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**NEW YORK CITY HAS STRONGEST PLAN TO REOPEN SCHOOLS IN THE
COUNTRY, RANKS AMONG MOST RIGOROUS IN WORLD**

New York City's reopening plan is the strongest in the country and builds upon successful plans worldwide

NEW YORK—Mayor de Blasio and Chancellor Carranza today announced the City's Back to School Scorecard. With its blended learning model, socially distanced classrooms, mandatory masks, widely available testing, and contact tracing program, the City's plan for reopening schools is the strongest in the country and among the most rigorous in the world. The City will only open schools if transmission stays below 3%, exceeding the 5% standard set by the World Health Organization and New York State.

“With our record-low infection rate, New York City is the safest major city in America,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “We’ve looked at what’s worked across the globe to create a plan for reopening schools that’s the absolute gold standard. My message to parents and our school communities cannot be clearer: we are taking every possible precaution to bring our kids back safely.”

“In a constantly changing public health landscape, one thing has always been clear: we’ll take every precaution to keep our schools safe,” said **Schools Chancellor Richard A. Carranza**. “We’re going above and beyond measures taken by the rest of the country in order to provide in-person instruction this fall, and we won’t compromise health and safety at any point.”

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