



COVID-19 UPDATES FOR PRESCHOOLS & CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS

Many churches and ministries are faced with unprecedented decisions regarding their Christian schools and preschools due to the COVID-19 public health crisis. This resource is to assist your church or ministry in determining best practices during this challenging time. As of March 23, 2020, the majority of states in the US have closed public schools, requiring distance or virtual education for students. Several states have also recommended that private schools follow the same guidelines to protect their students from exposure.

Preschool Recommendations

Our recommendation for preschools is that they stay open only for parents who have essential jobs during the next three weeks. The majority of schools and preschools are choosing to remain closed through April 15, waiting for further updates from state health departments and the CDC. During this time, stay-at-home options can be made available for families through Zoom or other distance solutions.

NCLL recommendations:

1. Limit preschool attendance only to children whose parents have essential jobs.
2. Maintain ten or fewer children in each classroom.
3. Ensure a higher level of sanitation procedures are being utilized.
4. Check the temperature of all children before they enter classrooms each morning.
5. Send any children with temperatures home for a 14-day quarantine.
6. Require a 14-day quarantine for any children who have traveled overseas recently.
7. Immediately send home any children who begin showing flu-like symptoms

Christian School Recommendations

Our recommendation for private schools is generally to take cues from public school districts as they follow state health department recommendations or governor's orders. Most states have mandated school closures through April 15. States are reviewing requirements for days of attendance to determine how to manage graduation requirements. This is something we will keep an eye on in the coming days and weeks for each state as they make these determinations.

NCLL recommendations:

1. Follow your local public school district and state government's lead for closure..
2. Determine best practice for risk vs. reward regarding children still attending school.
3. Provide continuity of education using distance or virtual solutions during this period of school closures.
4. Provide training and utilize existing faculty to manage distance or virtual solutions.
5. Require student participation in distance or virtual programs.
6. Keep children and parents engaged through daily communication.



Resources for Schools

Below is a list of resources available to schools to assist in distance learning and extracurricular options during this period of school closures.

NCLL recommendations:

1. Zoom.us (available for free to any school)
2. Google Slides
3. ABCmouse
4. Amazon Future Engineer
5. Amplify
6. Bloomz

As schools and preschools determine how best to respond, remember there is no one-size-fits-all solution. If you are still trying to determine how best to navigate this complicated time for your church or ministry, please contact our office, and one of our team members will gladly assist you in answering your questions. Contact our office by calling 888-233-6255 or emailing info@ncll.org.

Learn more about other resources at <https://digitalpromise.org/online-learning/online-learning-resources/>

School Closures in the US:

- **Statewide:** Alabama | Alaska | American Samoa | Arizona | Arkansas | Colorado | Connecticut | Delaware | District of Columbia | Florida | Georgia | Guam | Hawaii | Illinois | Indiana | Kansas | Kentucky | Louisiana | Maryland | Massachusetts | Michigan | Minnesota | Mississippi | Missouri | Montana | Nevada | New Hampshire | New Jersey | New Mexico | New York | North Carolina | North Dakota | Northern Mariana Islands | Ohio | Oklahoma | Oregon | Pennsylvania | Puerto Rico | Rhode Island | South Carolina | South Dakota | Tennessee | Texas | Utah | Vermont | Virginia | Virgin Islands | Washington | West Virginia | Wisconsin
- **Local:** California | Idaho | Iowa | Maine | Nebraska | Wyoming

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