

Keep up with our latest [COVID-19 articles](#) or reach out to [TASB Risk Management Services staff](#) for further guidance on risks posed by the coronavirus pandemic.



## Be Ready For Whatever the School Year Brings

This school year promises to be unlike any other. No matter what situation you face, you can prioritize safety as your staff and students go back to school. Here are a few effective tips from TASB Risk Solutions consultants that can help you reopen responsibly.



### Be Informed

Seek out reliable sources of local, state, and national information about the pandemic, and check them daily. Survey your staff and students to assess who is at risk and who will return to campus.



### Be Prepared

Update your campus and district [Emergency Operations Plans](#) with Public Health and Medical Plans and Continuity of Operations Plans so you can respond to unexpected scenarios.



### Be Responsive

Train your staff on workplace procedures and basic COVID-19 prevention. Create a cross-functional action team to respond to the pandemic, and communicate your plans to your staff and community.

[Contact your consultant](#)

## Back-to-School Safety Tips for School Employees

School administrators already have a lot to plan for at the start of each school year, and the pandemic has only made things more complicated. As you make your preparations, use our quick tips and resources to protect your employees from COVID-19 and make safety a year-round initiative.



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## Reinvent Your Safety Training Program With These Tips

In-service training will likely look different this year because of the pandemic. Whether you choose an in-person format, virtual format, or a combination, workplace safety should earn a spot on your agenda. Follow these tips to ensure your employees take the lessons they learn into classrooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums, and band halls every day.



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### When To Report a COVID-19 Workers' Compensation Claim

COVID-19 is considered an "ordinary disease of life," so if one of your employees contracts the virus, their claim typically won't be covered by workers' compensation. However, there are situations in which you should report such a claim to the Fund. Find out when or if you should file a workers' compensation claim for COVID-19.

[Get your guide](#)

## Plan, Train, Exercise Your Way to Better Emergency Response

The pandemic shows how important it is to plan for a variety of scenarios. As school starts up again, safety planning and exercises can help your district identify vulnerabilities, prevent emergencies, practice response procedures, and isolate resources needed for recovery.



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### Need a Public Health and Medical Plan?

Equip your district to respond to medical crises by implementing or updating your Public Health and Medical Plan, which outlines your employees' roles and responsibilities during a health emergency. Members of our Auto, Liability, Property, and Workers' Compensation programs can request a customizable template from Emergency Management and School Security Consultant Melanie Moss.

[Request your template](#)

## TASB Articles and Resources

TASB is committed to providing districts with the tools they need to [safely transition back to school](#) during these ever-changing times.



### Return to Work Guidelines

Returning to work can be a daunting task this year, so TASB HR Services put together helpful guidelines, procedures, and documents in [this article](#) to help your employees maximize safety.



### Personnel Issues During Epidemics and School Closings

Extended school closures due to health crises and other situations can raise questions about how to best treat your employees. TASB Legal Services assembled [this FAQ](#) to answer personnel-related concerns.



### Frequently Asked Questions About Remote Instruction

Remote instruction and online learning can pose a variety of legal concerns to school districts. Get some of your common questions answered in [this article](#) from TASB Legal Services.

### Other Resources

Fund members who also have membership with the Texas Association of School Business Officials (TASBO) can leverage [TASBO Connect](#), a forum where you can network with other education professionals, share expertise, and exchange resources.

For resources specific to school transportation, consult the [Texas Association for Pupil Transportation](#).

### Upcoming Webinars

- **August 19:** [Cybersecurity in a Remote World](#)
- **August 26:** [Workers' Compensation During a Pandemic: Lessons Learned from COVID-19](#)

### New Online COVID-19 Courses

Learn how to protect your employees and students with COVID-19 preparedness courses from SafeSchools and SafeColleges, available at no cost to members with Auto, Liability, Property, or Workers' Compensation pool coverage.

[View the Courses](#) or [Sign Up for SafeSchools](#)

### Questions About Fund Training?

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