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THE MONTHLY NEWS FOR MANAGERS & MECHANICS

SUMMER BUILDING CHECKLIST

- CHANGE FURNACE FILTERS, VACUUM FILTER AREA IF NEEDED. VACUUM HEAT EXCHANGE RADIATORS
- MAINTAIN YARD GROWTH
- POWER WASH BUILDING EXTERIOR
- CLEAN OUT GARAGE AND WASHBAY. DISPOSE OF SCRAP METAL/FILTERS
- INSPECT/CLEAN SCALE FROM AERATORS AND HOSE CONNECTIONS
- ORGANIZE PARTS
- CALL PROFESSIONALS FOR PEST CONTROL (AS NEEDED)
- TEST SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS
- CHECK WATER SOFTENER, ADD SALT AS NEEDED
- RUN WATER, FLUSH TOILETS IN UNUSED SPACES
- VACUUM REFRIGERATOR COILS
- CHECK ALL LOCKS AND DEADBOLTS ON DOORS AND WINDOWS
- INSPECT WINDOWS, DOORS, WALLS, AND FOUNDATIONS FOR CRACKS OR DAMAGE
- MEND/REPAIR CRACKS & GAPS IN WALKWAYS
- INSPECT INDOOR AREAS AND CRAWL SPACES FOR WATER DAMAGE, MOLD, AND MILDEW
- LOOK FOR VISIBLE SIGNS OF ANTS OR OTHER DESTRUCTIVE INSECTS
- TEST SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS.

What Does School Re-opening Look Like In the US and Around The World?

As the U.S. debates when to bring children back into classrooms, phased-in reopenings have begun in numerous countries around the world. Here's how schools around the world are trying to protect children as they reopen:

Denmark eased its coronavirus lockdown in mid-April by reopening schools and day care centers, although concerns they might become breeding grounds for a second wave of cases convinced thousands of parents to keep their children at home. Teaching staff there are under instruction to keep social distancing in place between children and, with many school buildings staying closed, some teachers are taking pupils outside and writing with chalk on the playground instead of a blackboard.

In **Switzerland**, children at Geneva's La Tour School had to adapt to new rituals, with parents dropping them off at a distance. Classrooms were half full to reduce crowding and desks spaced 6.5 feet apart.

PLASTIC SHIELDS AND HAND SANITIZER

In the **Netherlands**, the Springplank school in the city of Den Bosch installed plastic shields around students' desks and disinfectant gel dispensers at the doorways. "Our teachers are not worried," said Rascha van der Sluijs, the school's technical coordinator. "We have flexible screens that we bought so we can protect our teachers if students are coughing."

The **Canadian province of Quebec** reopened some of its schools, as some parents and teachers expressed uncertainty over the move's safety. The Ecole St-Gerard, in a Montreal suburb, opened with staff wearing visors and using hand sanitizer.

STAGGERED SCHOOL SHIFTS

Schools in **Australia's** biggest state, New South Wales, reopened on Monday but only allowing students to attend one day a week on a staggered basis. Australia's second-most populous state, Victoria, has resume face-to-face teaching since May 27, weeks earlier than expected. The state including the city of Melbourne allowing teenagers in classrooms first, followed by younger pupils two weeks later.

Israel reopened some schools this month but the move was boycotted by several municipalities and many parents who cited poor government preparation. Equipped with masks and hand-cleaners, the first three grades of elementary school and the last two grades of high school were allowed back as a trial run. Students were redistributed in classes capped at 15 pupils to enforce social distancing.

Across **France**, primary school pupils sit at least 6 feet apart in small classes and listened to teachers in masks on their first day back after two months of home-schooling during the coronavirus lockdown.

TESTING AND TEMPERATURE CHECKS

In **Cyprus**, health workers wearing personal protective equipment tested students for COVID-19 at a school in Nicosia after high schoolers were allowed to return beginning May 11.

In **Shanghai**, students and staff alike were required to enter the school building via a thermal scanner when school reopened last week after three months of lockdown. The walls are papered with posters on measures to tackle the coronavirus and in the spotlessly clean school canteen, glass walls divide the tables, so only two students can eat together.

It may be more like going to a hospital than a school, but the Shanghai students returning to class after three months of lockdown are thrilled to be there.

"I feel so excited coming back to school. Usually we look forward to the holidays but suddenly our holidays became so long, 17-year-old Zhang Jiayi told Reuters. "This time, we longed to go back to school, where we can see our friends and teachers."

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There are no strangers here, just friends you haven't met – Roald Dahl

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What Does School Re-opening Look Like In the US and Around The World cont....

IN THE STATE OF KENTUCKY THEY ARE OPENING IN AUGUST.....

As school districts finalize plans for the upcoming fall semester, Gov. Andy Beshear and his team discussed the possible ways on how to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Face masks will be expected as Kentucky students return to schools.

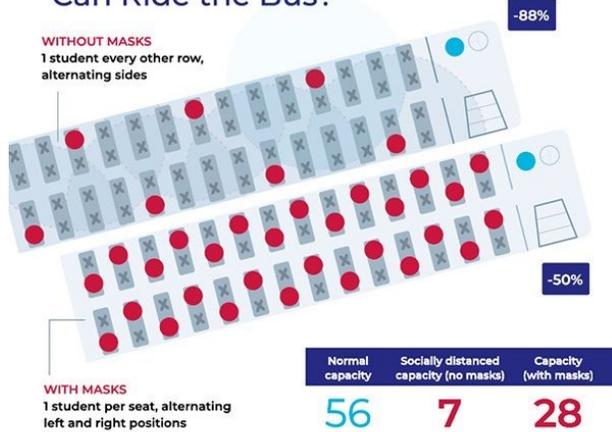
Creating that physical distancing will be required during traditional instruction, which could result in smaller class sizes. Meanwhile, there are expectations for districts that are not able to ensure that students are six feet apart.

"Parents who have students who just refuse to comply with wearing a mask, I think I would very simply say, 'Wearing a mask is more comfortable than wearing a respirator,'" Lt. Gov. Jacqueline Coleman said.

State officials released five safety expectations for Kentucky schools. The first category they recommend is social distancing, possibly using tape to mark hallways and limiting assemblies or other gatherings.

"Yes I do want to go back to school," student Ashtyn Agnew said. "I just want to see my friends and be able to learn and not have to teach myself stuff that is online."

How Many Students Can Ride the Bus?



SOURCE: National Council on School Facilities and Cooperative Strategies

If being six feet apart is unable to happen, the students will have to wear masks. If the students in classrooms are able to be six feet apart, they do not have to wear their masks. If the appropriate spacing is made, face coverings should still be used in hallways and on buses.

One parent commented, "My daughter has already bought my first grader two masks and they're practicing," Pam Ballou said. "So, you have a lot of positivity that you can plant into your children right now." "In positive ways, help them to know that this is just part of our lives right now," Ballou said. "It won't always be, but it is right now."

State leaders are allowing individual districts the flexibility to resume educational services as they see fit.

"COVID-19 doesn't cause death in children as often as it does adults, and that's true, but we also have to remember that we have folks who show up everyday to make sure that school is clean when your child walks in," Lt. Gov. Coleman said. "We have folks who show up every day to make sure your child gets breakfast and lunch."

Other safety measures include mandatory temperature checks before entering school, frequent sanitation and contact tracing.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY
3rd—Adam Gondreau
4th—Rich Melton
9th—Fred Kreyke
9th—Shane Wirtz



ARE PARENTS READY FOR THEIR KIDS TO HEAD BACK TO SCHOOL?

It depends on who you ask... "No, because I don't feel it's safe enough yet," says one parent. Another parent said, "Yes, I just feel the education from learning at home is lacking."

Fireworks

An American Tradition Dating Back to 1777

Fireworks date back as a tradition of Independence Day as early as the first anniversary in 1777.

John Adams wrote in a letter to his wife, Abigail, that he wanted Independence Day to be [celebrated with pomp, parade, shows, and "illuminations."](#) This original letter was written when Adams presumed that Independence Day would be celebrated on July 2.



Americans Will Enjoy 150 Million Hot Dogs During the 4th of July

According to the National Sausage and Hot Dog Council (NHDSC), [Americans are expected to eat 150 million hot dogs](#) over the July 4th holiday. This is part of an estimated 7 billion that are expected to be eaten during the summer season from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

This year's Train the Trainer (TTT) event will be held virtually in light of the challenges presented by COVID-19 and our dedication to ensuring the safety of our members. The TTT in person Conference that was scheduled to take place at the Marriott Northwest has been canceled for 2020.

If you registered for the TTT 2020 Conference Cindy McKay will email you soon with information on refunding the registration fee for this year.

TTT virtual Zoom seminars will be starting Tuesday, July 7, 2020, and will be available free of charge to MAPT members every Tuesday and Thursday through July 30, 2020. Each TTT virtual seminar will be recorded and available for MAPT members to view on the members only page throughout the year.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 <i>OPTIONAL 1</i> <i>4.0 HOLIDAY</i> <i>(PART OF 2 DAY HOLIDAY)</i>	3 <i>JULY 4TH</i> <i>OBSERVED</i>	4
5	6 <i>OPTIONAL 2</i> <i>4.0 HOLIDAY</i> <i>(PART OF 2 DAY HOLIDAY)</i>	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	