

Addressing School Safety in 2021 and Beyond

Classrooms, playgrounds, athletic fields and other parts of school campuses are filled with students, teachers and staff again.

THE AREAS OF SCHOOL SAFETY CONCERN

School leaders across 13,000 U.S. school districts are planning for many measures. Keeping **over 56 million students** safe is one of the most challenging priorities for school leaders. The health and wellness concerns for some students are complex and long-lasting. Meanwhile, adverse events may last only minutes.



10 million–20 million children and adolescents in the U.S. have some form of **chronic illness or disability** that may last from three months to a lifetime.

8 in 10 children ages 3–17 with depression receive treatment.



83% of targeted school attacks from 2008 to 2017 were over in **five minutes or less**.

THE IMPACT OF COVID-19

School leaders will also have to continue to navigate the coronavirus. Experts are wrestling with the pandemic's toll on students, though some concerns have already appeared.

Mental health-related emergency department visits rose 24% for children ages 5 to 11 and 31% for adolescents ages 12 to 17 at one point in 2020.



Discover how you can ensure your campus community is safe, informed and engaged as they return to school.

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