that apply.
- Closed the cafeteria
- Changed lunch schedule to decrease the number of students in the cafeteria
- Offered only grab and go food items
-Blocked off seats in the cafeteria to increase distance between students
- Installed plastic or other dividers in the cafeteria
- Moved eating to classrooms for some or all students
- Moved eating outside for some or all students
- None of the above
- Don't know

MITIGATION39 4-24. Does your school or district require staff to be vaccinated unless they have a religious or medical waiver?
- Yes
- No
- Don't know

ALTMITIGATION40 4-25. To the best of your knowledge, what percentage of your school's teaching and non-teaching STAFF are fully vaccinated against COVID-19?
- percentage of staff
  - Don't Know

ALTMITIGATION40 2-26. To the best of your knowledge, what percentage of your school's STUDENTS are fully vaccinated against COVID-19?
- percentage of students
  - Don't Know

MITIGATION41 4-27. Has your school offered, or is your school planning to offer, onsite COVID-19 vaccination or a mobile vaccination unit for staff or students who are eligible?
- Yes
- We are considering it but have not decided
- No
- Don't know
MITIGATION42 4-28. Are eligible students required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order to attend school in person?
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION43 4-29. For the 2021-22 school year, does your school have a formal plan in place to prepare for and respond to a pandemic (including the COVID-19 pandemic)?
   Exclude plans that address only community or school-based outbreaks such as seasonal flu or chicken pox.
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION44 4-30. BEFORE the COVID-19 pandemic began in the 2019-20 school year, did your school have a formal plan in place to prepare for and respond to multi-country or worldwide pandemic diseases such as SARS or H1N1?
   Exclude plans that addressed only community or school-based outbreaks such as seasonal flu or chicken pox.
   o Yes
   o No
   o Don't know

MITIGATION45. Thank you for completing this section of the survey. Thank you for completing this section. We’d like to learn more about what schools are experiencing while continuing to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the space below, please share any other information you would like the U.S. Department of Education and other federal policymakers to know about how you have dealt with mitigating the spread of COVID-19 in your school.
   This item is optional.

Future Content

FutCont. We want to ensure we are continuing to collect information that is relevant to the daily challenges that schools are facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this space below, please share any other topics you believe are important for the U.S. Department of Education and additional federal policymakers to know as we continue this monthly survey collection.

This item is optional.