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Online and In-Person Learning Models

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As the school year starts, many districts are coming up with new strategies to educate students while keeping the school community safe. Here are some models students may experience this upcoming school year.



In-Person Learning

This is the traditional model where staff and students are in the school building full-time. However, many districts are taking special precautions for in-person learning, such as:

- Only allowing small groups of the same students and staff to interact.
- Reducing movement throughout the building, such as teaching all subjects and lunch in the same classroom.
- Reducing class size and bus capacity to decrease exposure to other students.
- Improved cleaning and sanitation procedures.



Virtual Learning

In this model, staff and students teach and learn from home full-time so the exposure to disease at school reduces to zero. All learning and interactions occur online.

- Some districts will elect to keep the school day schedule similar to in-person, so students will attend class at a designated time. The class will interact with the teachers and other students at the same time.
- Some schools may include video lectures with uploaded assignments. Students will watch, learn, and complete lessons by creating their own schedule.



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Hybrid Learning

Learning will occur both in school and online at home. This reduces, but does not eliminate, the chance of exposure to disease while increasing in-person social interaction.

- Some schools have voluntary in-person attendance. Lectures at the school will be live-streamed or recorded for students learning at home to review later.
- Students may be placed in smaller groups and attend school a few days a week. For example, Group A will attend school Monday and Tuesday, the building will be sanitized Wednesday, and Group B will attend school Thursday and Friday. This may vary by week, grade level, special education status, etc.
- When students are not in the school building, assignments will be uploaded online and completed at home.

If your school is utilizing remote learning this year, refer to Handy Handout #621 and #625 for useful tips and tricks for online learning.

Resources:

Carl Hooker, "New Learning Models for Fall 2020." Tech & Learning. July 15, 2020, <https://www.techlearning.com/how-to/new-learning-models-for-fall-2020>.

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