Background & objectives

Building on the Framework for reopening of schools, issued by UNESCO, UNICEF, the World Bank and WFP, a webinar series has been developed to focus on support to national governments for re-opening schools amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. One of the six key dimensions for re-opening schools is well-being and protection. This webinar, the third in the series, will highlight how partners are addressing concerns related to children’s holistic well-being through presentations on mental health/psychosocial support, school health, school feeding and child protection.

Questions the webinar will address

- How can networks of care be engaged to support student well-being and learning?
- Schools are where many children receive essential services, how will things change due to COVID-19?
- What are emergent areas of practice that require more knowledge and action?
Format

This 90-minute Webinar will include 4 panelists from countries around the world. A moderator will facilitate the discussion between the presenters on the main themes. A Q&A session will follow the discussion.

Agenda

9:00 Welcome and Introductions
   Robert Jenkins
   Chief of Education, UNICEF
9:10 Panellist Presentations
   - Dr. Ashley Nemiro
     Save the Children and the MHPSS Collaborative
   - Andres Felices Sanchez
     Chief of Education, UNICEF Venezuela
   - Chris Castle
     Chief of Section for Health and Education, UNESCO
   - Carmen Burbano
     Director of School Feeding Division, World Food Program
10:00 Questions and answer session
10:25 Closing

Audience

The webinar is primarily directed to ministry of education officials, education practitioners, and other interested partners and stakeholders.

Technical platform

The webinar will be held in English with simultaneous interpretation to French, conducted through the Zoom webinar platform. The session will also be live streamed on YouTube. All links can be accessed here: https://en.unesco.org/events/joint-unesco-unicef-world-bank-webinar-series-reopening-schools