

## RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

**Plan for Reopening Florida's Schools** | Department of Education (DOE) - [Reopening Florida's Schools and the CARES Act: Closing Achievement Gaps and Creating Safe Spaces for Learning](#) | Governor DeSantis announced a plan to assist Florida K-12 schools with campus reopening at full capacity in the fall. The DOE will use nearly \$1 billion, made available by the CARES Act, as significant investments in education to close the achievement gap that widened due to COVID-19 school closures. The plan encourages more emphasis on personal hygiene and sanitizing of high touch areas and for school districts to use outside and "unconventional" spaces for social distancing learning and extracurricular activities. The recommendations are aligned with the Re-Open Florida Task Force's Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan, the Florida Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Governor's executive direction. While this plan provides a framework, much will be left to school districts to tailor to their individual needs.