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DoDEA Schools & Health Protection Conditions (HPCON)

The Department of Defense (DoD) has protocols for public health emergencies known as health protection conditions – HPCONs. Commanders review and update these HPCONs based on risk levels within a local community and in cooperation with local, state or host nation guidance. The Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) uses HPCON to guide actions taken in response to a health threat. For more information, visit DoDEA's Ensuring a Safe and Health Return to School guide (June 11, 2020) at https://www.dodea.edu/upload/Ensuring-a-Safe-and-Healthy-Return-to-School.pdf and DoDEA Return to School at https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm.

In-person learning in DoDEA schools & HPCON status:

- School environment will be determined based on the local HPCON level.
- DoDEA has worked with military leadership to identify mitigation strategies for HPCON A and HPCON B that allow for students and employees to safely return to school facilities.
- Extracurricular activities may be impacted by HPCON changes.
- As per current DoD guidance, if an installation is in HPCON Charlie, schools will be closed to students, and we will begin the year in remote learning.
- Schools will be open in brick and mortar in HPCON A and B.

ALPHA LIMITED Community Transmission Beginning	• School facilities are open • Mitigation strategies are in effect • Students and staff on campus
BRAVO MODERATE Increased Community Transmission	• School facilities are open • Heightened mitigation
CHARLIE SUBSTANTIAL Sustained Community Transmission	• School facilities closed to students • Schools transition to remote learning

Learn more about DoDEA Return to School at https://www.dodea.edu/returntoschool.cfm