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Governor OKs Board of Education Reopening Requirements, Recommendations *Schools Are Required to Have Individual Plans in Place by August 1*

SALT LAKE CITY – Gov. Gary R. Herbert approved the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) [Planning Requirements and Recommendations for K-12 School Reopening](#) to be included with the state’s [Phased Guidelines for the General Public and Businesses to Maximize Public Health and Economic Reactivation](#). USBE requires all Utah public schools to create reopening plans and post them on school websites by August 1.

“We appreciate the thought, care, and work that went into these requirements and recommendations,” the Governor said. “And we appreciate that so many health care professionals, teachers, administrators, parents, classified workers and others devoted their energies into creating these guidelines to help keep our children and our school employees safe and healthy this coming academic year.”

The newly approved requirements and recommendations constitute an addendum to the Phased Guidelines. They help school districts and charter schools define what to do, but

also enable adaptability and innovation at the local level in determining how to make schools safe this fall.

“We will be digitally meeting with local school leaders throughout the state shortly to provide tools for applying appropriate principles and levers to mitigate risk of spread in school-specific settings,” said State Superintendent of Public Instruction Sydnee Dickson. “We have innovative problem solvers working in our public schools and we will work with districts and charter schools as they create their plans to keep our students and staff safe this coming school year.”

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