


Building a Resilient School


The COVID-19 epidemic is surely not the last epidemic that will threaten school continuity. Schools must immediately update their emergency preparedness plans by developing contingency plans that not only address **school-based prevention** and **safety measures** for epidemics, but also **identify ways to continue educating and supporting students and teachers if schools are closed**.


This topic will explore how schools can ensure safe operations in schools once they reopen through prevention, early detection and control of the disease.

UNICEF and **World Health Organisation** has recommended several basic principles that can help keep students, teachers and other staff safe at school and help stop spread of the disease.

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Sick students, teachers and staff should not come to school once the school reopens 

 **School should enforce regular hand washing with safe water and soap, sanitizers or chlorine solution and at a minimum, daily disinfection and cleaning of school surfaces**

Schools should provide water, sanitation and waste management facilities and follow environmental cleaning and decontamination procedures 

 **Schools should promote SOCIAL DISTANCING to slow the spread of a highly contagious disease, including limiting large groups of people coming together.**

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