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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** March 1, 2021

**TO:** Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents  
Public School Academy Directors

**FROM:** Kyle Guerrant, Deputy Superintendent <sup>KG</sup>  
Finance and Operations

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Education – *COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 1: Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools* – MEMO #COVID-19-163

This memorandum is to share the first volume of the U.S. Department of Education’s COVID-19 handbook series designed to help school districts and educators implement the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) [Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Mitigation](#), updated on February 12, 2021.

The *COVID-19 Handbook, Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools* addresses common challenges by providing resources and practical examples for reopening schools. Other volumes will follow, and the series will be updated as additional scientific evidence becomes available, including evidence related to new variants of the virus.

The *COVID-19 Handbook, Volume 1: Strategies for Safely Reopening Elementary and Secondary Schools* can be found at the following link:  
<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening.pdf>

The accompanying fact sheet for volume one can be found [here](#).

cc: Michigan Education Alliance  
Confederation of Michigan Tribal Education Directors

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