

ND Smart Restart Assurances Report Guidance

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Introduction

On July 14, 2020 during the <u>COVID-19 press briefing</u>, Governor Doug Burgum and State Superintendent Kirsten Baesler released the <u>K-12 Smart Restart</u> Guidance to help North Dakota school districts plan for reopening this fall to provide a safe, high-quality educational experience for all students.

On July 15, 2020 Governor Burgum signed <u>Executive Order 2020-38</u> which bound the K-12 Smart Restart Guidance to law.

The K-12 Smart Restart Guidance emphasizes local control and decision-making by school boards and administrators in consultation with local public health units, local health professionals, community and tribal leaders, faculty, staff, parents and students. Districts will make decisions based on the most current guidance from the North Dakota Department of Health, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and other resources.

Schools are given permission to provide instruction in the fall and throughout the 2020-2021 school year via face-to-face instruction, distance learning or a hybrid approach. School Districts may deploy any of the models at any time the State is in Blue, Green or Yellow phases, but it is important to note, before implementing any of the various models of instruction, schools must meet the following criteria.

ND Smart Restart Assurances Report

All public school district superintendents must submit the *ND Smart Restart Assurance Report* with these assurances:

- a) Before conducting instruction in the fall, and throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the district assures that all schools have a Health and Safety Plan approved through the process established by the Governor and that adheres to all requirements of the Governor's Executive Order. In addition, those plans are published on the schools publicly accessible website.
- b) Before conducting instruction in the fall, and throughout the 2020-2021 school year, the district assures that all schools have a Distance Learning Plan approved through the process established by the Governor and that adheres to all requirements of the Governor's Executive Order. In addition, those plans are published on the schools publicly accessible website.

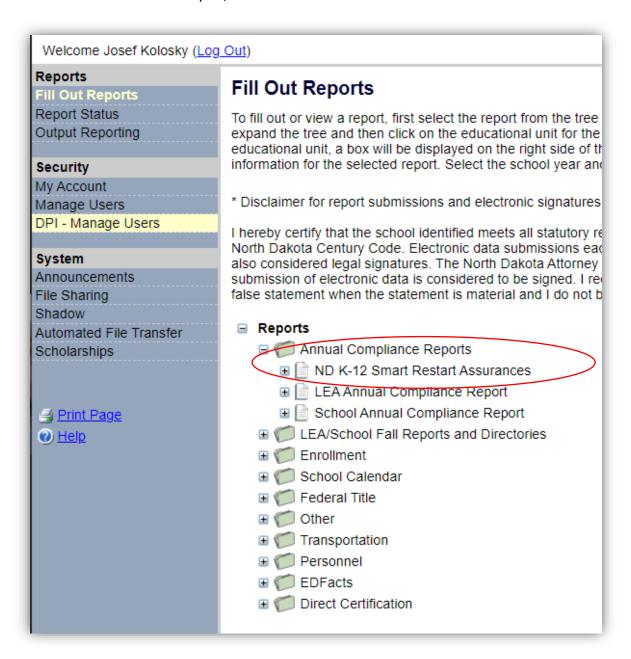
NOTE:

- Districts <u>must</u> submit the **direct** links to both plans. Links to the district's website is not acceptable.
- Districts *must* enter the date the Health and Safety plan was approved by the school board.
- In addition, districts must list the contact information of their COVID-19 Coordinator/lead.
- Lastly, LEA Annual Compliance Report <u>cannot</u> be submitted until the ND K-12 Smart Restart Assurances Report is submitted.

Below you will find screen directions on how to submit the report.

Instructions

- 1. Log into STARS.
- 2. Click 'Fill Out Reports' on the top left side of the page.
- 3. Click the 'Annual Compliance Reports' folder.
- 4. Click the 'ND K-12 Smart Restart Assurances' report.
- 5. Click 2020-2021 school year, click 'Next.'



6. Fill out report and submit:

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If you have any questions, please contact <u>Joe Kolosky</u> at (701) 328-2755.