



*News from Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley & the
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

On the Desktop - June 25, 2020

Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Leaders of Collaboratives, Executive Directors of Approved Special Education Schools, and Private School Leaders,

Late last night, we shared a preview of our Initial Fall School Reopening Guidance with you, and I'm attaching the final June 25 version of this guidance to this email. The guidance can also be [downloaded from our website](#). As a follow-up to this information, I invite you to join me for a conference call at **10:30 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, June 26**. The call-in information is as follows:

866-865-7014

Participant passcode: 8535826

Please limit participation to one phone line per district (or school, if you are not part of a district). We will be using the largest conference line available to us, but we need to be careful not to exceed the maximum number of callers.

In addition to the guidance, I've attached three other documents to this email: a slide deck you can use with your staff as an introduction to the initial fall guidance, a letter of endorsement from the leadership of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and an op-ed that ran in yesterday's Washington Post. The op-ed is by Joseph G. Allen, an assistant professor and director of the Healthy Buildings Program at Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and supports a return to school. We will follow up shortly with additional resources that can be used to communicate with families and the broader community.

I look forward to speaking with you tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner