

YOUR GUIDE TO PREPARING THE **REOPENING** OF SCHOOLS POST LOCKDOWN



With the aim to ensure the safety and protection of the entire school population, we bring you the important guidelines/strategies that you can implement in your schools once they reopen post lockdown.



Key areas include the timing, the conditions, and processes for school reopening. The effectiveness of the reopening strategies will depend on the level of preparedness of the education system in terms of:



INFRASTRUCTURE



COMMUNICATION



TRANSPORTATION



SCHEDULING & STAFFING



FOOD



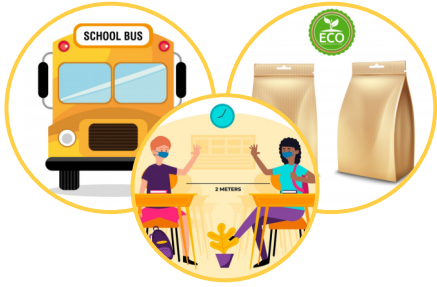
PEDAGOGICAL PREPAREDNESS





Infrastructure Preparedness including Health & Sanitary Measures

- Space out desks/furniture - only one student should be permitted per desk
- Mark out areas on the floor to remind people where to stand
- Health & sanitary measures must be in place & guidelines to inform hygiene practices for students and staff
- Teachers & students should undergo temperature checks/screening on arrival; teachers/ students having cold, cough or fever should be given the day off
- Work out arrangements for breaks so that ideally only one group of maximum 15 students are in the same play area at any given time
- AC should be prohibited, increase the ventilation, or prepare outdoor spaces for teaching wherever possible
- Ensure everyone wears a mask
- Identify and set up dedicated isolation areas within the school campus to separate and nurse students, teachers & staff who fall sick



Transportation, Food and Communication

- Only one child per seat should be allowed in school buses
- Bus drivers should be provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), masks, & hand sanitisers
- Everyone should bring their own food
- Do a walk-through of the school with staff before reopening to familiarise them with the new set-up
- Communicate with parents to make sure they know what protective steps you're taking to make the school a low-risk place for their child & what you need them to do
- Use signage to guide parents about where and when they should drop off & pick up their children



Scheduling & Staffing

- Conduct classes in two shifts or call one batch of students every alternate day
- Cohort sectioning/rotation can be followed (e.g. one week on, one week off)
- In schools where there aren't enough teachers/staff, make part-time teachers full-timers wherever applicable
- Implement a flipped classroom model to shorten school hours – let students review lecture materials before class as homework (in the form of recorded lectures, curated videos, reading assignments, video broadcasts) so that in-class time is dedicated only to discussions and interactive exercises



Pedagogical Preparedness offering Remedial Action & Alternative Modalities to meet Learning Objectives

- Implement targeted accelerated learning/ remedial/ catchup programs
- If required, shorten the Diwali vacation to make up for lost time
- Adjust curriculum & use project-based learning to meet the key learning objectives for the school year
- Provide teacher professional development through courses, webinars & workshops

Long-term actions:

- Reconsider education delivery models– both on and off-line could become part of mainstream delivery where the necessary infrastructure is available, with training for teachers & students
- Enable peer learning: Create platforms for experience sharing including communities of practice for teachers

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