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In the context of COVID-19, IPWSO has been asked for advice about whether children with PWS should return to schools as soon as they re-open or whether they and their families should continue to stay at home for longer than others.

Our advice is summarised here.

1. Follow the guidance that has been recommended by the authorities in your country.
2. If you have concerns about your child with PWS returning to school discuss this with your family doctor or specialist if you have one and it is possible to do so.
3. Continue in other ways to reduce the risk of catching the virus – e.g. through good hygiene and social distancing.
4. From our present knowledge, we believe that the risk factors for developing serious illness for people with PWS if they catch COVID-19 are the same as for the rest of the population - being male, being overweight, having a history of respiratory illness, having diabetes mellitus and high blood pressure are perhaps the most significant. These are the sort of issues that need to be balanced in making a decision.