



COLLEGE PLACE PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Focusing on Kids and Their Learning



Return to School Planning

With the start of the 2020-21 school year approaching, College Place Public Schools is setting the course to reopen schools safely in the midst of continuing challenges posed by COVID-19 in our community.

Our Starting Point

Teaching, loving, and supporting our students **IN** our schools this fall is our ultimate goal.

Doing so during the time of COVID-19 will require careful planning and preparation. We also must acknowledge that factors beyond local control may impact our plans. Our reopening may not look like that of other school districts across the state or even in our region as our county may still be in a more restrictive phase of the state's Safe Start plan.

Please know that even when open, we may have to close our buildings again if the risk from COVID-19 resurges.

The district is using the [Return To School Roadmap](#) to begin framing the questions, challenges and considerations surrounding reopening schools as our community continues to see impacts from COVID-19. The Roadmap covers multiple areas including decision-making, public health, mental health, instruction, post-secondary success, technology and school operations and facilities.

District leaders also are closely monitoring decisions from Gov. Jay Inslee's office and state Superintendent Chris Reykdal, as well as recommendations from federal, state and local health officials. We seek to follow their guidance when it comes to keeping our students, staff and community safe while providing the high-quality education expected from our schools.

Our Process

Developing a plan to reopen our schools requires collaboration with our community. We are also faced with making a decision on how to reopen in a very short timeframe—**our goal is mid-July**. Here is how we will take input and use it to inform and shape how we move toward this fall.

Stakeholder Input

We are forming a survey based on state (OSPI) guidance, to collect feedback from parents, teachers and students in regard to At-Home Learning and the steps forward. All of these perspectives are important to determine what has and has not worked since we closed our buildings on March 13.

Working Groups

Teams of district and school leaders, teachers and other school staff as well as community members are beginning to work to identify challenges facing different aspects of reopening our schools and consider potential solutions informed by community and stakeholder input and current community conditions related to COVID-19. Those potential solutions will be provided to the district's Return to School Committee to create recommendations

Return To School Committee

The committee is made up of district and school administrators, staff representatives, and community representatives who are tasked with reviewing all the community input as well as the potential solutions proposed by working groups. These will be combined into a set of recommendations that aim to reopen our schools safely, equitably and efficiently while being prepared for changing circumstances.

College Place Public Schools Board of Directors

The Board will consider the recommendations presented by the Return to School Committee and determine how to move forward with reopening safely.