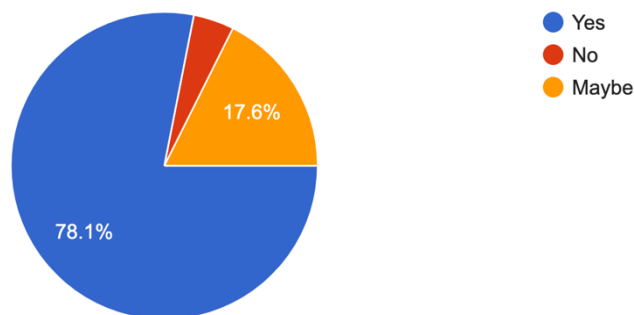


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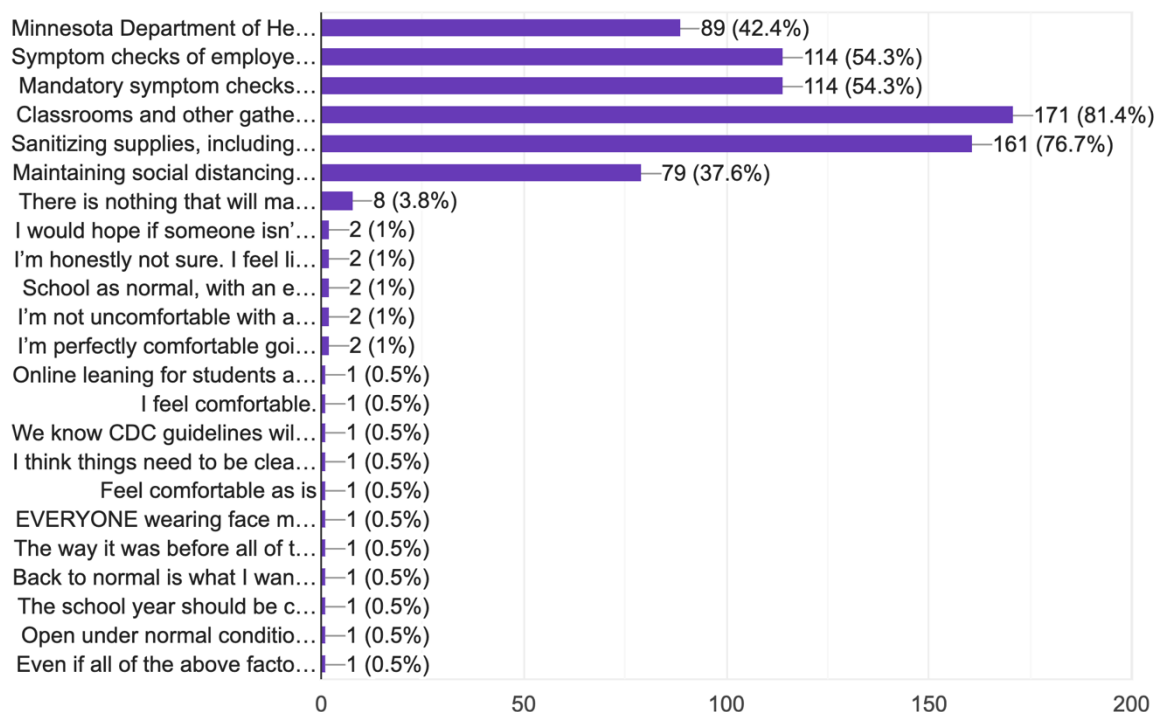
If public health officials believe it is safe to allow in-person instruction, would you be comfortable having your student return to school this fall?

210 responses

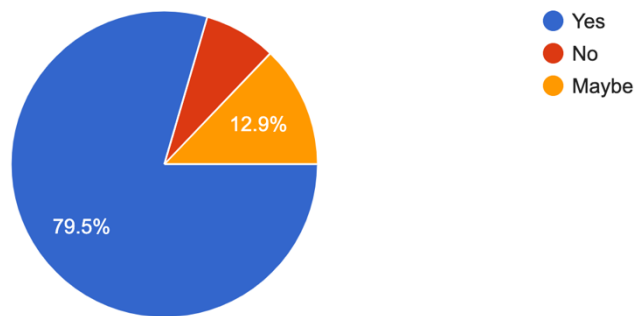


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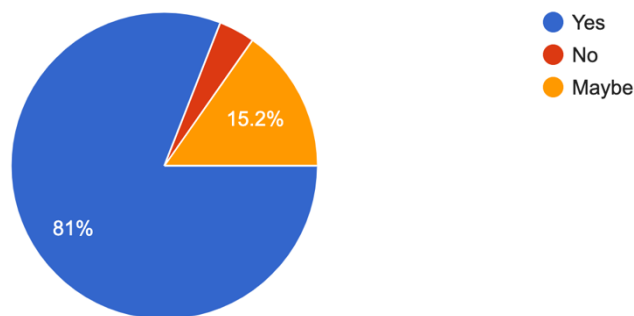
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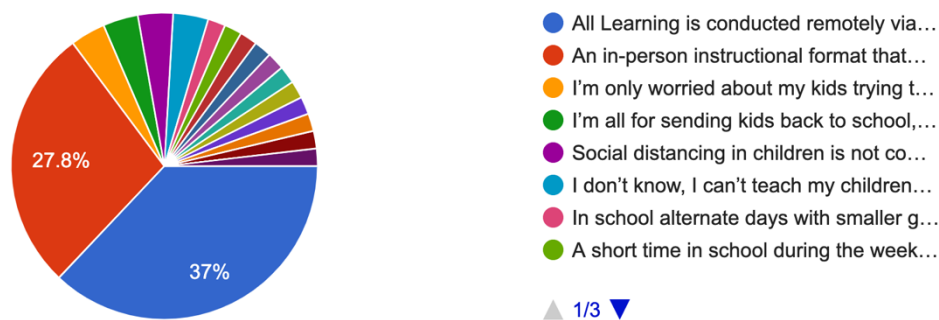
If school transportation is limited, would you be able to transport your student to and from school?
210 responses



Do you intend to send your student(s) to school this fall?
210 responses

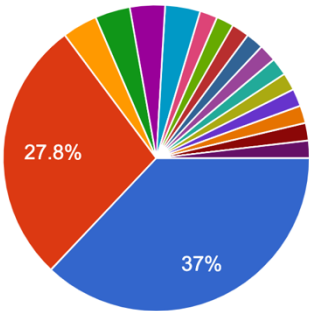


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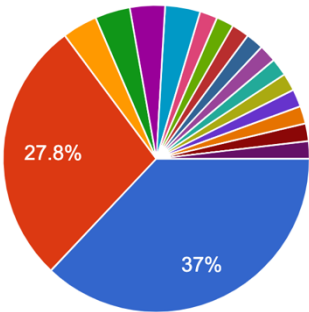


- Hybrid alternating days that limit conta...
- Either works but with the spread lately...
- in person instructional format, some s...
- send the kids to school
- depends on what rules and regulation...
- All learning should be conducted as it...
- We will likely send our child to school t...
- Normal conditions

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54 responses



- We are considering a K-12 online school option other than the district plan, and believe that some of these other online programs are better organized (less confusing) than the district's attempt at online learning during the previous school year. These programs are designed by educators with experience and education in designing functional online education platforms. Zoom mee...

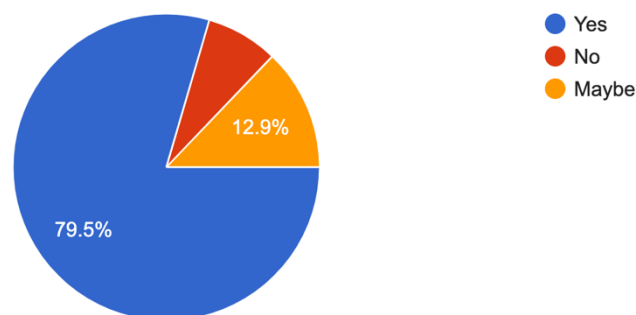
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What factors would help you feel more comfortable? Please check all that apply.

- *Minnesota Department of Health and CDC regulations being followed – 42.4%
- *Symptom checks of employees required before entering school/workplace – 54.3%
- *Mandatory symptom checks required for every student before entering school – 54.3%
- *Classrooms and other gathering spaces cleaned and sanitized daily – 81.4%
- *Sanitizing supplies, including hand sanitizers readily available – 76.7%
- *Maintaining social distancing protocols – 37.6%
- *There is nothing that will make me feel comfortable – 3.8%
- *I would hope if someone isn't feeling well, they would stay home and be excused from missing school – 1%
- *I'm honestly not sure. I feel like it would be near impossible to prevent large outbreaks. Of covid or of the flu again. It would just take one to take off like wildfire, it seems. On the flip side, the use of all the cleaning chemicals is also a concern. I don't know what the safest thing to do would be! – 1%
- *School as normal, with an emphasis on hand washing and covering mouths when sneezing & coughing-kids need to build their immune systems ..obviously, any symptoms stay home – 1%
- *I'm not uncomfortable with any of it – 1%
- I'm perfectly comfortable going back with regular schooling – 1%
- Online learning for students and families who are not comfortable – 0.5%
- *I feel comfortable – 0.5%
- *We know CDC guidelines will be followed but classrooms should be cleaned daily the way it was before Covid! – 0.5%
- *I think things need to be cleaned, and I'd be fine with temps of students and employees being taken each day. However, we need to remember that kids will still get sick, and not every symptom is necessarily because of COVID-19. – 0.5%
- *EVERYONE wearing face masks – 0.5%
- *Feel Comfortable as is – 0.5%
- *The way it was before all of this would make me most comfortable – 0.5%
- *Back to normal is what I want. It's a virus, like the flu that needs to run its course. Most are recovering at home from it. Not everybody gets it bad. My girls won't wear a mask. – 0.5%
- *The school year should be conducted just as it was in the fall of 2019. Our children's mental health is being compromised for the sake of fearful Americans. – 0.5%
- *Open under normal conditions..... – 0.5%
- *Even if all of the above factors were in place, I do not believe safety of children in staff can be guaranteed. I believe it likely there will be covid circulating and potentially accelerating during the fall. – 0.5%

If school transportation is limited, would you be able to transport your student to and from school?

210 responses



What are your primary concerns about coming back to school? Please check all that apply.

- *Public health regulations not being followed – 31.4%
- *Classrooms and other student gathering places not properly disinfected – 48.1%
- *Availability of disinfecting materials or PPE (personal protective equipment) – 26.7%
- *Childcare for family members – 9%
- *Re-adjustment to classroom or school life – 19.5%
- *My child's transportation (e.g. school bus, etc.) – 9%
- *Having in-person interactions with others – 20%
- *None – 5.2%
- *My kids' mental health – 1%
- *Nothing – 1%
- *I have no concerns – 1%
- *Common sense! I'm fine with kids not social distancing. At this age I believe social interaction is critical. And with this virus herd immunity is necessary. Children need the interaction – 1%
- *We have no concerns with going back to school – 1%
- *I don't know where the other students have been in contact with and what they might send home with my children – 1%
- *I have no concerns – 1%
- *If the school needs so much disinfecting, what does all those chemicals do to my child long term – 0.5%
- *Personal opinions affecting students safety – 0.5%
- *I am not concerned, I trust the staff and other parents to make the proper choices and stay home if they are unwell, and to practice proper cleaning as should be done anyways! – 0.5%
- *I am confident the district will follow guidelines and provide sanitizing etc – 0.5%
- *I have no concerns at this time. I think it is important for students to be in school together! – 0.5%
- *Not to knock public health but they go by cdc recommendations. Not always fits the area. – 0.5%
- *Other parents not keeping sick kids home. – 0.5%
- *No concerns – 0.5%
- *no concerns – 0.5%
- *No concerns – 0.5%
- *N/A – 0.5%
- *I have more concerns of them not returning and getting the social/teacher interaction – 0.5%
- *Unsure if my kindergartner could wear a mask all day if required – 0.5%
- *No concerns, let's get back to school! – 0.5%
- *If masks are required will be hard for those with hearing impairment and other disabilities to learn. – 0.5%
- *No Concerns – 0.5%
- *I feel Wheaton school will do everything need for the children. – 0.5%
- *I believe the school can take care of things on their end. I'm a bit concerned about kids showing up sick knowingly or unknowingly. We drop our kids off at school but they do need the bus to get home. If there's no transportation, that would be a concern. – 0.5%
- *The group that thinks this isn't real and would infect those vulnerable people – 0.5%
- *Students/staff not being required to wear masks – 0.5%
- *Most of the above. Information updates every day; primary concerns are likely to fluctuate. – 0.5%
- *That they won't get to go – 0.5%
- *I really don't have concerns, as long as the kids can wash hands and sanitize their hands, keep their desk at a reasonable distance – 0.5%
- *My child has an underlying health condition. – 0.5%
- *Not worried – 0.5%
- *I have no concerns – 0.5%
- *Making sure those that feel ill are not staying home. – 0.5%
- *None of these concern me – 0.5%
- *people taking things to far. let the kids go back to school normally. – 0.5%
- *Our children's mental health if this non-sense continues. – 0.5%
- *What are the district's plans for when a child presents with symptoms consistent with COVID? Will a test be required if a student has a cough or cold and how long will students be required to remain away from school after having symptoms? We know that kids of this age are sick a lot --- if one child in a class is symptomatic, will the class need to be at home until a test shows the student is negative? – 0.5%

*the students need interaction with teachers and peers – 0.5%

*None – 0.5%

*I have yet to be convinced that there is any way school districts will be able to adequately maintain social distance and safety precautions necessary to prevent covid spread - especially in the younger grades. – 0.5%

Please feel free to share any other information you believe is pertinent to returning to school

I think that the best form of education is in the classroom, but at the moment it's safer keep distance education online, for the safety of our children, who we know are young and it is very difficult for them to respect the health rules properly.

I 100% want my kids to be back in school where they want to be. But I want their mental health to be good. I'm worried about them trying to maintain social distancing and keeping their masks on. I'm pregnant and I can't afford any of us to be effected. These last few months have been the most normal they have felt in a long time. They get to be kids. But yet I want them safe. It's hard to decide what to do.

Yes

I also have a kindergartener but didn't see it on the list! Also, thank you for all you are doing as a school. It's definitely not easy decisions that need to be made.

I think for social, emotional, & nutritional needs will be met. Children at risk or being abused are better in school for eyes to be on them. We need to develop herd immunity in order for this to move forward. In my opinion the closures were a preparation strategy rather than a prevention strategy. I think we need to move forwards

They need to return to school. What was done was for preparation not prevention. This cannot be prevented most people will get this at some point. And if masks are required, and they have pe, then I suggest they try to stay 6 ft apart with their masks off. Don't want kids passing out because of lack of oxygen

I think it will be beneficial for students' mental health & well being to at least reconnect in the classroom in sept and go from there . It is also crucial for students with IEPs to have some type of in person learning so they do not continue to fall behind. I know that this is all new for school administration to deal with , and I appreciate the opportunity to have our voices heard via a survey . Thanks.

I feel everyone needs to understand if you are sick you stay home, if you have underlying health conditions and need to be more cautious- I would think it would be easier to stay on task with schoolwork now that we have had online classes set up..

I want my children back in school. It is important to their mental health

The number of cases has gone up. No matter how hard you try I don't believe all the students will follow the rules. If one person gets it at school, how many other people are exposed in one day? Children or adults at high risk can't be one of them. I think the distance learning needs to be a

little more than one zoom time per day with the teacher. Think it needs to be where all the students can check in and watch the teacher teach like in a classroom. Teachers should have a time to zoom with the students who have questions or problems. There is no perfect solution. If the students return I think so much time will be spent on focusing on rules and regulations there won't be enough time to teach. I would love to see students back in school and back to normal, but now is not the time. Things are far from normal right now.

It's important to me for my kids to get to know their teachers this fall!

I wanna go back to school

my children will not return to school in the fall if masks are mandatory.

Personal and political feelings interference with safety of my children and teachers School should be able to provide education and keep students safe and teachers safe. All staff needs to follow guidelines

I feel the students need to at least have in person school to gain a connection to their teachers and get a feel of the new routine and school year.

I am just scared!

It's extremely common for families to send their child(ren) to school when they aren't feeling well. I personally feel that temp checks are important to possibly catch illnesses. I know it's not always a sign of covid, but temp checks to start the day might eliminate the spreading of some illnesses. Just my thoughts.

Confidentiality of health concerns. Safety of children. Equity for all students if parents have personal safety issues. Staff taking all precautions and safety for all students

The extra precautions masks distancing is going to cause more harm mentally. They can't interact anyways. I think It's best to wait for a vaccine. It's not much longer- they are releasing prisoners from jails again to keep covid out and we want to put them in school? There is no way to stop the sneezing and colds. And when kids have colds they will have to 14 day quarantine, so they will fall so far behind mine gets lots of colds she has asthma and autoimmune issues a weak immune system. We miss school but safety is my concern. I say let them do home school at least the first part of the year the vaccine is close by.

I AM 100% FOR MY CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

One option we would like you to consider: Have distance learning for under grades 9-12; and in-class for grades 9-12 with simultaneous webcasting as an option for those with covid concerns

The kids need to go to school to learn and interact. I felt my kids learned very little last spring. We are not teachers and we shouldn't be expected to do distance learning for anything longer than a couple of days. This virus is not affecting kids and most kids don't have parents over 65. We would have no where for our kids to go to do distance learning and fighting with them to do their work in the little bit of time we have at home is not going to work or be effective.

I think it either needs a vaccination or just everyone get it. But from what I have been told I can't afford to get it with my compromised respiratory system. People like me don't survive!! So as far as my kid going to school in the fall, it probably won't happen.

Our kids need to return to school with safety protocol in place. We both work full time and have no one else to teach our kids besides the school. Last spring did not go well and we feel terrible that we don't have the time to devote to our kids education.

I really feel like the kids need to be in school, have a routine and conversation with their friends. I also feel like if the kids' are out to long their mental health and physical health will suffer. Thank you.

I feel children learn best in the class room but having immunosuppression so close to us, I also fear the repercussion of students gathering. I dont believe social distancing is possible to maintain! Younger kids bc they don't know better and older kids bc they don't care and tend to rebel from rules!!

PLEASE take our kids' mental well being into account & reopen schools without mandating masks. If masks are mandated, either we will not take part in school, or there will most likely be legal documentation clearing them from wearing them for personal reasons submitted. Distance learning...would we manage distance learning? Yeah, we would, but the effects of social isolation / distancing is going to cause irreparable damage to these kids. Kid's need socialization & normalcy if they have any chance at being a value to society as an adult. You have so many things to think about, and I would not want to be in your shoes. Thank you for allowing us parents the opportunity to give you our insight.

The kids have all been around eachother all summer, practices have occurred for sports, games, etc.. if parents keep their kids home if they are ill or have symptoms then hopefully it will be ok. Everyone needs to have some type of normalcy again. Even if the school day is a little different then normal at least their in school.

I think for mental health kids NEED interaction with each other!!
I would love for my children to go back to the classroom full time.

I really don't believe we will be at a point by fall that in-person learning for all students will happen. A hybrid model is the best we can hope for.

Don't over think things,.

Mental health is a big part of being back in school! Some kids really need the social interaction!

It's time to start living again

I would love nothing more than all the kids being able to go back to school worry free. I realize that at this point, that's not going to happen. At the very least, I hope they can get back into the classroom at least part time...maybe every other day or something. That way if they are using distance learning, they can still get help they may need in the classroom the next day, get all of their regular assignments and have some sort of normalcy for school. I think given the circumstances this past spring, the school did a great job getting distance learning set up on such short notice. Our kids were able to adapt well but did miss their friends and being in the actual classroom. I did notice a lot of the papers our elementary student had in his folder were

things that were never assigned but I know if he had been in school, those would have all been done so I feel there were definitely things he missed out on by not being in the actual classroom. Our 7th grader didn't seem to have much work to do at all. And some of the work he did have, I feel lots of times he was given the answers the next day or it would be reviewed the next day and if the class didn't do well, they were given the chance to redo it after having gone over all of it and turn it back in for 100%. I'm not so sure he learned much from that. Again, on such short notice, I think it went better than could be expected. Luckily, our kids adapted well and were able to manage the majority of this on their own as my husband and I are considered essential employees and never missed any work. That's obviously not the case for everyone. Again, I hope to see the kids back in the classroom at least part time. I think they NEED it. Good luck!

The screening of the students temp needs to be done at the school. I know this is going to be a task but I have learned that some parents will falsify temperatures when dropping kids off at our in home daycare and not sure this would change for school.

I know this isn't easy, keep up the good work!

I would prefer starting out the year distance learning and returning when there is either a vaccine or the number of cases nationwide have significantly decreased.

The kids have to go to school!

My child is really missing the social aspect of school. and she did not learn during distance learning like she did while in the classroom. band, typing, and phy ed were really hard for her to do at home. I really hope she gets to go back to school

I will consider sending our kids elsewhere if the school is not fully open. The distance learning was not effective and was a waste of time for the children. The school has had all summer to prepare the rooms for social distancing.

Out of school school is an oxymoron.

Please send the kids to school. The proof is in the statistics. KIDS ARE NOT THE SPEADERS OF THIS DISEASE! Other counties have not seen a increase in cases with schools being open. Our kids have already fallen behind. A short zoom meeting is not a substitute for in class learning. If Walmart can be open and have employees working, our teachers can certainly be working too. They are as essential or more, than any other workers we have in this country. Please don't do our kids a disservice, send them to school.

I want my children to go back to school but am nervous about possible guidelines. I want my children to be children and still be able to play and interact with others. Other concerns are bringing Covid home to their baby sister or their dad. :(

We thought the district, and especially their teacher, did a great job with distance learning for the PreK group last year. The only concern I have with online learning is the loss of the socialization opportunities at school, but I question deeply whether those opportunities really exist when lower level elementary students are asked to distance from each other. So much of the learning experience at this level is from socialization and direct contact that I question whether an experience with strict distancing would be better than online learning. That said, I strongly support following public health guidelines, and the guidelines for us to remain physically distant and limit group sizes.

Stop living in fear time to give are children the education they deserve

I trust that you as administration and leaders will set the guidelines in place that you see fit.

I am not sure there is a way to make the possibility of in-person education seem safe right now. However, if you revamped the online education into a single functioning portal that was designed by someone that actually knew how to design online education portals, I might be convinced to stay with the district's plan. IEPs would have to require (digital) in-person work with a certified special education teacher through digital meetings or portals. Worksheets should have digital links and be printable from the portal and don't send a whole bunch of paper - that just confuses kids! Do the work to convince me kids will be safe in the classroom. Summer's almost over and it seems we've heard little from the state or local government to help guide our decisions in these important matters.