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**U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Indian Education**

**Reopening K–12 and  
Residential Facilities**

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# Welcome & Introductions

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# Purpose of Consultation

- The Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) is conducting this consultation to obtain oral and written comments regarding **Reopening K–12 and Residential Facilities** which includes Day Schools, Off-Reservation Boarding Schools, On-Reservation Boarding Schools, and Peripheral Dormitories for school year 2021-2022.
- Consultation is intended to ensure BIE is meeting the educational needs of students, schools, and tribal communities to provide a safe environment for the continuation of educational needs of the students in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and following guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Written comments must be received by **11:59 p.m. ET, May 14, 2021**. Written comments may be emailed to [comments@bia.gov](mailto:comments@bia.gov).

# Resources

## BIE School Reopening Guidance Supports

- Executive Order 14000 of January 21, 2021, on safely reopening schools
- U.S. Department of Education (ED), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published guidance:
  - ✓ ED COVID-19 Handbook Volume 2: Roadmap to Reopening Safely and Meeting All Students' Needs, to support the national response to COVID-19.  
<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf>



# General Questions to Consider

- Should online learning be a continued option for students who do not feel that they can return to face-to-face learning?
- In addition to the following prevention strategies, what measures should BIE-funded schools consider to ensure the safety of students:
  - ✓ Universal and correct wearing of masks;
  - ✓ Physical distancing;
  - ✓ Handwashing and respiratory etiquette;
  - ✓ Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including proper school ventilation; and
  - ✓ Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with guidelines from relevant state, local, territorial, and tribal health departments.

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# General Questions to Consider Schools with Dormitories and Peripheral Dormitories



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- Will Tribes be restricting their members from attending out-of- state residential schools?
- Will Tribes be implementing mandatory quarantines due to out-of-state travel?
- Should eligible students be required to be vaccinated to attend in day schools? Residential?
- What do Tribes recommend as the safest form of transportation for students off-reservation boarding schools (ORBS)? (To travel to the ORBS and return from home)



# Questions to Consider

- What should the student capacity be for dorm rooms?
- Should there be checkout restrictions placed on students/families?
- Are there going to be restrictions on taking students off campus for recreation activities, field trips or college visits (subject to local pandemic guidelines)?



# Comments?

- Please raise your hand using the reactions button at bottom right of your screen.
- Once called on, please state your name and affiliation before speaking.



# Next Steps and Timelines

- Written comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. ET, May 14, 2021 (check date of *Dear Tribal Leader Letter*). Written comments may be emailed to [comments@bia.gov](mailto:comments@bia.gov).
- Oral comments received as part of the consultation sessions will be transcribed and report posted to BIE website.

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Quyana Pinagigi Wimblahaho  
Baasee AnaaBasee HiraweTudahe  
Ahéhee Pilamiya Taikuu  
ThankYou Nya:Weh Aho  
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