# New Mexico School Reentry Plan

Legislative Education Study Committee

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# NM School Reentry Task Force



- Task Force members met weekly from May 20, 2020 to June 10, 2020
- Task Force recommendations informed the content and format of the New Mexico Public Education Department Reentry Guidance document

#### NM School Reentry Task Force Recommendations

#### • Categories:

- Safety and Hygiene
- Meals and Transportation
- Academics and Student Support
- Communication, Partnership, and Tribal Collaboration
- Staffing and Labor

## NM PED Reentry Guidance Document

- Guiding Principles:
  - Prioritize the health and safety of our students, staff, and communities
  - Maximize the amount of safe, in-person learning opportunities
  - Make decisions based on science and data

 Beginning August 3, 2020, all schools in the state will be able to start the school year utilizing a hybrid model of instruction

## Epidemiological Modeling



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## Minimum Requirements for Reentry



## Testing and Contact Tracing

- Rapid Response Testing
- Surveillance Testing (in high spread areas)
- DOH Contact Tracing
- Close, Clean, Reopen
- COVID-19 School Point Person
- Coordination with Local Public Health Officials
- Communication Resources

## **High-Risk Staff**

- Educators who are considered to be in a high-risk\* group as defined by <u>CDC</u> <u>guidelines</u> may need to teach from home.
- Districts and charters should have a process in place to identify these educators.
- Districts and charters should establish a process that includes formal requests for a low-contact or virtual option.
- For teachers who live with someone who is in a high-risk group as defined by <u>CDC</u> <u>guidelines</u>, local board policy should be established and will dictate procedures.

\*Per CDC: adults 64+, people with asthma, chronic lung conditions, immune deficiency and those receiving cancer treatment, serious heart disease, diabetes, on dialysis, severe obesity, chronic liver disease, people living in nursing facilities and other congregate settings, people experiencing homelessness

## **Utilizing CARES Act Funding**

PED has encouraged districts and charters to focus on closing the digital divide and purchasing PPE.

Categories of Expenditures		
Tech Equipment	\$ 40,734,836	Digital
PD for Distance Ed	\$ 3,043,571	Divide
Mental Health	\$ 1,478,029	
Low Income Students	\$ 1,551,636	
Students w/Disabilities	\$ 1,366,465	
ELL	\$ 814,817	
Native American Students	\$ 390,325	
Minority Students	\$ 349,566	
Homeless/Foster	\$ 278,469	
Summer/After-School	\$ 2,272,757	
School Leaders	\$ 2,510,278	
СТЕ	\$ 523,033	
Adult Ed	\$ 15,000	
Family Literacy	\$ 312,539	
COVID Collaboration	\$ 625,513	
COVID Procedures/Systems	\$ 5,565,171	PPE and
Training on COVID	\$ 345,319	COVID
PPE, Supplies, and Sanitization	\$ 19,359,892	
COVID Closure Planning	\$ 2,078,576	Response
Continuity Activities and PPE	\$ 2,303,830	
Other ESEA	\$ 4,580,979	
Total	\$ 90,500,603	



# **Utilizing CARES Act Funding**

- Statewide Online Learning Management System
- Support for Disengaged and At-Risk Students
- Childcare Support
- Closing the Digital Divide
- Supplemental PPE Support
- Social and Emotional Support
- Special Education
- And more...

#### Public Health Gating Criteria for Reopening NM

Category	Measure	Target
Spread of COVID-19	1. Rate of Spread	1.05 or less
Testing Capacity (general and vulnerable populations*)	<ol> <li>Number of COVID-19 tests per day (7- day rolling average)</li> </ol>	5,000
Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity	3. Time from COVID-19 positive test result to case isolation	24 hours or less
Contact Tracing and Isolation Capacity	4. Time from COVID-19 positive test result to quarantine of case contacts	36 hours or less
Statewide Healthcare System Capacity	Adult ICU Beds occupied across 7 NM Hub Hospitals**	Less than 460
Statewide Healthcare System Capacity	6. 7-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) across 7 NM Hub Hospitals**	7-day supply in at least 6 out of 7 Hub Hospitals

### Assurances Document for Reentry



#### Family and Community Communication

- How will you keep families informed about changing circumstances?
- How will you support families and caregivers as they facilitate learning and the social-emotional needs of students at home?
- How will you ensure families and students are supported in multiple, appropriate languages?
- How will you collaborate with childcare providers to support families' access to childcare?

# Thank You!

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