



REOPENING IN-PERSON EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS: COVID19 PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The American Academy of Pediatrics, California representing over 5,000 pediatrician members statewide of AAP California Chapters 1,2,3 and 4 strongly supports collaborative decision-making among school districts and local and state public health departments about when it is safe to open schools. Critical factors to consider regarding reopening CA schools include how best to:

- Protect the public health and limit the spread of COVID19
- Ensure the health and safety of children and school staff
- Meet the educational needs of all children, with special attention to equity and gaps in access to remote learning
- Provide appropriate support and accommodations for children with disabilities and other special needs
- Address psychosocial and mental and behavioral needs of children, including the effect of separation from their peers
- Coordinate with pediatricians and other healthcare providers in the community to ensure children receive timely school-entry well-child visits and immunizations against vaccine-preventable illness
- Provide modifications and accommodations related to school programs, campus settings and health issues that must be addressed during the school day, consistent with public health guidance in support of optimal child health and development.

California pediatricians stand ready to serve as resources to local communities, public health departments and schools to support them in safely reopening in-person education experiences for California's children. For questions or assistance, contact Kris Calvin, CEO AAP California 626-796-1632/office@aap-ca.org

AAP guidance on COVID19 Planning Considerations: Return to In-Person Education In Schools
<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>