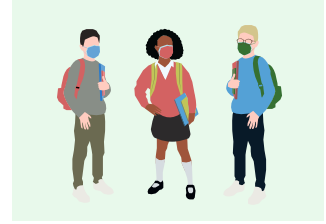


Columbia's students return to the classroom

The Columbia School Board voted unanimously March 8 to bring students back to the classroom full time after spring break. The CDC has provided guidelines to keep students and faculty safe in the classroom.

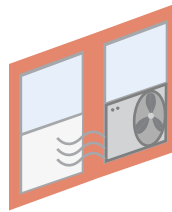
Cohorting

The CDC advises that schools utilize “cohorting” to prevent community transmission. With this method, the same group of students stay together throughout the school day, preventing interaction and potential spread between groups.



Masks

As in any public setting, mask use is crucial to preventing spread in schools. The CDC recommends layering a disposable mask beneath a cloth mask to improve fit and filtration.

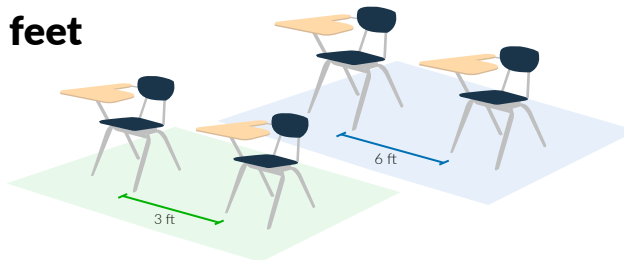


Ventilation

Keeping a room ventilated helps prevent virus particles from becoming concentrated in the air. Fans in windows can help circulate air, as well as opening windows when circumstances permit. The same applies to buses.

When to keep 3 feet

- In elementary school classrooms.
- At middle schools or high schools in “areas of low, moderate, or substantial community transmission.”



When to keep 6 feet

- At a middle or high school in an area of high community transmission.
- If you're an adult.
- In common areas.
- When masks can't be worn (eating)
- In settings of “increased exhalation” (exercising, singing).