

## Education Systems' Response to COVID19

### Brief: April 3, 2020

As of April 3<sup>rd</sup>, schools have closed in 172 countries, with many countries announcing extension of closures through the end of April.<sup>1</sup> The number of children and youth out of school are now around 1.5 billion, with the number showing a reduction as China is reopening. However, South Korea and Singapore are reversing opening decisions.

**World Bank Education Overview of school closures**

	Africa	EAP	ECA	LAC and North America	MENA	SAR	Total
Closed	39	11	44	36	20	8	158
Partly closed	3	8	2	1	0	0	14
Total	42	19	46	37	20	8	172

\* An additional 26 countries are not reporting, or open, or open with restrictions. They are noted [here](#). Changes since last brief: China moved to "partial closures"; Tonga, Micronesia, Fed. Sts., Palau were added to the EAP list of countries with closures; and Barbados in LAC also closed schools.

### Extended closures and challenges continue

- Despite earlier indications from **South Korea** that schools would reopen, this week the Government announced it would carry out its curriculum teaching online. The Ministry of Education is working with related ministries and private sectors to ensure all students are equipped with digital devices.
- Many of the countries that had already closed schools announced extension of these closures this week or imposed further lockdowns. **Russia and Poland** announced lockdowns on March 30 and 31<sup>st</sup> respectively, with both countries enforcing jail time and financial penalties for non-compliance.
- **Sweden** added more restrictions this week (imposing stricter travel bans, advising those who can to work from home, and people to social distance while in public) but has not changed its policy on schools (primary and middle schools for children up to age 16 remain open). However, kids are asked to stay home if they have a sniffle or more. Many kids are opting to stay home per media reporting, so some teachers are doing dual online and offline teaching, to allow kids who stay home to not lose out on schooling.
- **Extended school closures have begun to showcase non-academic challenges** for students and families. In the United States, 30 million kids found themselves this week without their breakfast, lunch (and sometimes take-home meals on the weekend). Communities across the country are scrambling to distribute meals to disadvantaged students at such large scale, oftentimes under state lockdown or travel restrictions.
- **Distance learning at university level is proving to be a challenge for some students.** Some students (ex. Those enrolled at Imperial College in the UK) are in different time zones must wake up in the middle of the night to attend classes. Additionally, those living in select countries are not able to access study materials due

An external landing page has been added to the Education Global Practice website with links to the school closure [dashboard](#), a [guidance note](#), and the EdTech Solutions Repository. Additionally, translation of key documents is underway, and colleagues are encouraged to share with counterparts in relevant languages. [Link here](#).

<sup>1</sup> Source: Education GP dashboard is accumulating the information crowdsourced by the Bank Task Team Leaders on the ground and by the best available information online. It might not be accurate but reflects the best knowledge of the situation globally by the Bank.

to stringent internet access. Student Unions, like those in the United Kingdom, have asked for end-of-year exams to be cancelled or postponed to avoid adverse effects on students dealing with the pandemic.

- **GPE** has established a \$250 million *COVID-19 Accelerated Financing Window* to support countries in addressing an education response. Grants issued under the AFW are supplemental but treated in the same manner as standard ESPIGs: i.e., Grant Agent supervision costs would be deducted from the gross allocation. *(Please contact Doug Sumerfield for more info)*

## Remote Learning During School Closures

- Some countries have moved their whole curriculum online (e.g. **China<sup>2</sup>, Korea, Italy, France, and Germany**). Others are offering televised programming, usually for selected grades in core subjects (**Vietnam, Mongolia, Jordan, Morocco**) or a range of modalities of distance learning using both low tech (radio) and high tech (online) (**Kenya, Maldives**).
- Governments have also partnered with the private sector, including with network operators to offer free data services for education websites (**Korea, Cambodia, Egypt**) and/or with education technology firms to provide free online education resources (Indonesia).
- **Jordan** launched “Darsak” (your studies) this week. It is an educational portal for grades 1-12 core subjects, developed by Mawdoo3 (private sector), the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Digital Economy and Entrepreneurship with content from local service providers (Edraak, Jo Academy and Abwab) Content changes weekly and students can access the portal without internet charges between 6 am and 4 pm. ([Link](#))
- **The Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies (INEE)** launched a compilation of resources on education in emergencies, including guidance on closures and distance learning. Resources can be found at this [link](#).

### Brief Highlight

#### **Serbia's Plan of Action for Inclusive Distance Learning**

On March 17<sup>th</sup>, after announcing the closure of schools, the Government of Serbia launched a Plan of Action for providing inclusive distance. The Plan featured several elements worth highlighting:

- Emphasis on **role of parents** in ensuring success of students and distance learning
- Provision of **classes and materials through multiple modes** (6 days per week television broadcasts for primary and secondary students on dedicated channels, with materials available on ministry website one day prior - [www.rasporednastave.gov.rs](http://www.rasporednastave.gov.rs); Use of online platforms including; use of Viber, Zoom, Microsoft Teams), as well as the national online learning platform My School (*Moja škola*) to supplement learning
- **Accountability and autonomy at school level**, allowing school administrators and teachers to select most effective mode of teaching based on socio-economic profile of school's community.
- **Ensuring the learning is measured and counts** – requiring that work be assessed and grades and an end of year summative assessment.
- **Daily communication between teachers and administrators** on progress, plus regular communication with parents on students.
- **Use of teachers to transmit public health messages** to communities related to *COVID19*.

*Source: Ministry of Education Science and Technology Development – Serbia (for more information, contact Tigran Shmis)*

## Bank Engagement and Options for Support

- In addition to Afghanistan and Pakistan which both have education-related interventions in the design of projects approved under the Global Multi-Phases Approach (MPA), more countries **have approached the Bank for guidance on delivering education during school closures or beyond**. For example, Morocco who intends to bring their IT infrastructure up to scale and building critical content to address multi-modal distance learning, Peru and Indonesia to reinforce its radio and TV programming to complement online learning and Kazakhstan who is looking to procure laptops for student currently without access. A more comprehensive list will be included in the next brief.

<sup>2</sup> [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3555520](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3555520); <https://ideas.repec.org/a/gam/jjrfmx/v13y2020i3p55-d332192.html>.



## Annex: Countries with School Closures and Relevant Actions

Country	Status of Schools	Date of Closure	Anticipated length of closure	Comments on school closures	Detailed information on Distance learning
Angola	Closed	24-March	1-2 weeks	Schools closed for 15 days, renewable for additional 15 days.	No distance learning yet
Burkina Faso	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks	Burkina Faso closed all preschool, primary, post-primary and secondary, professional and university institutions from March 16 to 31.	No distance learning yet
Cameroon	Closed	18-Mar	1-2 weeks	No specific measure yet, schools are closed until further notice	No distance learning yet
Central African Republic	Closed	24-Mar	Until further notice	Not applicable	Radio or television
Chad	Closed	20-Mar	Unknown	No specific measure yet, schools are just closed until further notice.	No distance learning
Congo, Dem. Rep.	Closed	19-Mar	3-4 weeks		Radio or television. The team is pulling together information on existing virtual education mechanisms that have the potential to scale quickly
Congo, Rep.	Closed	21-Mar			Not applicable
Cote d'Ivoire	Closed	16-Mar	5-8 weeks	Closure of all preschool, elementary, secondary and higher education establishments for a period of 30 days from March 16, 2020 at midnight.	
Eswatini	Closed	22-Mar	Not applicable		
Ethiopia	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks	Primary and secondary schools closed. Universities remain open but entry and exit from the campuses will be limited.	Not applicable
Gabon	Closed	13-Mar	Until further notice		Not applicable
Gambia, The	Closed	18-Mar	3-4 weeks		No distance learning yet
Ghana	Closed	16-Mar	Until further notice		
Guinea	Closed	26-Mar	1-2 weeks		no distance learning yet
Guinea-Bissau	Closed		1-2 weeks		no distance learning yet

Kenya	Closed	16-Mar	Not applicable		Materials will be delivered through Radio, TV, YouTube and other digital platforms. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio. Kenya Broadcasting Corporation (KBC) will broadcast Radio programs daily from Monday to Friday.</li> <li>• Other platforms include the Edu Channel TV and EduTv Youtube where lessons will be transmitted on the KICD channel which is available on the signet free to air channel. --&gt; <a href="http://kicd.ac.ke/">http://kicd.ac.ke/</a></li> <li>• Learners can also obtain the digital content of all KICD approved materials from the Kenya Education Cloud. --&gt; <a href="https://www.kec.ac.ke/">https://www.kec.ac.ke/</a></li> </ul>
Lesotho	Closed	22-Mar	Not applicable		
Liberia	Closed	23-Mar	Until further notice	Awaiting Ministry plan of action and budget; it was due March 24, 2020	No distance learning yet
Madagascar	Closed	23-Mar	3-4 weeks	The change of school calendar is likely necessary to catch up	Not applicable
Malawi	Closed	23-Mar	Until further notice		
Mali	Closed	19-Mar	3-4 weeks		No distance learning yet
Mauritania	Closed	14-Mar			
Mauritius	Closed	19-Mar	Not known		
Mozambique	Closed	23-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Namibia	Closed	22-Mar	Not applicable		Not applicable
Niger	Closed	20-Mar	1-2 weeks		No distance learning yet
Rwanda	Closed	15-Mar	1-2 weeks		Some International schools are exploring virtual methods of learning. The Ministry has encouraged students to revise for their end of Term 1 exams which will now be done whenever they return to school.
Sao Tome and Principe	Closed	19-Mar	Not known		Advising the government on options for alternative delivery, likely to feature radio / TV.
Senegal	Closed	14-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Seychelles	Closed	20-Mar	Until further notice		
Sierra Leone	Closed	25-Mar	Not known		No distance learning yet

South Africa	Closed	18-Mar	3-4 weeks		Not applicable
South Sudan	Closed	21-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Sudan	Closed	14-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Tanzania	Closed	18-Mar	3-4 weeks	Information received that schools and univiersities closed March 18 <sup>th</sup> for 30 days	The Government is preparing an emergency response plan. Currently a concept note has been developed, focused on basic education remote learning via radio. Funding from GPE and Development partners is being requested.
Togo	Closed	20-Mar	Until further notice		No distance learning yet
Uganda	Closed	23-Mar	Until further notice		
Zambia	Closed	20-Mar	Until further notice		Not applicable
Zimbabwe	Closed		Not known		Mass education through mass media platforms. No details available yet.
Hong Kong SAR, China	Closed		1-2 weeks	Reopening date set for April 20, 2020	Schools are cobbling together their own solutions using a myriad of platforms and apps
Japan	Closed		5-8 weeks	Government extended spring break till March 31.	School districts and schools have employed different coping strategies. While many of them are ICT-based distance learning (e.g., online-class delivery, video-conferences, groupware-based instructions), there are also many initiatives that maximize the usage of school grounds and facilities in a safe and healthy manner. This is only possible since most teachers in Japan still go to school and work
Korea, Rep.	Closed		More than 8 weeks		Online distance learning (virtual classes)
Lao PDR	Closed	17-Mar	Until further notice		Not available in public schools, but available in international schools
Malaysia	Closed	16-Mar	Until further notice		
Micronesia, Fed. Sts	Closed		Until further notice		No distance learning yet
Mongolia	Closed	1-Mar	Not known		Through TV with a schedule of times for each class/grade.
New Zealand	Closed	24-Mar	3-4 weeks	Country reversed strategies in late March	

Papua New Guinea	Closed	23-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Thailand	Closed	18-Mar	Until further notice		
Austria	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Albania	Closed	9-Mar	1-2 weeks		Take-home paper lessons and homework
Armenia	Closed	13-Mar	Not known		
Azerbaijan	Closed		Not known		
Belgium	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Bulgaria	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks		The Ministry of Education launched an e-learning system on March 16. Online free textbooks will be provided from grades 1 to 10.
Croatia	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		Distant learning classes for primary school students will be transmitted through a specific channel on a Croatian national television. Online classes for lower and upper secondary school students will be delivered online, through virtual classrooms.
Cyprus	Closed	11-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Czech Republic	Closed	11-Mar	Not known		
Denmark	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Estonia	Closed	13-Mar	5-8 weeks		
Finland	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		
France	Closed	16-Mar	Until further notice		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Ma classe à la maison (My class at home) offers educational paths to cover a period of four weeks, for the different grade levels.</li> <li>•National examinations and competitions for the next three weeks. Their reprogramming will be done as soon as possible according to the evolution of the situation. The Parcoursup calendar remains unchanged at this stage.</li> </ul>
Georgia	Closed	3-Mar	Not known		The Ministry is developing an online learning platform.
Germany	Closed	13-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Greece	Closed				
Hungary	Closed	10-Mar	1-2 weeks	all schools and HEI are closed	No distance learning yet

Iceland	Closed	9-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Ireland	Closed	12-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Italy	Closed	4-Mar	3-4 weeks		The Italian government created a web page to support schools to activate different forms of distance learning during the closure period linked to the coronavirus emergency.
Kazakhstan	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks	All schools are on extended spring break as part of the COVID-19 response.	Not applicable
Kosovo	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Kyrgyz Republic	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		Video lessons for primary and secondary schools' key subjects and topics for the remaining learning period are under development and expected to be broadcasted through two TV channels starting April 8.
Latvia	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Lithuania	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Luxembourg	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Moldova	Closed	11-Mar	1-2 weeks		No distance learning yet. Some private schools have distance learning plans
Montenegro	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Netherlands	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		
North Macedonia	Closed	10-Mar	3-4 weeks		Radio or television
Norway	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		
Poland	Closed	11-Mar	Not known		
Romania	Closed	11-Mar	1-2 weeks		no distance learning yet
Russian Federation	Closed	23-Mar	3-4 weeks		Online platforms such as Russian online school, Yandex.textbook, Teach.ru, Yaklass and Дневник.ру are available for teachers, pupils and parents. The Ministry of Education has also launched a hot line to support regional ministries, schools and colleges in organizing distance learning.

San Marino	Closed		3-4 weeks		No distance learning yet. Advising the government on options for alternative delivery, likely to feature radio / TV.
Serbia	Closed	16-Mar	Not known		No distance learning yet
Slovak Republic	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Slovenia	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Spain	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks		Online learning resources (Spanish).
Switzerland	Closed	17-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Turkey	Closed	12-Mar	Not known		March 23: Education is conducted remotely using EBA-Eğitim Bilişim Ağı – an education digital platform (EIN - Education Informatics Network).
Ukraine	Closed	12-Mar	3-4 weeks		
United Kingdom	Closed	20-Mar	Until further notice		
Uzbekistan	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		Radio or television
Antigua and Barbuda	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Argentina	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks		Some remote learning is provided. Radio and Television will likely complement this in the following weeks.
Aruba	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		Using general online resources but no virtual classes.
Bahamas, The	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Barbados	Closed	27-Mar	3-4 weeks		Curfew from March 27 to April 15.
Belize	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Bermuda	Closed	23-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Bolivia	Closed	13-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Brazil	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks	All 26 states in Brazil have closed all high schools and tertiary education, and all large metropolitan areas have closed their primary schools.	
Cayman Islands	Closed				

Chile	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		The government has put in place an online learning platform "Aprendo en Linea" for students in grades 1-4 of primary education.
Colombia	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks	Closed til March 27, then holidays til april 20, and will reassess.	The ministry of Education is offering the "Aprender Digital: Contenidos para todos" platform with resources for students, parents and teachers. They are also lending 500,000 laptops and tablets to take home
Costa Rica	Closed	12-Mar	3-4 weeks	3 schools closed as of 3/9/2020, 344 schools closed as of 3/16/2020, all schools closed as of 3/17/2020 until 4/13/2020.	The Ministry of Education is offering some online learning resources under the strategy "Aprendo en Casa" and national TV programs
Dominica	Closed	23-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Dominican Republic	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks	Schools announced to officially close for 2 weeks but it is expected this will be extended	Distance learning through an online platform with contents repository (called "enlinea"), and a platform to support teacher planning
Ecuador	Closed	13-Mar	Not known		For the last grade ("3ro de bachillerato"), the government is creating a virtual classroom, for 75,000 students and 6,000 teachers.
El Salvador	Closed	12-Mar	3-4 weeks	The closure affects all education levels	Working on creating content for different platforms (TV, web, YouTube). They have created a "call center", with specialists for each grade, to give support to students.
Grenada	Closed	16-Mar	Not known		
Guatemala	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		No distance learning yet
Guyana	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks	Scheduled to open for third term beginning April 20.	No distance learning yet
Haiti	Closed	20-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Honduras	Closed	13-Mar	3-4 weeks		For public schools, students will receive lessons on the TV chanel telebasica with specific guidelines.
Jamaica	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks	"the public will be updated after 10 days if the closure will be extended."	no distance learning yet
Mexico	Closed	20-Mar	5-8 weeks	Public sector closed from 03/20 to 04/30.	Distance learning is being offered through television and online resources that can be downloaded from the Ministry's webpage.

Panama	Closed	11-Mar	3-4 weeks		The Ministry of Education has launched an platform "Educa Panama" for basic and secondary education that provides resources and guides to learn at home.
Paraguay	Closed	11-Mar	1-2 weeks	Upon confirmation of first two cases of COVID19 on March 10, Govt immediately decided to suspend all school activities for the two weeks. An announcement is expected shortly prolonging school closures for 2 more weeks.	No distance learning yet. The government has signed an agreement with Microsoft to use their package for 60,000 teachers and 1,200,000 students. They are also working on a web portal (with less connectivity resources), and as third option, use traditional means of communication (like radio)
Peru	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks	Quarantine has been prolonged till April 12. Schools closed until April 30th	The gov. has a strategy called "Aprendo en casa" and is using different channels to distribute content: internet, TV, radio, and phones.
Puerto Rico	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		The government is giving general recommendations on learning at home and some resources for Montessori schools.
Sint Maarten (Dutch part)	Closed	18-Mar	1-2 weeks	2 weeks	
St. Lucia	Closed				
St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Closed	20-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Trinidad and Tobago	Closed	14-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Turks and Caicos Islands	Closed	23-Mar	3-4 weeks		
United States	Closed	13-Mar	3-4 weeks		Online distance learning (virtual classes)
Uruguay	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		Plan Ceibal is designing (or already designed, TBC) a contingency plan for schools, based on online tutorials.
Venezuela, RB	Closed	16-Mar	Not known		
Algeria	Closed	12-Mar	3-4 weeks	School holidays moved up and extended by one week.	No distance learning yet
Bahrain	Closed	25-Feb	5-8 weeks		
Djibouti	Closed	25-Mar	1-2 weeks		Radio or television

Egypt, Arab Rep.	Closed	15-Mar	3-4 weeks	Schools and universities closed as of March 15, 2020 and likely not to return during this school year.	MOETE offering digital content by grade/subject in addition to TV education channels, and platform for teacher/student communication
Iran, Islamic Rep.	Closed	1-Mar	5-8 weeks		No information on alternative services yet
Iraq	Closed	27-Feb	3-4 weeks		
Israel	Closed	13-Mar	Until further notice		
Jordan	Closed	15-Mar	1-2 weeks		The Ministry of Education will be providing a daily schedule of the TV broadcast
Kuwait	Closed	1-Mar	3-4 weeks		"Ministry of Education is seeking, through the e-learning project, to achieve the goals aimed at providing accredited educational sources in various forms and uses to support formal education in the State of Kuwait."
Lebanon	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks		Take-home paper lessons and homework. MEHE has endorsed distance learning plan executed by CERD
Libya	Closed	13-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Malta	Closed	17-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Morocco	Closed	16-Mar	Not applicable	No end date fixed.	Classes delivered remotely -Internet and TV (channel 4).
Oman	Closed	15-Mar	5-8 weeks		
Qatar	Closed	10-Mar	Not known		
Saudi Arabia	Closed	9-Mar			Online distance learning (virtual classes).
Tunisia	Closed	12-Mar			Take-home paper lessons and homework
United Arab Emirates	Closed	8-Mar	3-4 weeks		Online distance learning (virtual classes)
West Bank and Gaza	Closed		3-4 weeks		Distance learning (E-learning), with lessons to be broadcast via YouTube, radio, and television for students.
Yemen, Rep.	Closed				
Afghanistan	Closed	15-Mar	3-4 weeks	Closed until 20th of April, 2020	
Bangladesh	Closed	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		Not applicable

Bhutan	Closed	9-Mar	Not known		No distance learning yet. The Ministry of Education is coming up with a contingency plan if schools remain closed
India	Closed	24-Mar	3-4 weeks		The team is in discussions with the government to understand how World Bank can support initiatives for providing students with continuous access to learning resources. In addition to radio and television the Ministry of Human Resource Development has shared a repository (NROER) with educational resources (not all subjects) for primary and secondary education, in different languages.
Maldives	Closed	16-Mar	3-4 weeks		The MoE is conducting classes online. On Sunday, March 15 the Ministry of Education began televising subject-based videos in it's 'Teleclass' series. The teleclasses are focusing on Grade 10 and 11 students in preparation them for upcoming examinations.
Nepal	Closed	20-Mar	3-4 weeks		The draft plan includes using (i) ed tech/online tools, where devices and internet connection may be available; (ii) distance learning through radio/ TV/ mobile; (iii) self/peer learning supported by learning resources, including books; and (iv) communications campaign.
Pakistan	Closed	13-Mar	3-4 weeks	Summer vacations are being preponed to make up for the lost time.	The team is working to develop and implement distance-education delivery systems with existing curricula and content
Sri Lanka	Closed	13-Mar	5-8 weeks		
Tonga	Closed	27-Mar	1-2 weeks		Take-home paper lessons and homework
Benin	Closed (in select areas)	24-Mar	Until further notice		Not applicable

Nigeria	Closed (in select areas)	18-Mar	Not applicable		Not applicable
Somalia	Closed (in select areas)	19-Mar	Not known	Not applicable	Not applicable
Australia	Closed (in select areas)	7-Mar	1-2 weeks	Closures in Sydney at schools with confirmed cases (3/7)	
Cambodia	Closed (in select areas)	1-Mar	Not known		No means for distance learning
China	Closed in select areas)	1-Jan	More than 8 weeks	Schools will remain closed as long as there are still new infections reported in the municipality/county where the school is in. The schools will/are re-open in late March/April.	Online distance learning (virtual classes)
Indonesia	Closed (in select areas)	16-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Philippines	Closed (in select areas)	10-Mar	1-2 weeks		
Palau	Closed (in select areas)				No distance learning yet
Vietnam	Closed (in select areas)	16-Mar	5-8 weeks		
Portugal	Closed (in select areas)	8-Mar	Not known		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Closed (in select areas)	10-Mar	3-4 weeks		
Canada	Closed (in select areas)	13-Mar	1-2 weeks	Ontario, the country's most populous province, will close schools for two additional weeks following spring break, as will Quebec.	

Singapore	Open with limitations		Not known	Extra-curricular activities remain banned. students must sit apart from each other, and there is no cross-class mingling of students.	Not applicable
Belarus	Open with limitations			All students' dorms are closed for visits, BNTU declared that studies will continue until mid-March in the distant mode.	
Sweden	Open with limitations			Kindergartens, primary and middle school are still open (only top two years are affected). Kids are asked to stay home if they have a sniffle or more.	The system is struggling a bit since teachers are out and kids are staying home. But some teacher are doing dual online and offline teaching, to allow kids to stay at home with no risk of losing schooling.
Nicaragua	Open with limitations			The Government has allowed private schools to close.	
Tajikistan	Seasonal school closures	23-Mar	1-2 weeks	Spring school break until April 1. No information about its extension.	