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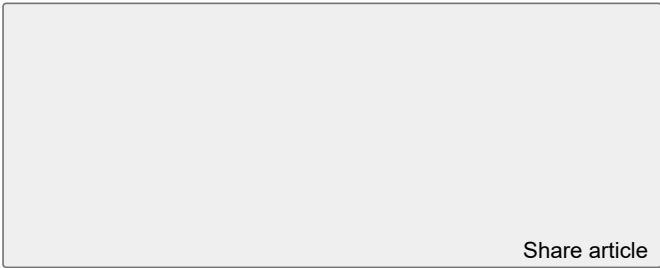
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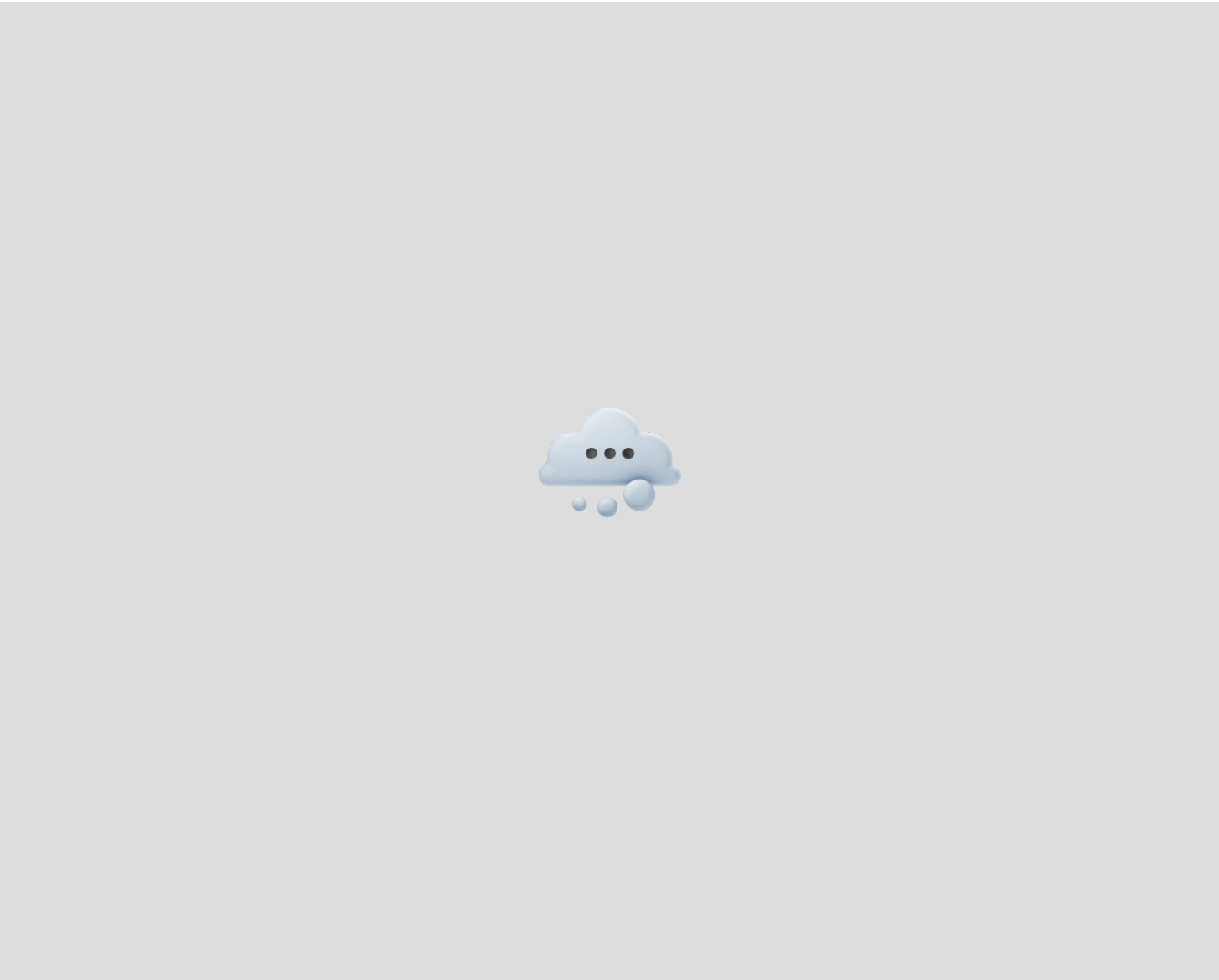
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At their peak, the closures affected at least 55.1 million students in 124,000 U.S. public and private schools. Nearly every state either ordered or recommended that schools remain closed through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

For more information, see our detailed [coverage of the pandemic and its impact on schools](#).

State-by-State Map of 2019-2020 School-Building Closures

Zoom in to see the status of individual states. Click a state to view more details.



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States That Didn’t Order or Recommend School Buildings Closed for the Academic Year

As of May 15, 2020, How Much Longer Were School Buildings Scheduled to Remain Closed?

American Samoa	Closed Until Further Notice
Bureau of Indian Education	Varies by School/District
Montana	Varies by School/District
Wyoming	Varies by School/District

State Data

Explore the table below for detailed information about closures at the state level.

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Note: Historical data includes school- and district-level data collected from 3/9/2020 to 3/25/2020 and state-level data as of 5/15/2020.

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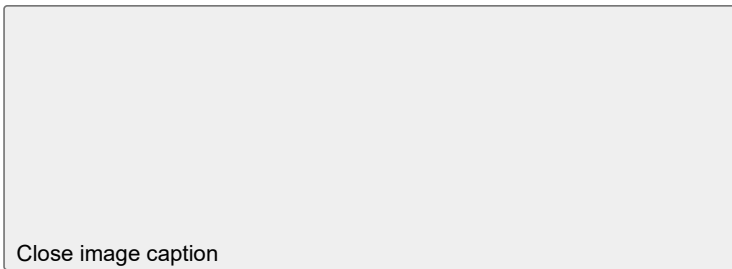
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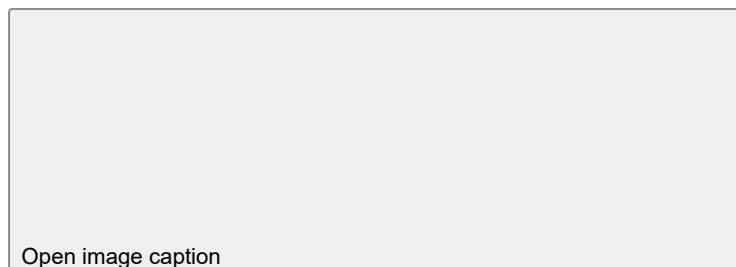
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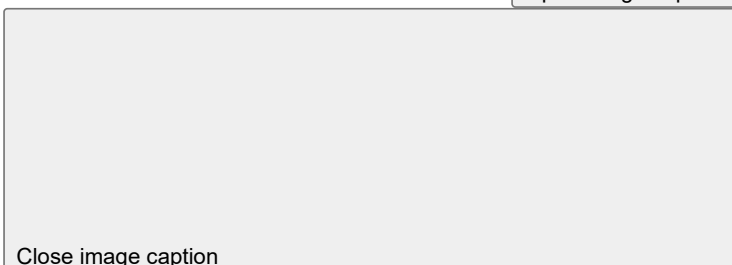
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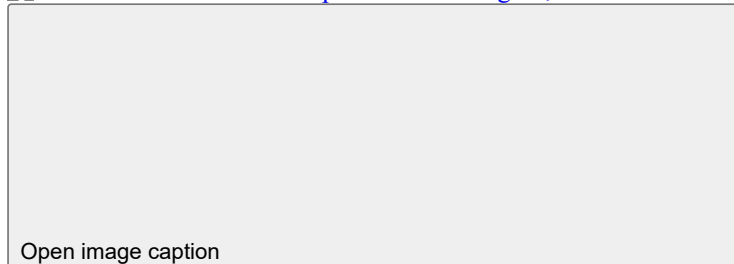
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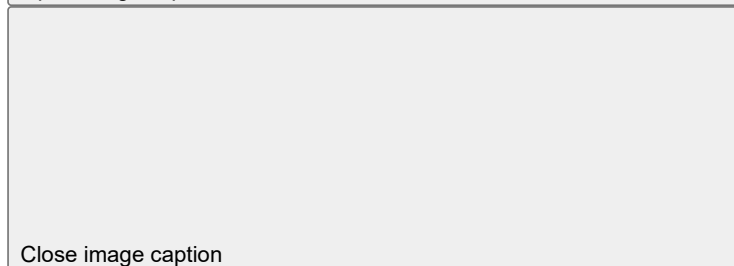
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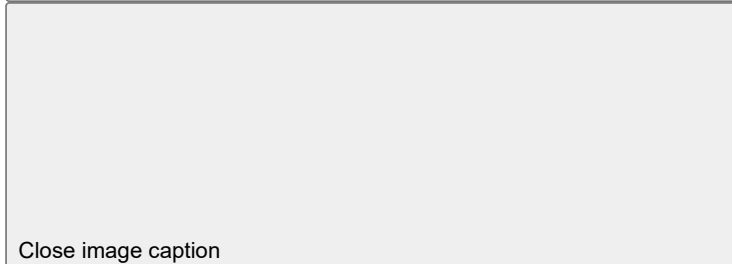
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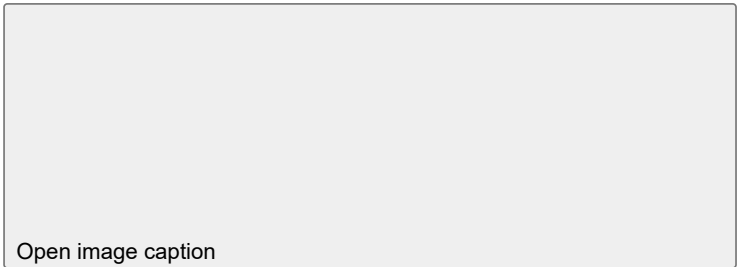
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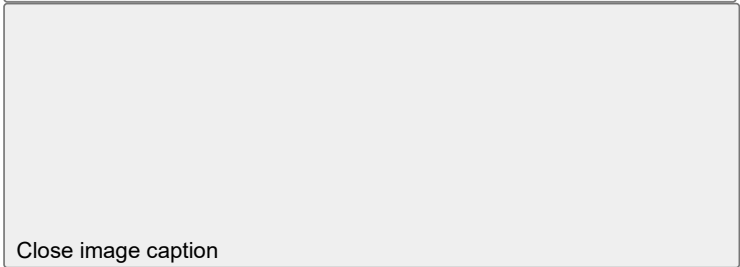
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