

Applicant: 31 5650 West Milford
Township - Passaic

ARP Safe Return Plan ▾

Application: ARP Safe Return Plan - 00-
Cycle: Amendment 3

Project Period: 9/1/2021 -
8/31/2022

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION

(1) IN GENERAL - A local educational agency receiving funds under this section shall develop and make publicly available on the local educational agency's website, not later than 30 days after receiving the allocation of funds described in paragraph (d) (1), a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services.

2) COMMENT PERIOD.—Before making the plan described in paragraph (1) publicly available, the local educational agency shall seek public comment on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

For each mitigation strategy listed below, please describe how the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC.

LEA Response Table

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District will follow all New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Department of Health regulations. Masks will be optional during the 2023-2024 school year.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

There will be no cohorts or pods; all students will be in class every day for a full day of school.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District will encourage proper hand washing and respiratory etiquette (cover your cough, catch your sneeze)

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

District custodial and maintenance staff will continue to use commercial grade botanical (plant-based) disinfectant to clean and disinfect all our school facilities. These bleach-free, phosphate-free, non-corrosive disinfectants target broad spectrum efficacy and are used in health care facilities, hospitals, nursing homes, surgery centers, aging care facilities, etc. Specifically, they have been proven effective in killing SARS-CoV-2. All unit ventilators have been refurbished as part of a larger District-wide Energy Savings Improvement plan.

5) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District continues to collaborate with the West Milford Health Department, Passaic County Health Department, and the NJ Department of Health, and will follow all official protocols disseminated by these agencies.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Parents are strongly recommended to keep their child(ren) home from school if they present COVID-19 symptoms, following the NJ Department of Health guidance: headache, sore throat, fever of 100.4 degrees F or greater, cough, shortness of breath, chills, muscle pain, new loss of taste/smell, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, nausea, or vomiting, or diarrhea. Staff or students must wash their hands or use hand sanitizer after they cough or blow their nose; primary grade students (K-2) must be supervised when using hand sanitizer. All schools have the capability to isolate a student who presents as ill during the school day.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Not applicable

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies
([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Students with health related conditions will be accommodated after a thorough review of medical recommendations. Specific disabilities will be accommodated with IEP changes and case managers will consider the individual needs of students based on their disability and needs throughout the duration of the COVID pandemic.

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Safe Return Plan Updated

Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated

Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Students will have access to school counselors, social workers, and/or school psychologists every day they are in school. School-based mental health providers will be prepared to service students and meet their individual needs due to COVID-19 experiences. Moreover, the Child Study Team and counseling department are prepared to acknowledge the potential trauma that staff and students have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The full impact of this pandemic and the collateral consequences from isolation, fear, loss, and economic hardship, have yet to be fully realized. These challenges will be addressed through individual counseling, counseling groups, and social/emotional learning that continues to be infused into everyday school life.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District posts the agenda on its website prior to all meetings. Public comment is available twice during each Board of Education meeting.

Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The District's plan is written in a clear manner in English. Our website has a translation feature, however translation of the plan will be made available to community members upon request.

Briefly describe any guidance, professional learning, and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Staff members are always encouraged to seek professional development opportunities and are supported in attaining this professional enrichment through scheduling and allocation of fiscal resources. In addition, the District seeks wide spread professional and technical assistance through professional consultation, department and school common planning, ad frequent staff surveys that are used to gauge staff comfort and/or expertise concerning various initiatives.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By: