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Polis: Most schools to resume this fall

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Most schools will resume a normal schedule this fall, Gov. Jared Polis said at a Tuesday coronavirus news conference.

Schools at which an outbreak occurs may revert to remote education "for a period of time," he said.

Schools that choose hybrid models, at which students attend for some, but not all, weekdays, "need to attend to what kids do the other day or two they're not in the classroom," he added. "If they're packing the educational program into three days, four days, it could have a day care component."

The governor gave updated diagnosis and fatality numbers for the state: 28,339 diagnoses and nearly 1,300 deaths. Eleven of the past 14 days have seen a downward trend in hospitalizations, he said. But only half of the past 14 days have seen a downward trend in new cases, he added.

The state is "warily watching Utah and Arizona," both of which have seen "substantial" upticks in coronavirus cases in the past week, Polis said.

While Colorado has yet to see such a rise in cases, "it just shows how tenuous this progress is," he said.

The state will be getting more than 800 contact tracers via the AmeriCorps VISTA summer associates program, said Lt. Gov. Dianne Primavera, who attended the conference remotely.

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PPCC plans to start in-person fall classes Aug. 24 at three campuses

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Pikes Peak Community College said Tuesday that it plans to resume in-person classes at all three campuses starting Aug. 24, the first day of the fall semester.

Students will have options for in-person, online and hybrid classes, officials said.

The college also plans to provide in-person services, such as bookstores, learning commons, information technology support, computer labs, testing, advising, enrollment, accessibility services and Child Development Centers.

The three campuses will continue to follow the governor's

guidance and state and local health department COVID-19 guidelines about social distancing, facial coverings and hygienic cleaning standards of public spaces.

Plans will continue to be refined based on the latest information from public health officials as well as student input, officials said.