I Am Going Back To School

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The Coronavirus is a virus that has germs. Sometimes it is called COVID-19. We can get sick because of germs. Coronavirus can make some people a little sick and make some people very sick. We cannot see the germs, but they live on all things. Germs travel in the air and when we touch things.
My family and teachers wanted me to be safe and healthy, so I stayed at home.
School is open now. My teachers missed me a lot! They are still here to have fun with me, help me, and keep me safe.

Some things at school are different. When my parents take me to school, they wear a mask. I might wear a mask too. Wearing a mask is one way to keep everyone healthy.
When I get to school, I wait in line in front of the school for a teacher to ask me how I feel today and how my body feels. The teacher will also use a thermometer to check if I have a fever. If I have no fever and feel healthy, I can go to school today! I say goodbye to my parents outside. They will pick me up later. A teacher takes me inside.
Things inside school are different. My classroom might look different. Some of my teachers and friends are here at school, and some of my teachers and friends are staying at home.

We may be wearing masks but I can look at their eyes to see which teacher or friend it is. Our mouths are covered but we can still talk and laugh with each other!
Wearing a mask is one way to keep healthy. We have to do other things to keep healthy too. My teacher will remind me to wash my hands lots of times a day! I wash my hands with soap and water for 20 seconds. I can count to 20 or sing a song while I wash.
If I cough or sneeze, I use my elbow to cover my mouth. I can also use tissues to cover my mouth or to blow my nose. I remember to wash my hands after!
Giving space to my friends is another way to keep healthy. When I play, I need to give space to my friends. We cannot play next to each other and share toys anymore, but we can still talk to each other. It may feel hard sometimes, and I may feel sad, but if we practice being safe and healthy, we can still have fun!
When I eat, I can give more space to my friends. My teacher will give me my food. We can still talk when we eat.
When I line up, I can give more space to my friends. I keep my body to myself. When I rest my body, I also give lots of space to my friends. I stay on my own cot.
If I feel worried or scared or have any questions, I can ask my teachers! My teachers are here to keep me safe and healthy at school. Even though many things are different, my teachers care about me and want me to have fun at school!