

EDUCATION

Updates

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SOUTH EAST ASIA

Malaysia, 05 Jun: Putrajaya issues guidelines on contactless learning, other Covid-19 prevention measures for schools [Malay Mail]. KUALA LUMPUR, June 5 — Contactless learning will be part of the new normal when schools begin opening again eventually, according to the 32-page guideline issued by the Ministry of Education together with the Ministry of Health (MOH) and the National Security Council. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 05 Jun: New international students, teachers must obtain Covid-19-free letter [News Straits Times]. KUALA LUMPUR: New international students and teachers seeking admission at private learning institutions in the country must obtain a Covid-19-free letter, or "surat bebas Covid-19" from their home countries. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 05 Jun: Focus on Education and Training for Faster Recovery [The Star]. The government will launch next year the 12th Malaysia Plan (2021-2025), which will outline the medium and longer term policies for achieving our nation's development goals and provide the public sector expenditure programme to implement such policies. [LINK](#)

Myanmar, 05 Jun: Myanmar education ministry faces hurdle in reopening schools [MM Times]. The Ministry of Education is having problems getting schools ready to reopen because some are being used as COVID-19 quarantine facilities or temporary shelters for villagers fleeing fighting between the Arakan Army (AA) and Tatmadaw (military). [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 04 Jun: Teachers to be on standby to return to school, says Education Ministry [The Star]. PETALING JAYA: Teachers are required to return from their hometowns to the state where they are based and be on standby to return to school, says the Education Ministry. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 04 Jun: Forms Five, Six to reopen under Education Ministry's SOP [The Borneo Post]. KUCHING: The Education Ministry's standard operating procedures (SOP) for the reopening of schools, which is available on the National Security Council's website, caters only for Forms Five and Six classes but it does not specify when they can resume. [LINK](#)

Malaysia, 03 Jun: Education minister says will distribute guidelines on school reopening tomorrow [Malay Mail]. KAJANG — The school reopening management guidelines will be distributed tomorrow (June 4) to allow schools and teachers to make appropriate preparations, said Education Minister Mohd Radzi Md Jidin. [LINK](#)

Singapore, 02 Jun: MOE to review how to 'blend' classroom and digital online learning as schools reopen after COVID-19 circuit breaker [Channel News Asia]. The Ministry of Education (MOE) will review how to "blend" classroom learning and digital online learning to "harness the best of both worlds", said Education Minister Ong Ye Kung on Tuesday, June 02. [LINK](#)

ASIA AND PACIFIC

Fiji, 05 Jun: Schools expected to open on Tuesday 30th June 2020 [Fiji Village]. The Ministry of Education has extended school closure for

another two weeks, with the anticipated school reopening date now set for Tuesday, 30 June 2020. [LINK](#)

India, 05 Jun: NEP 2020: Don't deter private investment in higher education [Times of India]. It has been reported that the new National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 that is being finalized will bring private higher educational institutions (HEIs) under a "progressive regime of fees determination" as also prescribe that at least 20% of their students get free-ships and an additional 30% get significant scholarships. [LINK](#)

Japan, 05 Jun: In Japan, ministry to gather, share data on school virus cases [The Japan News]. To prepare for a possible second wave of new coronavirus infections, the education ministry will renew a system to collect information about schoolchildren infected or suspected of being infected, and to share the information between schools as early as before the end of this month, it has been learned. [LINK](#)

Japan, 04 Jun: Ministry issues warning over traffic accidents as Japan's schools reopen [Japan Times]. The education ministry has warned elementary schools nationwide to be on alert for traffic incidents as schools reopen following the full lifting of the country's coronavirus state of emergency last week. [LINK](#)

Pakistan, 04 Jun: Education ministry in Islamabad closed for three days after officers test positive Dawn. ISLAMABAD: After two officers tested positive for Covid-19, Ministry of Education and Professional Training has been closed for three days. [LINK](#)

Pakistan, 04 Jun: The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan deploys Microsoft Teams to over 100 universities [Microsoft News]. In an effort to accelerate remote learning in a safe and secure environment, Microsoft is supporting the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan by deploying Teams for official online and remote learning interactions across more than 100 public and private universities. [LINK](#)

Sri Lanka, 01 Jun: Sri Lanka's Ministry of Education enables digital and interactive classrooms with Microsoft [Microsoft News]. COLOMBO, Sri Lanka: Microsoft and the Ministry of Education in Sri Lanka have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on 14 May 2020 to advance remote pedagogy during a time when the health and safety of educators and students is paramount. [LINK](#)

AFRICAS AND MIDDLE EAST

Israel, 05 Jun: Over 20 more schools closed as Israel sees largest daily virus rise in a month [The Times of Israel]. Education Ministry says 301 students, teachers have tested positive for COVID-19 during fresh outbreak, leading to shuttering of 87 educational institutions across country. [LINK](#)

Morocco, 05 Jun: Moroccans Should Benefit from Remote Work and Education Post-Pandemic [Morocco World News]. Rabat – We may not be surprised to hear that half of a company's workers permanently leave their offices, to work instead from home, in the near future. We may also hear that a number of teachers are conducting their classes from their sofa instead of school premises. [LINK](#)

AFRICAS AND MIDDLE EAST (CONT'D)

Africa, 04 Jun: Education Is Crucial to Africa's COVID-19 Response [Project Syndicate]. African political leaders have their hands full: rising COVID-19 infections, fragile health systems, increasing food insecurity, and, in some areas, growing social unrest. [LINK](#)

Africa, 04 Jun: In repurposing education, leave no student – or university – behind [University World News]. Improving access to higher education is not only about opening doors to more people, says Professor Mpine Makoe, director of open distance e-learning at the University of South Africa. [LINK](#)

South Africa, 04 Jun: Making the most of an 'equal opportunity pandemic' [University World News]. A wide-ranging webinar on COVID-19 and higher education in Africa revealed that while higher education leaders recognize the challenges ahead, particularly in the shift to greater reliance on digital education, they are determined to see the pandemic as an opportunity for positive change. [LINK](#)

Jordan, 03 Jun: Jordan- Higher Education Ministry embraced ambitious plans to support university e-learning experience, says Touq [MENAFN] Amman - The Minister of Higher Education, Dr. Mohieldin Touq, said Wednesday, the courses that went online at the Kingdom's universities since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic amounted to 20,258. [LINK](#)

Qatar, 03 Jun: Qatar Education Ministry allows private schools to collect seat reservation fees [The Peninsula Online]. Doha: The Department of Private Schools Licensing of the Ministry of Education issued a circular to private schools and kindergartens in the country yesterday, regarding seat reservation fees for the academic year 2020/2021. [LINK](#)

Ghana, 02 Jun: Parents can't visit children when schools reopen – Education Minister My Joy]. No form of religious activity or visitation will be allowed in Schools as they re-open for final year students amidst the Covid-19 pandemic. [LINK](#)

EUROPE

Global Europe, 05 Jun: Promoting quality language education through learning environments where modern languages flourish [Education Department News, Council of Europe]. The European Centre for Modern Languages (ECML) of the Council of Europe is pleased to announce the launch of a new resource website of particular relevance to language teachers, subject teachers, teacher educators and headteachers at a time when schools are cautiously reopening across Europe. [LINK](#)

Global Europe, 05 Jun: Changes in education as a result of COVID-19 crisis are here to stay, experts say [EURACTIV]. Just before the crisis, the Center for European Policy Studies (CEPS) conducted an analysis of the readiness for digital learning of education systems across the EU. [LINK](#)

Spain, 01 Jun: Spain will prioritize return of under-12s to classrooms, says education minister [El Pais]. Spain's Education Minister Isabel Celaá said during a radio interview this weekend that her ministry, the regions and the country's schools are all seeking a way to get children back into classrooms when the new academic year starts in September. [LINK](#)

AMERICAS

Canada, 05 Jun: Education Continues To Adapt Eastern Door]. The Kahnawake Education Center (KEC) has started to look at several

different scenarios for the new school year in the fall, and although no decision has been made yet, there's a ton of work going on behind the scenes. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 05 Jun: Education can protect older women against memory loss [News Medical Life Sciences]. Education appears to protect older adults, especially women, against memory loss, according to a study by investigators at Georgetown University Medical Center, published in the journal Aging, Neuropsychology, and Cognition. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 05 Jun: Face masks, closed playgrounds and staggered starts: State guidance for reopening schools [Indy Star]. Face masks, playground closures and alternating days of instruction for different groups of students are among the measures schools should consider as they build out plans to reopen school buildings in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic... [LINK](#)

United States of America, 05 Jun: West Virginia Department Of Education And Partners Put Books In Thousands Of Childrens' Homes This Summer [WVVA]. CHARLESTON - The West Virginia Department of Education is pleased to launch the West Virginia Blue Ribbon Selections Book Club, a partnership between the WVDE, the Marshall University June Harless Center, and The Dollywood Foundation. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 04 Jun: PA Department of Education Provides Guidelines for Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools Skook News]. On Wednesday, The Pennsylvania Department of Education said elementary and secondary schools in the state's yellow and green phases may resume in-person instruction and activities beginning July 1...[LINK](#)

United States of America, 04 Jun: VHS Learning Creates New Professional Development for Teaching Online [Education Dive]. Boston — Most educators face uncertainty about classroom learning during the upcoming 2020-21 academic year, and it is expected that online learning will continue to be a big part of school life for the foreseeable future. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 04 Jun: AN INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT OF EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY [The Ritz Herald]. Dialectical discussions appear to vary from leaders within different educational systems. [LINK](#)

United States of America, 03 Jun: N.J. schools will teach climate change education with new curriculum [NJ Advance Media]. Grade school students in the Garden State will soon be required to learn about climate change and its impacts on human society, as part of new standards adopted by the state Board of Education on Wednesday. [LINK](#)

GLOBAL

Global, 05 Jun: Torn safety nets: How COVID-19 has exposed huge inequalities in global education [Weforum]. In 2018, 258 million children of primary and secondary school age were out of school. Now, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, 1.2 billion children find themselves out of school, at least physically. [LINK](#)

Global, 30 May: Towards a flexible and adaptable HE after COVID-19 [University World News]. As the global coronavirus pandemic continues and discussions of education's 'new normal' continues, key issues of access, equity, quality and relevance should anchor any discussions and initiatives about the future of higher education. [LINK](#)