

## Save-The-Date

### *Returning to School: Mitigation and Mental Health Strategies*

**Wednesday, January 13, 2021**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM ET**

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#### **Attention: State and Local Education Agencies and School Health Personnel**

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), Office of Safe and Supportive Schools (OSSS), the National Center on Safe Supportive Learning Environments (NCSSE) invites you to please join a presentation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on how to optimize mitigation strategies and mental health to facilitate a safe return to schools in the new year.

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The presentation will include 1) user-friendly tools and information for schools to inform the selection and implementation of COVID-19 mitigation strategies; and 2) information about how to support and promote mental health for students and school staff, both in-person and virtually.

#### **Speakers**

**Cria Perrine, PhD**, is a Commander in the U.S. Public Health Service and an epidemiologist in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Dr. Perrine joined CDC in 2008 as part of the Epidemic Intelligence Service, CDC's front-line training program of "disease detectives." She is currently serving as the Task Force Lead for the Community Interventions and Critical Populations Task Force in CDC's COVID-19 response.

**Marci Hertz, M.S. Ed.**, Senior Behavioral Scientist, Division of Adolescent and School Health, CDC. Since 2003 Ms. Hertz has worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as a Lead Behavioral Scientist in the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control and in the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH). She is currently a Senior Behavioral Scientist in DASH focusing on promoting mental health and preventing substance use and violence in school settings.

### Registration

Everyone must register for the interactive presentation using the link below in order to gain access to the meeting room.

[https://air-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_kAeRfoqNQS63Fvq6NTLI7w](https://air-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_kAeRfoqNQS63Fvq6NTLI7w)

Please contact NCSSE if you have any questions. We look forward to sharing this information with you and hearing from you about the important work you are doing in your schools, communities, and states to meet the needs of your students and staff as they return to school either in person or virtually.

Best,  
The NCSSE Team

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