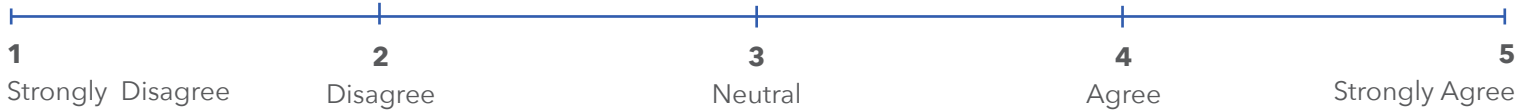




Deciding How to go Back to School

As parents, it's our job to be concerned with our children's safety and overall wellbeing. This year, preparing our children for the new school year carries additional weight as we determine how we want to re-engage with learning in the upcoming school year. If you are trying to make this heavy decision, hopefully this list of questions will help provide your family with some clarity. **Check out [cdc.com](https://www.cdc.com)** for excellent resources to guide you in your decision making journey.



In-Class Learning

1. My child, and those in our household, DOES NOT have an underlying condition that places them at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
2. I am comfortable with my school's re-entry plans for reducing the spread of COVID-19.
3. I am satisfied with how my school is addressing caregivers' concerns and questions.
4. My child is able to tolerate wearing a mask for extended periods of time.
5. My child is able to cognitively understand and consistently adhere to new safety protocols including washing hands, maintaining social distance, not putting hands in mouth, etc.

Online Learning

6. I have access to reliable internet and devices required for doing online learning.
7. I, or another caregiver, have the ability to supervise and assist my child during their online classes.
8. My child has the ability to sustain attention throughout their online classes.
9. My child's learning style and needs are compatible with online learning.
10. My child has a designated space in our home that allows them to do online learning with minimal distraction.

Support Services

11. My child's IEP/ 504/ or specialized learning/ behavioral plans are able to be accommodated.
12. My child is able to still receive services that they would be receiving from school: related support services (OT, PT, ST) , meals, social support.

Tally up the total number for each area. Higher numbers equate to more confidence, lower numbers equate to less. This tool is intended to help guide you towards a decision by giving you factors to consider, not make the decision for you. We understand that each item will carry unique weight for your family, and there may be additional factors that are not represented here.

Ultimately this is a decision that your family needs to make based on your situation and comfort level.