

READY SCHOOLS, SAFE LEARNERS

GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2020–21

Operational Blueprint for Reentry

What is an Operational Blueprint?

Prior to the beginning of the 2020-21 school year, every school must complete an Operational Blueprint for Reentry. [The Operational Blueprint for Reentry template is available online.](#) *The requirement to complete a blueprint applies to all schools, regardless of whether they will be starting the 2020-21 school year using a Comprehensive Distance Learning, in-person, or hybrid model.*

Each school will work under the direction of the school district to develop an Operational Blueprint for Reentry that is tailored to their own local context and informed by local needs.

The nine areas below contain requirements and/or recommendations related to the Operational Blueprint for Reentry and planning for the 2020-21 school year that are outlined in the technical guidance, [Ready Schools, Safe Learners](#).

0. Community Health Metrics
 1. Public Health Protocols
 2. Facilities and School Operations
 3. Response to Outbreak
 4. Equity
 5. Instruction
 6. Family and Community Engagement
 7. Mental, Social, and Emotional Health
 8. Staffing and Personnel

Is school board approval required?

School boards do not have to approve each Operational Blueprint for Reentry; however, by August 17, 2020 or prior to the beginning of the school year, whichever is earlier, the Operational Blueprint for Reentry must be submitted to their local school board. It must be made available to the community on the district website and submitted to ODE.

Who is responsible for developing my school's Operational Blueprint for Reentry?

Each school, under the direction of the district (or sponsoring district for a charter school) is responsible for developing its school-specific Operational Blueprint for Reentry.

What roles does my Local Public Health Authority have in reviewing my school's Operational Blueprint and partnering with schools?

Each school will submit the Operational Blueprint for Reentry to their [Local Public Health Authority](#). The LPHA will confirm receipt of the Operational Blueprint for Reentry in writing. The LPHA will review sections 1-3 and stands ready to work together with the school to mitigate impacts from COVID-19. Each school is responsible for coordinating with their Local Public Health Authority to establish communication channels related to current transmission level and a district or school's outbreak response protocol. This includes establishing a specific emergency response framework with key stakeholders including when new cases are identified in the school setting. The LPHA provides a direct report to the district nurse, or designated staff, on the diagnosed case(s). Likewise, the LPHA will impose restrictions on contacts. Public Health Authorities. All plans for fall On-Site and Hybrid instruction must include a school's response to an outbreak. In the event that there is a single positive case or a cluster of cases of COVID-19, schools and districts must partner with the Local Public Health Authority (LPHA) who will work to support them on ongoing COVID-19 mitigation efforts.

Will the Operational Blueprint for Reentry need to be updated?

Schools may iterate and improve the blueprint during the school year. ODE recommends reviewing the Operational Blueprint for Reentry regularly, at least monthly. As part of this review, re-engage your planning team, consult with public health, and update the Operational Blueprint for Reentry as needed. Reviews should include information gathered through your local real-time efforts along with changes in this guidance as it is updated with new versions.

What if my school does not submit an Operational Blueprint for Reentry?

The Governor's Executive Order 20-29 provides ongoing authority for this guidance and gives ODE the authority to intervene and/or take action when a school or district is non-compliant with the guidance.