

# KIDS RSU # 2 Plans for Safe Return to Classroom Instruction For 2021-22

This plan has been updated since the 20-21 Safe Return to Classroom Instruction Plan that was previously approved after public comment at Board meeting 8/13/20

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*“The question is: how can we prudently, with sensitivity to the safety of the kids, get the children back to school,” while also “protecting the teachers and making sure that they have the capability.”* Dr. Anthony Fauci



# KIDS RSU 2

## PreK-12 Instructional Expectations

For Remote (RED-Light), Modified-Hybrid (YELLOW-Light), and Full (GREEN-Light) Return to Classroom Instruction:

[View Full Maine DOE Framework Document \(Updated 5/14/21\)](https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV)

The color column followed depends on state DOE requirements, and CDC direction given the number of covid cases in our school or district.

<p><b>Remote Learning/At Home Learning (RED)</b></p> <p>If required by DOE or CDC based on the number of positive COVID cases  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV">https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV</a></p>	<p><b>Modified Learning Schedule/Partial Building Based Learning (YELLOW)</b></p> <p>Allowed by DOE IF safety requirements can be met  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV">https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV</a></p>	<p><b>Full-Day Building Based Learning (GREEN)</b></p> <p>Allowed by DOE IF safety requirements can be met  <a href="https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV">https://www.maine.gov/doe/framework/part-IV</a></p>
<p>Safety will be a priority. <a href="#">Part IV: Common Expectations for Hybrid and Remote Learning Models   Department of Education</a> The minimum 6 requirements will be followed when staff are in building, as well as any other CDC or DOE requirements in place. See #4.</p>	<p>Safety will be a priority. The minimum 6 requirements will be followed. See #4.</p> <p>RSU 2 will comply with Executive Orders of the Governor, ME DOE requirements and recommendations, and the US CDC recommendations. Should these three elements conflict, we will seek guidance and make an informed decision about our path forward.</p>	<p>Safety will be a priority. The minimum 6 requirements will be followed. See #4.</p> <p>RSU 2 will comply with Executive Orders of the Governor, ME DOE requirements and recommendations, and the US CDC recommendations. Should these three elements conflict, we will seek guidance and make an informed decision about our path forward.</p>
<p>There will be required training for all staff on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required staff safety protocols to be used within each school</li> </ul>	<p>There will be required training for all families, students, and staff on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required safety protocols to be used within each school</li> </ul>	<p>There will be required training for all families, students, and staff on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Required safety protocols to be used within each school</li> </ul>

- Current CDC information on the virus or disease

If one or more buildings are closed based on a **Red-Light** county designation or we have confirmed positive COVID cases that prompt the need for closure of a school or schools

We will switch to this **Yellow-Light** designation plan in certain grade levels or buildings in the following situations:

- If we are required to meet 6 ft distancing requirements
- If required to switch to a hybrid model by DOE or CDC due to the number of positive COVID cases

Under **Yellow**, parents may choose to:

- have their children participate at school in a hybrid model OR
- have their children participate remotely full-time. This may vary depending on content, and efforts will be made to include social interactions with peers to the extent possible.

While will use this **Green-Light** designation plan, when we can comply with the 3 ft distancing requirement.

We expect to be able to meet this requirement in all buildings. The three buildings where this is most difficult, we plan to use construction projects that will allow us to meet the distancing requirements;

- at HDMHS moving 5th grade,
- at MBES with a portable in place by the winter months
- at DES with a portable in place by the winter months

All students will be expected back to school for in-person learning 5 days per week.

Parents with students with documented risk levels or medical conditions that would prevent in-person learning as an option, can seek accommodations through the 504 plan process. The point of contact in these situations is the school principal or school guidance counselor.

We will reflect and adjust as guidance or regulations change.

		<p>Variations between towns or buildings may develop, depending on capacity to meet requirements and staff available.. Communication goal will be to explain the reasons for such differences as we adjust.</p>
<p><b><u>1. Structure:</u></b>  4 days a week of learning opportunities allowing reinforcement and movement along learning progression.  Wednesday independent learning plan work and possibly student group work, staff intervention support or whole class meetings as well.</p> <p>Process and planning day for staff on Wednesdays.</p> <p>A daily schedule of age-appropriate experiences- live daily contact between teacher and students (and/or caregivers) and/or among students, Direct instruction (live or recorded), independent work, and opportunity for questions and feedback from teachers and/or other staff.</p> <p>Content to be covered as part of virtual lessons, some live and some recorded, and hard copy materials (packets)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seesaw early elementary and google classroom at other grade</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>1. Structure:</u></b>  Students will attend two full days with each class divided into two to allow for greater physical distancing. Remote learning opportunities, including some online connection to the whole class will be provided for the other days. An adult will connect with the student or family on the remote days.</p> <p>Students will be provided with assignments and materials for work at home for two days when they are not in the school building with some live google meets opportunities scheduled by class or grade level.</p> <p>Grades 6-12 will follow a regular course schedule for four days per week, with independent learning and some differentiated supports on Wednesday.</p> <p>Regular timely feedback on student work will be provided for all grade levels.</p>	<p><b><u>1. Structure:</u></b>  Students will attend in person every school day with each class/group tracked as a cohort.</p> <p>Assigned seating will be required on busses, in classrooms and in all other spaces such as the cafeteria in order to make contact tracing more efficient and allow us to minimize the number of students and adults who may be required to quarantine.</p> <p>During periods of remote learning required based on positive covid cases, students will be required to log in to the class in session at the scheduled time.</p> <p>An adult will connect with the student or family on the remote days.</p> <p>Students will be provided with assignments and materials for work at home when they are not in the school building with some live google meets</p>

<p>levels used as a way for students and parents to access learning scheduled, work assigned and staff feedback.</p>	<p>Common platforms will be used to streamline access to learning assignments and activities across grade spans. Seesaw and Google classroom</p>	<p>opportunities scheduled by class or grade level.</p> <p>Grades 6-12 will follow a regular course schedule daily in person. If individual quarantine or whole class remote learning is required in response to a positive case, the student is required to log in to their regularly scheduled class.</p> <p>Regular timely feedback on student work will be provided for all grade levels.</p> <p>Common platforms will be used to streamline access to learning assignments and activities across grade spans. Seesaw and Google classroom</p>
<p><b><u>2. Delivery of Instruction:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Instruction in all content areas the student needs to be working on that was part of their hybrid or full schedule will be made available</li> <li>● The work of students will meet the DOE minimum amount of learning time suggested in guidelines.</li> <li>● Social emotional and nutrition needs will be supported</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Schedules:</u></b> Will follow the routine structure of the hybrid schedule initially (remotely though) and adjust in response to student and family needs to the extent</p>	<p><b><u>2. Delivery of Instruction:</u></b></p> <p>Students will experience a mixture of in-school learning and learning at home/remote learning. At-school instruction will focus on standards integrated into lessons.</p> <p>2a. Students identified with Significant Disabilities, English Language Learners, Students in the RTI process, and students who fall within the poverty classification/high risk, or students without access to internet despite other available supports, will be viewed with priority for in person instruction and</p>	<p><b><u>2. Delivery of Instruction:</u></b></p> <p>Students will experience in-school learning with continued use of online platforms in order to be prepared for learning at home/remote learning if required to quarantine.</p> <p>At-school instruction will focus on the standards students need to work on, and preparation and provision of materials students need to work independently for the days they are not able to be in school due to association with a positive case..</p>

<p>possible while complying with the DOE and CDC guidelines.</p> <p>Social emotional supports and check-ins with families to find out about emergency needs.</p> <p><b>Special Services:</b> Additional support will be scheduled and provided as appropriate. This includes: S/L, OT, PT, SW and Direct Instruction targeting goals on each students' IEP.</p>	<p>reviewed on an individual case -by- case for full day instruction.</p> <p>Instruction in all content areas the student needs to be working on will be made available.</p> <p>The work of students will meet the DOE minimum amount of learning time suggested in guidelines.</p> <p>Social emotional and nutrition needs will be supported.</p> <p>Regular timely feedback on assignments will be provided on student work</p>	<p>Instruction in all content areas the student needs to be working on will be made available.</p> <p>The work of students will meet the DOE minimum amount of learning time suggested in guidelines.</p> <p>Social emotional and nutrition needs will be supported</p> <p>Regular timely feedback on assignments will be provided on student work</p>
<p><b>3. Nutrition:</b> Meal delivery will be provided if allowed under the DOE and Federal regulations, and grants.</p>	<p><b>3. Nutrition:</b> Meals may be available at no cost to all students so long as the rules are in place allowing us to do so.</p> <p>Meals for remote days can be ordered and picked up once per week, most likely on Wednesdays.</p>	<p><b>3. Nutrition:</b> Meals may be available at no cost to all students so long as the rules are in place allowing us to do so.</p> <p>We need all families to complete the free/reduced eligibility form either way so that we can maximize our grant allocations from the State and Federal Government.</p>
<p><b>4. Safety Precautions:</b> Safety protocols and requirements will include the following:</p>	<p><b>4. Safety Precautions:</b> Safety protocols and requirements will include the following:</p>	<p><b>4. Safety Precautions:</b> Safety protocols and requirements will include the following:</p>

<p>1) <u>Self-checks</u> - before arriving at school</p> <p>Staff must be free of the symptoms and exposure issues on the checklist, in order to attend in person.</p> <p>Should symptoms present themselves or exposure is disclosed after a person is in the building, they will be immediately isolated from others and must leave the building immediately. Return to the building will be approved only after the CDC recommendations for clearance to return are confirmed as met by the school nurse and/or HR department.</p> <p>2) <u>Sanitizing stations</u> - hand washing/sanitizing schedule</p> <p>3) <u>Masks/Face Coverings that cover nose and mouth</u> - are required all day, anyone in the building, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● when eating</li> <li>● during scheduled mask breaks at a 6' distance and preferably outside.</li> </ul>	<p>1) <u>Self-checks</u> - before arriving at school/bus</p> <p>Students and staff must be free of the symptoms and exposure issues on the checklist, in order to attend in person.</p> <p>Should symptoms present themselves or exposure is disclosed after a person is in the building, they will be immediately isolated from others. Then, the nurse will follow the required notification steps to have the person return home as necessary. Parents must arrange for immediate pick up of their student upon notification.</p> <p>Return to the building will be approved only after the CDC recommendations for clearance to return are confirmed as met by the school nurse.</p> <p>2) <u>Sanitizing stations</u> - hand washing/sanitizing schedule</p> <p>3) <u>Masks/Face Coverings that cover nose and mouth</u> - are required to be worn on the bus as well as all day by everyone, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● when eating</li> <li>● during scheduled mask breaks, at a 6' distance and preferably</li> </ul>	<p>1) <u>Self-checks</u> before arriving at school/bus</p> <p>Students and staff must be free of the symptoms and exposure issues on the checklist, in order to attend in person.</p> <p>Should symptoms present themselves or exposure is disclosed after a person is in the building, they will be immediately isolated from others. Then, the nurse will follow the required notification steps to have the person return home as necessary. Parents must arrange for immediate pick up of their student upon notification.</p> <p>Return to the building will be approved only after the CDC recommendations for clearance to return are confirmed as met by the school nurse.</p> <p>2) <u>Sanitizing stations</u> - hand washing/sanitizing schedule</p> <p>3) <u>Masks/Face Coverings that cover nose and mouth</u> - are required to be worn on the bus as well as all day by everyone, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● when eating</li> <li>● during scheduled mask breaks, at a 6' distance and preferably</li> </ul>
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<p>made available to all staff throughout the day for use as needed in their learning pace.</p> <p>Routine cleaning of high touch surfaces in common areas at set intervals throughout the day.</p> <p>6) <u>Outdoor Learning</u>: May or may not be possible based on executive orders and CDC guidance.</p> <p>7) <u>Movement within Schools</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• physical distancing in hallways with pathways marked;</li> </ul> <p>8) <u>Building &amp; Grounds Access Limited</u>: Only staff will be admitted (no guests or volunteers). Temperature checks may be incorporated during the day as needed.</p>	<p>made available to all staff throughout the day for use as needed in their learning pace.</p> <p>Routine cleaning of high touch surfaces in common areas at set intervals throughout the day.</p> <p>6) <u>Outdoor Learning</u>: Is encouraged as much as possible.</p> <p>7) <u>Movement within Schools</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• staggered arrivals and dismissals;</li> <li>• physical distancing in hallways with pathways marked;</li> <li>• recess and meals staggered and at safe physical distances within cafeterias and classrooms;</li> <li>• alternative spaces, lunchrooms and gyms will be used when necessary</li> <li>• Specials may vary in delivery or location and method in order to meet safety protocols,</li> </ul> <p>8) <u>Building Access Limited</u>: Only staff and students will be admitted (no guests or volunteers). Temperature checks may be incorporated during the day as needed.</p>	<p>made available to all staff throughout the day for use as needed in their learning pace.</p> <p>Routine cleaning of high touch surfaces in common areas at set intervals throughout the day.</p> <p>6) <u>Outdoor Learning</u>: Is encouraged as much as possible.</p> <p>7) <u>Movement within Schools</u>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• staggered arrivals and dismissals;</li> <li>• physical distancing in hallways with pathways marked;</li> <li>• recess and meals staggered and at safe physical distances within cafeterias and classrooms;</li> <li>• alternative classrooms and lunchrooms will be used when necessary</li> <li>• Specials may vary in delivery or location and method in order to meet safety protocols,</li> </ul> <p>8) <u>Building Access Limited</u>: School sports and afterschool programming, may be approved so long as the supervising staff and students follow the same safety routines, practices and procedures that are in place during</p>
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<p>Requirements of any stay at home orders from the governor will be incorporated, including but not limited to complete closure of facilities to any non-essential personnel.</p> <p>9) <u>RSU Covid Response Team</u> will convene weekly, and additionally if needed in the event of a case of COVID-19 in the RSU Community. Communication will be through the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with RSU 2 nurses, school physicians, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), DOE, and other members of the district's Crisis Team as needed. The community will be notified (while also preserving the required confidentiality of affected parties).</p> <p><u>Communication</u> to the Board and RSU Community will be made weekly or more often if needed.</p>	<p>Use of outside facilities will be limited following State CDC and DOE guidelines.</p> <p>9) <u>RSU Covid Response Team</u> will convene weekly, and additionally if needed in the event of a case of COVID-19 in the RSU Community. Communication will be through the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with RSU 2 nurses, school physicians, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), DOE, and other members of the district's Crisis Team as needed. The community will be notified (while also preserving the required confidentiality of affected parties).</p> <p><u>Communication</u> to the Board and RSU Community will be made weekly or more often if needed.</p>	<p>the school day and serve only the students who attend the school or are approved by the MPA.</p> <p>Use of outside facilities will be allowed for school connected activities, athletics, and recreation departments who follow State CDC and DOE guidelines.</p> <p>Restrictions on community access will be imposed or lifted as the DOE and CDC safety are changed to safely allow such use.</p> <p>9) <u>RSU Covid Response Team</u> will convene monthly, and additionally if needed in the event of a case of COVID-19 in the RSU Community. Communication will be through the Superintendent of Schools in consultation with RSU 2 nurses, school physicians, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), DOE, and other members of the district's Crisis Team as needed. The community will be notified (while also preserving the required confidentiality of affected parties).</p> <p><u>Communication</u> to the Board and RSU Community will be made monthly or more often if needed.</p>
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<p><u>Re-assessment</u> will be transition back to yellow and/or green as quickly as practical when required to do so by DOE or the CDC.</p> <p>10) <u>Cleaning and Sanitization</u> - Additional nightly cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces, doorknobs, handles, etc. Additional supplies will be made available for staff and student use mid day for transitional use of work spaces by others.</p>	<p><u>Re-assessment</u> will be transition back to green or to red as quickly as practical when required to do so by DOE or the CDC.</p> <p>10) <u>Cleaning and Sanitization</u> - Additional nightly cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces, doorknobs, handles, etc. Additional supplies will be made available for staff and student use mid day for use of work spaces by others.</p> <p>11) <u>Bus Transportation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Students within walking and biking distance will be encouraged to walk or bike to school</li> <li>* Families will be encouraged to transport children to and from school</li> <li>* Students on the bus will be required to:</li> </ul>	<p><u>Re-assessment</u> will be conducted at least monthly, with planned adjustments implemented as soon as possible as restrictive physical distancing and safety requirements change, but not less than quarterly.</p> <p>Shifts between plans described under the Red, Yellow and Green columns may occur in the whole district, by town, or by building, depending upon directives from DOE or CDC should there be changes in requirements or should positive COVID tests of staff or students occur.</p> <p>10) <u>Cleaning and Sanitization</u> - Additional nightly cleaning and disinfecting of all surfaces, doorknobs, handles, etc. Additional supplies will be made available for staff and student use mid day for transitional use of work spaces by others.</p> <p>11) <u>Bus Transportation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Students within walking and biking distance will be encouraged to walk or bike to school</li> <li>* Families will be encouraged to transport children to and from school</li> <li>* Students with drivers licenses and cars will be encouraged to drive subject to parking limits.</li> </ul>
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<p>The full document of Maine state requirements and guidance may be seen <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use hand sanitizer before entering the bus, and when exiting the bus</li> <li>• Sit as assigned to maximize physical distancing</li> <li>• Wear a face mask on the bus</li> <li>• Fewer students may be allowed to be scheduled to ride the bus based on distance requirements.</li> </ul> <p>The full document of Maine state requirements and guidance may be seen <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>* Students on the bus will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• use hand sanitizer before entering the bus, and when exiting the bus</li> <li>• Seating will be assigned to maximize physical distancing</li> <li>• Wear a face mask on the bus</li> </ul> <p>The full document of Maine state requirements and guidance may be seen <a href="#">here</a>. RSU 2 must follow these to be allowed to be open and to receive all grant funds.</p> <p>For comparison, <a href="#">US CDC school guidance</a>.</p>
<p><b><u>5. Accountability, Progress Notes, and Report Cards:</u></b>  Students are expected to attend online sessions at scheduled times. Students are also expected to complete assignments and turn them in regularly. Teachers will assess student attainment of standards through participation (online class) and completed work as is part of the usual assessment process. Students will continue to set academic goals that will be shared with families. Progress Notes and Report Cards will be completed following the schedule on the district calendar.</p>	<p><b><u>5. Accountability, Progress Notes, and Report Cards:</u></b>  Students are expected to attend in-school sessions and/or virtual sessions at scheduled times and any sessions on Wednesdays to which they may be scheduled for support. Students are also expected to complete assignments on the days that they are working from home. Teachers will assess student attainment of standards through participation and completed work as is part of the usual assessment process whether in school or online. Students will continue to set academic goals that will be shared with families. Progress</p>	<p><b><u>5. Accountability, Progress Notes, and Report Cards:</u></b>  Students are expected to attend in-school sessions at scheduled times and any other sessions virtually if scheduled to do so.</p> <p>Students are also expected to complete assignments on the days that they are working from home and turn them in when they return to classroom learning.</p> <p>Teachers will assess student attainment of standards through participation (in-class or online class) and completed</p>

<p>5a. Special Services: Progress notes on IEP goals will be completed quarterly.</p>	<p>Notes and Report Cards will be completed following the schedule on the district calendar.</p> <p>5a. Special Education Services: Progress notes on IEP goals will be completed quarterly.</p>	<p>work as is part of the usual assessment process.</p> <p>Students will continue to set academic goals that will be shared with families. Progress Notes and Report Cards will be completed following the schedule on the district calendar.</p> <p>5a. Special Education Services: Progress notes on IEP goals will be completed quarterly.</p>
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