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Sarah Ramos Rivera, 6th Grade, E.L Haynes PCS. Do you think reopening schools during a global pandemic will be safe for kids? Did you know the virus spreads easily and fast which makes children at a big risk if reopening schools? Me and my family have been affected by the coronavirus. Coronavirus cases are rising and dangerous, so schools should remain virtual or go to school safely with the COVID-19 vaccine. Children's parents should have the right to give opinions on reopening schools. It is important to have opinions of guardians because it is their child's health.

To begin with, Coronavirus is dangerous if you were to send your children to school. "Households with vulnerable members would be taking a significant risk sending a child back to school before there is a vaccine," wrote author Marie Szaniszlo, in "Keep Schools Closed Until There's a Coronavirus Vaccine". This shows that if you were to send your children to school, they could get affected and pass it to their family members, which means Coronavirus cases are rising for this reason and are dangerous. Staff should go to school with the covid-19 vaccine .

Next, Coronavirus cases keep rising because of spreading, part of it would be the schools reopening and not being safe, but when taking measures it makes things safer. "Schools will have to take safety measures, like checking temperatures and limiting class sizes, to help stop the spread of the Coronavirus." wrote author Faith Karimi, in "Schools Will Need to Make These Changes to Protect Students From Coronavirus, Experts Say". This shows that schools should not reopen until all staff that are planning to go back to school receive the covid-19 vaccine to stop the spread. At the same time schools will need to take precautions like the ones listed by the Author. When schools reopen they must stay safe by taking precautions and with the covid-19 vaccine.

Finally, Coronavirus cases are rising and are dangerous, so schools should remain virtual until they can return safely with the vaccine. Additionally schools should take measures like checking temperatures and limiting class sizes, to help stop the spread of the coronavirus. One way for it to be safe before opening schools, parents, and staff should sign a form where you confirm you have taken cautions, have taken the covid-19 vaccine, and have recently gotten tested to see if you are covid free. It's important because everyone's health is at risk if it is not safe, and it hurts me for people to pass because they're not being safe. Over 2.80M people already have died, let's prevent as many deaths as we can.

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