

Reopening Task Force Recommendation

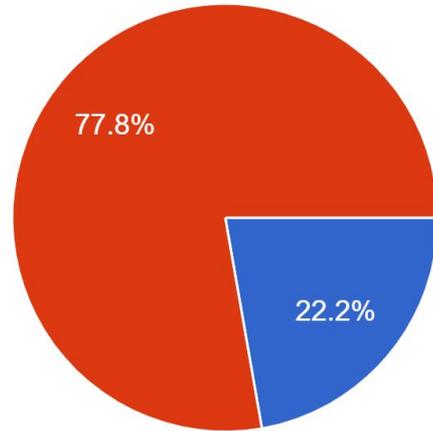
August 11, 2020



Parents' Responses to July Reopening Survey

Do you plan on sending your student back to school for in-person learning in the fall with safety procedures in place that follow NH Grades K-12 B...r September based on the current circumstances.)

418 responses

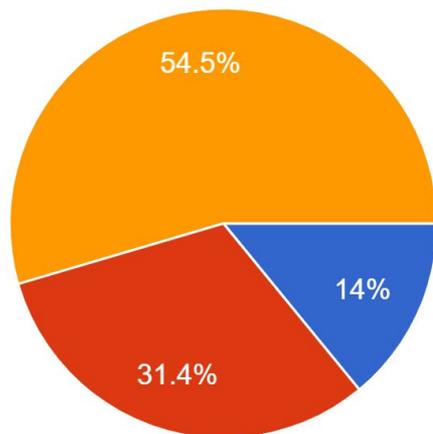


- I plan to keep my student at home.
- I plan to send my student to the school building for in-person learning.

Students' Preferences

The Epping School District is committed to following the most up-to-date state and federal guidelines for safely reopening school. Assuming tho...with returning to the school building in the fall?

121 responses

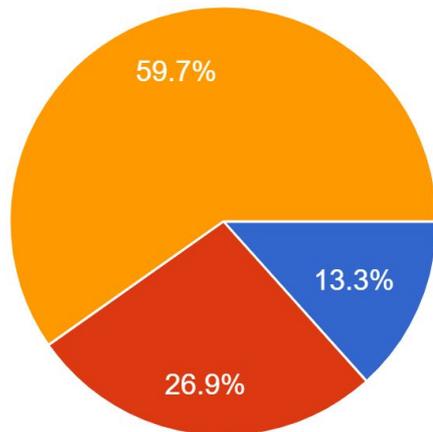


- I would feel more comfortable if I stayed at home and participated in remote learning.
- I would be more comfortable with a limited schedule (shorter days, alternating days, alternating weeks, fewer people in the building, etc.) to limit social interactions and provide more time for cleaning.
- I would be comfortable with returning to school full time.

Parents' Preferences

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390 responses

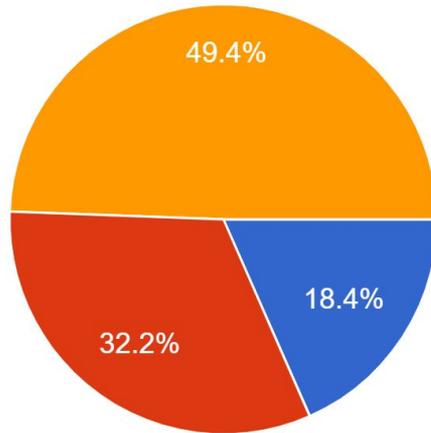


- I would feel more comfortable if my child stayed at home and participated in remote learning.
- I would be more comfortable with a limited schedule (shorter days, alternating days, alternating weeks, fewer people in the building, etc.) to limit social interactions and provide more ti...
- I would be comfortable with my child returning to school full time with reasonable safety precautions in place.

Staff Preferences

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87 responses



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- I would be comfortable returning to school full time with reasonable safety precautions in place.

Current COVID-19 Conditions

COVID-19 transmission rates in the immediate community and in the communities in which students, teachers, and staff live is the number one consideration by the CDC in considering opening schools.

Current Conditions - [Covid Dashboard](#) - Suppressed

[Critical Trends](#) - John Hopkins University of Medicine

Daily % Positive



1.8% positive

ABOVE THRESHOLD?

THIS WEEK



LAST WEEK



New Daily Cases



+5 new

WEEKLY TREND

THIS WEEK



LAST WEEK



CDC Recommendation

From other countries, we know that schools can reopen safely for in-person learning in communities with low rates of COVID-19 spread if appropriate precautions are taken.

“We think that if you do five things, we can accomplish as much as we did as shutting down this nation,” he said. “The face mask, the social distancing, the hand hygiene, staying smart about gatherings and staying out of crowded bars and crowded restaurants. If we did those five things, we’ve done modeling data, we get the same bang for the buck as if we just shut the entire economy down.”

CDC Director Robert Redfield

Millions of children get nutritional and mental health services at schools, CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield told a House Select Subcommittee hearing on containing the coronavirus outbreak. Director Redfield

“It’s important to realize that it’s in the public health’s best interest for K-12 students to get back into face-to-face learning,” Director Redfield

Level of Community Transmission	Community characteristics and description	Level of mitigation
Substantial, uncontrolled transmission	Large scale, uncontrolled community transmission, including communal settings (e.g., schools, workplaces)	Shelter in place
Substantial, controlled transmission	Large scale, controlled community transmission, including communal settings (e.g., schools, workplaces)	Significant mitigation
Minimal to moderate community transmission	Sustained transmission with high likelihood or confirmed exposure within communal settings and potential for rapid increase in cases	Moderate mitigation
No to minimal community transmission	Evidence of isolated cases or limited community transmission, case investigations underway; no evidence of exposure in large communal setting	Low mitigation

PHASE	GENERAL CONDITIONS	LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
<p>Phase 3 In-Person with Safety Requirements</p> <p>(Most likely recommendation given present conditions)</p>	<p><i>Infections low but present in the seacoast area.</i></p> <p>Social distancing recommendation of 3'-6' feet</p> <p>Face masks/shields required for all students and staff when 3'-6' feet social distancing not possible</p> <p>Home screening protocols</p> <p>Hygiene and disinfection protocols</p>	<p>Five day student week</p> <p>Teachers deliver instruction in person</p> <p>Daily class schedules close to normal with some movement modifications</p> <p>Limited student interaction to comply with social distancing, i.e. students sit individually not in groups</p> <p>Scheduled use of outdoor or alternative space to allow for movement break</p> <p>Remote option given to parents not comfortable sending their student to school (See Phase 3 Remote Options)</p>
<p>Phase 4 Full Return with No Restrictions</p>	<p><i>No new infections</i></p> <p>No social distancing recommendation</p> <p>No PPE required</p>	<p>School schedules as normal</p> <p>Classroom instruction with no restrictions</p>

Phases 3 and 4 of Reopening

First Week of School

	Grades 1–12	Preschool	Kindergarten
Wednesday 9/9	½ population TBD	All students	No school
Thursday 9/10	½ population TBD	All students	K screening by assigned appointments
Friday 9/11	All grade 1–12 Students	All students	K screening by assigned appointments
Monday 9/14	All students	All students	No school
Tuesday 9/15	All students	All Students	Shortened day kindergarten TBD

First Month of School

Friday September 11 - All Students

Friday September 18 - All Students Remote

Friday September 25 - All Students Remote

Friday October 2 - All Students Remote

These in-service days are to provide staff time for professional development to learn new technology, collaborate with peers, develop and improve remote instruction, adapt to the new norms and practices of instruction.

Current Recommendation - Phase 3 In-person Learning

Data - Plan - Conditions - Recommendation

Evidence and Data supports staying at Phase 3 for now

[Reopening Plan](#)