As the UN agency mandated to coordinate and lead on global education, UNESCO is tracking the evolution of COVID-19 caused closures of educational institutions and monitoring the policy responses deployed to mitigate impact. This includes tracking the timing and duration of school and university closures and the number of students affected by level of education and sex. The data on school and university closures and number of impacted learners is displayed on an interactive map. The map shows the evolution of closures since mid-February 2020, and is updated on a weekly basis. Data on the evolution of school closures is available for download. The map complements other efforts to collect timely data during the pandemic and its aftermath. These data have been widely cited in the media, and are being used by partners in their responses to the COVID-19 crisis.

### THE MAP ON SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CLOSURES

Each country is categorized in one of the following categories:

- **Country-wide closure**: Government-mandated closures of educational institutions affecting at least 70% of the student population enrolled from pre-primary through to upper secondary levels [ISCED levels 0 to 3].

- **Localized closure**: Government-mandated closures of educational institutions affecting up to 70% of the student population enrolled from pre-primary through to upper secondary levels [ISCED levels 0 to 3] either at national level, or in at least one district/region/administrative unit of an education system with a decentralized governance structure such as Federal States.

- **Open**: Governments have not closed educational institutions in the context of COVID-19, or have officially announced that schools are allowed to re-open following a localized or country-wide closure.

Notes are used throughout the map to provide supplementary information on school closures or re-openings.

UNESCO is now working towards a more accurate account of the number of school days lost, taking into account school holidays during the period of mandated closures, although these are not reflected in the map.

### NUMBER OF LEARNERS IMPACTED BY SCHOOL AND UNIVERSITY CLOSURES

- The number of learners impacted by the COVID-19 caused closures of educational institutions corresponds to enrollment figures at pre-primary, primary, secondary, tertiary levels [ISCED 0 to 3 and 5 to 8] as reported in the UNESCO Institute for Statistics Database, for those countries that have mandated country-wide closures.

- The number of learners impacted therefore does not include the learners that may have been impacted in countries with localized closures.

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