

# A SAFE AND HEALTHY RETURN TO SCHOOL IN 2021

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Worried about your child being exposed to COVID-19 in the classroom? Here are some steps you can take to ensure they have a safe return to school.



The first and most crucial step to safety - help your child get the vaccine, it is now available to anyone age 12 and over (emergency use authorization for 12-15 years of age).

The Pfizer-BioNTech (COMIRNATY) vaccine has recently received full approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), with full approvals of other vaccines anticipated soon!

Reach out to your child's IEP team to discuss what extra steps may be taken in the classroom to help protect your child.

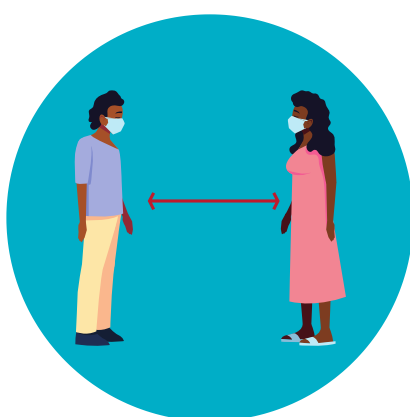
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**Mask up! – Even if your child’s school district doesn’t have a mask mandate currently in effect, encourage your child to wear their mask at school.**

**Knowledge is power! Teach your child all there is to know about COVID-19.**

**Make sure they know how to properly social distance - stay 6 feet apart while indoors! Click [here](#) for a narrative to help your child understanding social distancing.**

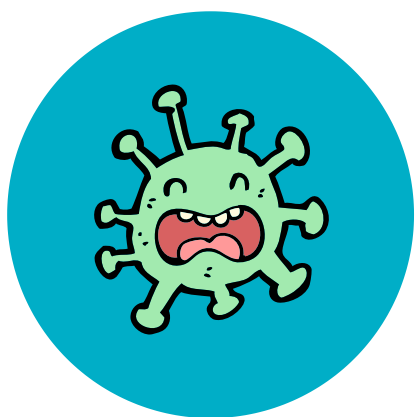


**Ensure they are able to recognize the symptoms of COVID-19 - A full list can be found [here](#).**



**Make sure they understand how to properly wash their hands, frequently and thoroughly (scrubbing for at least 20 seconds).**

**Teach your children the importance of sanitizing high traffic areas such as doorknobs, keyboards, etc.**



**Follow these links to UCCEDD narratives to help your child understand COVID-19!**  
**[Going Back to School During Covid-19](#)**  
**[I Can Wear a Mask](#)**  
**[Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)**

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