

FYI: Implement Three-Foot Physical Distancing for Summer

All Schools

The following was shared with district principals on June 4. As a reminder, charter schools must follow all local and state health guidance.

Due to [historically low levels of COVID-19 transmission](#), and as a step towards DOE schools [returning to full-time in-person learning](#) in the fall, New York City has reached the [Centers for Disease Control threshold](#) to accommodate students in all grade levels, including middle and high schools students, to learn in classrooms this summer with physical distancing of 3-feet between students, if certain requirements are met (as explained below). For the remainder of the school year (through the end of June), middle and high school grades should implement 6-feet physical-distancing protocols between students at all times. All 3-K, pre-K, and elementary school grades should implement 3-feet physical-distancing protocols between students in classrooms, as needed.

Principals-in-charge should begin to plan for Summer classes to accommodate all students in grades K-12, with 3-feet of physical distancing between students in classrooms; however, 6-feet of physical distancing is still required for:

- ⑦ Activities such as physical education and sports; see the [DOE Physical Education Expectations for In-Person and Remote Instruction](#) for additional physical-distancing guidance for PE instruction.
- ⑦ Activities that require mask removal (e.g., eating, drinking, playing a wind instrument), and voice-projecting (e.g., singing, chanting, shouting);
- ⑦ Common areas (e.g., hallways, entranceways, lobbies, auditoriums); and
- ⑦ Between two or more adults and between students and adults.

Since the warmer weather is upon us, schools are encouraged to arrange for students to conduct any activities that still require 6-feet of physical distancing outdoors, whenever possible. Note that meals cannot be eaten in classrooms that are arranged for 3-feet of physical distance for instruction. Reference the DOE [Summer Rising Meal Service Infohub page](#) for flexible in-school meal service strategies, including the use of the cafeteria.

Continue to visit the [DOE Summer InfoHub page](#) for information and guidance materials related to this year's DOE Summer program. The page will continually be updated as additional information and guidance is shared.

For questions, submit a ticket at <https://charterschools.mojohelpdesk.com/>.

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