NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education (Department), pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 20-52, issue this order to accomplish the goals of: 1) reopening brick and mortar schools with the full panoply of services for the benefit of Florida students and families; 2) suspending and adjusting as necessary reporting requirements to ensure appropriate monitoring and financial continuity of the educational process; 3) retaining high-quality school choices for Florida students and families with a focus on eliminating achievement gaps, which may have been exacerbated by the crisis; and 4) maintaining services that are legally required for all students, such as low-income, English language learning, and students with disabilities.
Reopening Requirements
All schools open. Upon reopening in August, all school boards and charter school governing boards must open brick and mortar schools at least five days per week for all students subject to advice and orders of the Florida Department of Health, local departments of health, Executive Order 20-149 and subsequent executive orders.

Reopening Plans
In order to receive the flexibility and continuity provided for in this Order, school districts must submit to the Department a reopening plan that satisfies the requirements of this Order by July 31.

Reporting Flexibility and Financial Continuity
School districts and charter school governing boards with an approved reopening plan will receive reporting flexibility that is designed to provide financial continuity for the 2020 fall semester.
1. Requires school districts to follow the advice of state and local health officials as well as executive orders issued by Gov. Ron DeSantis.

2. In order to receive the flexibility provided in the order, School districts are required to submit reopening plans to the Department of Education showing how all schools plan to fully reopen and offer all services to students. **DUE JULY 31** (Charter School governing boards must submit a reopening plan to the sponsoring school district.)

3. Reopening plans need to include the percentage of students in the district who are projected to continue with distance learning, the quality of proposed progress and efforts to close the achievement gap.

4. Includes a provision that school districts and charter school governing boards with approved reopening plans will be offered "reporting flexibility" to ensure their funds are not interrupted during the 2020 fall semester. Stating that school boards and charter school governing boards will receive the GAA funding based on pre-COVID-19 FTE student membership forecasts.

5. Waives “strict compliance” with a Florida law requiring schools to operate for at least 180 days, and the law requiring school districts to have a uniform and fixed date for the opening and closing of schools.
Five (5) Manatee County zip codes are now considered Red Zones by the Florida Department of Health.

Red Zones are considered COVID-19 hot spots due to their very high concentrations of positive cases.

Zip Codes:
- 34208
- 34221
- 34203
- 34207
- 34205
## COVID-19 Data – Manatee County

### Coronavirus: characteristics of pediatric Florida resident cases

**July 3, 2020**

Data in this report are provisional and subject to change.

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<th>Age group</th>
<th>Cases (n, %)</th>
<th>Hospitalizations (n, %)</th>
<th>Deaths (n, %)</th>
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<td>&lt;1 year</td>
<td>769</td>
<td>34 (7%)</td>
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<td>1-4 years</td>
<td>1,976</td>
<td>36 (17%)</td>
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<td>5-9 years</td>
<td>2,520</td>
<td>20 (22%)</td>
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<td>10-14 years</td>
<td>3,003</td>
<td>39 (26%)</td>
<td>1 (33%)</td>
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<td>15-17 years</td>
<td>3,247</td>
<td>54 (28%)</td>
<td>2 (67%)</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>11,515</strong></td>
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**Hospitalization** counts include anyone who was hospitalized at some point during their illness. It does not reflect the number of people currently hospitalized.

### FDOH Report Date

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<th>FDOH Report Date</th>
<th>Total Cases &lt;18 years old</th>
<th>Total &lt;18 yrs old tested</th>
<th>Percent Positivity Among &lt;18 yrs old Manatee County</th>
<th>Percent Positivity &lt;18 yrs old State of Florida</th>
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<td>81</td>
<td>676</td>
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<td>118</td>
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<td>795</td>
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<td>07/03/2020</td>
<td>332</td>
<td>929</td>
<td>35.7%</td>
<td>24.2%</td>
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### Impacted Facilities & Personnel Due to COVID-19

#### Schools/Sites

- Ballard Elementary
- Bashaw Elementary
- Bayshore Elementary
- Bayshore High
- Blackburn Elementary
- Braden River Elementary
- Braden River Middle
- Braden River High
- Buffalo Creek Middle
- Daughtrey Elementary
- Freedom Elementary
- Haile Middle
- Harvey Elementary
- Horizons Academy

- Mona Jain Middle
- Johnson K-8
- King Middle
- Kinnan Elementary
- Lakewood Ranch High
- Lee Middle
- Lincoln Memorial Academy
- Manatee Elementary
- Manatee High
- Manatee Technical College
- Matzke Complex
- Moody Elementary
- Palm View K-8
- Palma Sola Elementary

- Palmetto Elementary
- Palmetto High
- Parrish Community High
- Prine Elementary
- Professional Support Center
- Samoset Elementary
- School Support Center
- Sea Breeze Elementary
- Southeast High
- Stewart Elementary
- Sugg Middle
- Tara Elementary
- Tillman Elementary
- Williams Elementary
- Willis Elementary

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**Over 350 Staff Members Affected**
Elementary Face Mask / Shield

CDC and FL DOH recommends the following:

• Face mask or shield coverings are required to be worn inside all schools and district buildings.

• Medical conditions and IEPs will be addressed individually.

• Cloth masks will be provided to faculty, staff and students.

• Students should follow dress code rules for face mask coverings in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and Board Policies.

Source: University of Kansas Health System
Secondary Face Mask / Shield

CDC and FL DOH recommends the following:

• Face mask or shield coverings are required to be worn inside all schools and district buildings.

• Medical conditions and IEPs will be addressed individually.

• Cloth masks will be provided to faculty, staff and students.

• Students should follow dress code rules for face mask coverings in accordance with the Code of Student Conduct and Board Policies.

You may have heard it said that "When you wear a mask, you protect me. When I wear a mask, I protect you."

Source: University of Kansas Health System
• Face mask or shield **will** be required on the school bus due to the Emergency Order as social distancing will not be possible

• Daily cleaning protocols and procedures will be enacted in between routes
Temperature Checks

Students
- Random checks

Employees
- Daily required checks upon arrival

Visitors to a school/district facility will be strictly limited
School Closures

Positive COVID-19 Case of Student or Staff Member

• A portion(s) of the school/building or the entire school/building will be closed for cleaning and disinfecting for 2-5 days depending on the exposures and the parts of the school/building affected. Actions will be taken on an individual basis.

• An outbreak of several positive cases in a school(s) may close the entire school/district with health department consultation. If a school/district closes, all students will have live instruction on eLearningManatee and full array of services so there is continuous learning.

• Any students or staff member exposed to a positive is on a 14-day isolation from date of known exposure.

• Exposure occurs when a positive case was in direct contact with a staff member or student for at least 15 minutes (for teaching and learning environments).

• May have to isolate entire class for 14 days.

**Please note:** When/If school closure occurs, all students will be required to continue their daily instructional schedule and academic lessons through our eLearningManatee platform. All IEP/ESOL array of services will be provided.
Five Day Live Instruction Plan for Reopening

All students return to on-campus learning following a traditional five-day schedule

Grades PreK-6

A five-day instructional hybrid schedule integrating on-campus learning with eLearning

Grades 7-12

Students can choose to receive full time eLearningManatee instruction with full array of school services

eLearning Manatee

Please note: Students and parents will have the option to attend school five days a week or continue full-time eLearningManatee, if that is their preference regardless of grade level.
eLearningManatee is a model designed for families who want to maintain their connection to their enrolled Manatee County school, yet don’t feel comfortable sending their student(s) back to campus in-person this August.

• There will be LIVE teacher instruction for daily lessons, as well as current assignments that Brick & Mortar students receive.

• eLearningManatee students will be assigned a teacher from their enrolled Manatee County school and be able to participate in all school activities and events.

• This platform has been improved and modified due to feedback from parents, teachers, and staff.

• All IEP/ESOL array of services will be provided.

• Registration | parents should contact their child’s school as soon as possible to enroll in eLearningManatee
Elementary Proposal

Elementary Schools (Grades Pre-K-5)

• All students, grades Pre-K through 5th, will return to the classroom full-time (with the exception of students whose parents opted for eLearningManatee with full array of school services)

Please note: Students and parents will have the option to attend school five days a week or continue full-time eLearningManatee, if that is their preference regardless of grade level.
**Secondary & Post Secondary**

**Middle Schools (Grades 6-8)**
- All **sixth-grade students** will return to the classroom 5 days per week. (with the exception of students whose parents opted for eLearning Manatee)
- All **seventh and eighth grade students** will participate in a hybrid schedule which includes eLearningManatee with brick and mortar instruction weekly
- Students in self-contained classrooms will also return full-time

**High Schools (Grades 9-12)**
- All students, grades 9-12, will participate in a hybrid schedule which includes eLearningManatee with brick and mortar instruction weekly (with the exception of students whose parents opted for eLearning Manatee)
- Students in self-contained classrooms will also return full-time

**Manatee Technical College**
- Hybrid

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**Please note:** Students and parents will have the option to attend school five days a week or continue full-time eLearningManatee, if that is their preference regardless of grade level.
Next Steps

• Schools to confirm with each student/parent whether they will attend full time, blended or eLearningManatee

• District to submit plan to DOE by July 31

• Communication to all students, parents, and employees

**This plan is subject to change due to local, state, federal guidelines and/or orders**
We stand stronger when we stand together.

- Cynthia Saunders