When schools reopen this fall to onsite instruction, it is expected that the most updated guidance from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) will be applied to school district operations to the maximum extent practical. Requirements for physical distancing may not be feasible in all situations in every school facility or on school buses, but all efforts possible should be made to observe physical distancing.

School district personnel will be given the resources and tools to help keep students, teachers, and support personnel safe. Safety precautions may include wearing face coverings when physical distancing is not possible, and everyone will be encouraged to stay home when they are sick.

School districts should contact ADH or DESE for any additional support needed in the implementation of safety measures and other protocols.