



*News from Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley & the  
MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

## **On the Desktop - June 5, 2020**

### **Required Safety Supplies for Re-Opening Schools**

Dear Superintendents, Charter School Leaders, Assistant Superintendents, Leaders of Special Education Schools, Collaborative Leaders, and Leaders of Private Schools,

With key health metrics continuing to improve in the Commonwealth and the Governor's four-part overall economic reopening plan underway, the attached guidance document is focused on one important aspect of re-opening schools: key safety supplies.

We are issuing this guidance on key safety supplies now so that districts can begin the ordering process for critical items that may be harder to procure and/or have longer potential delivery times. The document provides specific information that will allow districts and schools to make these key safety purchases as soon as possible, and we also detail the support that DESE and partner state agencies can provide to assist you with your acquisition work.

This guidance has been informed by state agency partners, professionals in the preparedness field, and district and school leaders. We will provide updated guidance as needed.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey C. Riley  
Commissioner