

DISCIPLINE & SCHOOL EXCLUSION DURING COVID-19

As schools reopen, there will be many different needs which will have to be sensitively balanced – student behavior due to disability, trauma, or other stressors, as well as the health and safety of students, families, teachers and staff.

WHO MIGHT NEED HELP?

Students having a hard time following all of the COVID-related safety precautions.

Students with behavioral challenges due to trauma related to the pandemic, or because of time away from in-person learning.

Students not allowed mask alternatives as a reasonable, health and/or disability-related accommodation

PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOUR CHILD OR A STUDENT YOU KNOW IS DISCIPLINED FOR:

- NOT FOLLOWING COVID-RELATED SAFETY PRECAUTIONS;
- BEHAVIORS RESULTING FROM SITUATIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE PANDEMIC; OR
- BEHAVIORS DUE TO TIME AWAY FROM IN-PERSON LEARNING

Massachusetts Advocates for Children Helpline at (617) 357-8431, ext. 3224, or fill out the Helpline intake form at www.massadvocates.org.

The EdLaw Project Helpline at 617-910-5827, or fill out the Helpline intake form at <http://edlawproject.org/>

Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee Intake Line at 617-338-2345, then press 4 or call 1-800-342-9092 (toll free), then press 4