

Updated information from the The Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic

Hopefully, we will see each other at school soon. This is what the following days will look like:

From January 4, pre-schools have been working in the current mode, being either closed or only serving critical infrastructure/parents who can't work from home. Primary and secondary schools continue to have holidays until January 10.

From January 11, all schools will proceed with distance learning. Only pre-schools serving critical infrastructure/parents who can't work from home will be open. It is recommended that schools open school clubs mainly for the children of healthcare and critical infrastructure workers, as well as parents who can't work from home. Between January 11 and 18, dependent care benefits will be provided. It's also recommended to test all employees – the schools will be reimbursed for the cost of testing.

From January 18, pre-schools, 1st level of primary schools and special needs schools will open. The ministry of education recommends that parents and employees also be tested. Parents may still excuse their children for 5 consecutive days in these dates. If need be, a student may thereby remain at home until the end of lockdown. The second level of primary schools and secondary schools will carry on with distance learning. The final grades of secondary schools may open, provided that the students and school employees are tested as specified in the corresponding decree of the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.

After the end of lockdown, from January 25, pre-schools and 1st level of primary schools will open in the standard mode. The ministry of education recommends that parents and employees be tested. The 2nd level of primary schools will also start in-person learning, at which time the Public Health Authority shall issue a decree on the testing of 2nd level primary school students and school employees.

Secondary schools will also open, on the condition that students and school employees are tested as per the Public Health Authority decree. For this reason, mass testing has been rescheduled to January 22 – 24, 2021.

It must be emphasised that these conditions are preliminary and will depend on the developments in the situation. In addition to that, local conditions may be subject to change or adjustments by the Public Health Authority.

Further information can be found on:

<https://www.minedu.sk/minister-skolstva-b-groehling-mame-plan-na-navrat-deti-do-skol-ten-vsak-zavisi-od-aktualnej-situacie/>