



# THE SCHOOL NURSE BULLETIN

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### Addendums to:

### [Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together](#)

The **Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together** document is provided for local educational agencies (LEAs). Because experts are continuing to learn more about COVID-19 and the conditions surrounding the pandemic are continually changing, the preliminary guidance has evolved and has the following [14 Addendums](#) as of September 21, 2020:

- Addendum 1: Temporarily Opting into Voluntary Remote Learning Due to COVID-19 (Memo previously sent via COVID-19 Update on July 23)
- Addendum 2: COVID Guidance and Considerations for Preschool Located in Public Schools
- Addendum 3: Fall Reopening Resource Document for Students with High Needs
- Addendum 4: Interim Guidance for Decision-Making Regarding the Use of In-Person, Hybrid (Blended), or Remote Learning Models
- Addendum 5: Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts
- Addendum 6: Reopen Guidance for Educating Students with Disabilities
- Addendum 7: COVID-19 Reopening Considerations for Connecticut K–12 Music Programs
- Addendum 8: Fire and School Safety During COVID-19
- Addendum 9: Contact Tracing Scenarios in Schools
- Addendum 10: Reframing and Reopening School Discipline Amidst COVID-19 Guidance
- Addendum 11: Interim Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings in Schools during COVID-19
- Addendum 12: Reimagining CT Classrooms: Planning the Instructional Time for Remote Learning in Hybrid and Full Remote Models
- Addendum 13: Guidance and Considerations for School Nutrition Programs for School Year 2020-21
- Addendum 14: Supporting Student Attendance and Engagement during Hybrid or Remote Learning

**Note:** All Addendums are located on the Connecticut State Department of Education's web site at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Addendums-and-FAQs>

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

The purpose of the Frequently Asked Questions documents (FAQs) are to provide clarification on a variety of topics outlined in **Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together**. Keep in mind that plan guidance is offered in an effort to give general direction to all of Connecticut's different and diverse school districts and school operators to afford local educational agencies (LEAs) maximum flexibility in developing their own unique plan, rather than on overly prescriptive "one size fits all" model. Thus, additional questions specific and unique to any one district will require additional cooperation and collaboration at the local level among members of a Reopening Committee, Superintendent and district leaders, local public health officials, and Boards of Education.

The FAQs are working documents that have been and may be further updated due to the rapidly changing response to this pandemic emergency and ongoing federal guidance updates related to COVID-19. FAQs are located on the Connecticut State Department of Education's Web site at <https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Addendums-and-FAQs>

1. Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Reopening K-12 Public Schools
2. Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Reopening K-12 Public Schools, Volume 2
3. Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Reopening K-12 Public Schools, Volume 3

## Resources for Families

Located on the CSDE Web site at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/SDE/COVID19/COVID-19-Resources-for-Families-and-Educators/Resources-for-Families>

- Adult Education
- Athletics
- CIAC Guidelines for Safely Returning to Athletics
- NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response FAQs
- Health and Safety
- Learning Resources
- Nutrition
- COVID-19 Community-wide Emergency Meal Program for Children
- COVID-19 Emergency Meal Program Limited to Students Attending School in Specific Districts
- Food Resources for Kids During COVID-19 Emergency
- Self-care and Mental Health
- Social Emotional Family Resources

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