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Ocean

ARP Safe Return Plan ▾

Application: ARP Safe Return Plan - 00-

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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)

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year the school district followed the CDC and NJDOH guidance as well as the requirement of the Governor's Executive Orders regarding the universal wearing of masks. For any student, staff member or visitor who did not have a mask the school district had masks available for distribution and use. Posters indicating the correct wearing of masks were posted throughout the school district and compliance was enforced by district administration observations. With the execution of Executive Order 251 on August 6, 2021, Governor Murphy is requiring all school occupants to wear masks. If/when EO 251 is rescinded or expires during the 2021-2022 school year the wearing of masks will not be mandatory but will be optional for those students or staff that choose to wear a mask. No student or staff member will be penalized for going beyond the requirements for their own personal use.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

Throughout the 2020-2021 school year the school district followed the CDC and NJDOH guidance as well as the requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders regarding social distancing. Student were in cohort groups by school building. For the 2021-2022 school year the school district anticipates a return to the normal school day format in existence prior to March 13, 2020 with no requirement for physical distancing.

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

The school district will continue to ensure that adequate handwashing facilities are available and operational throughout the district for use by students, staff and visitors. Hand sanitizer stations will continue as deemed necessary throughout the school district. Normal operational reminders regarding respiratory etiquette will continue throughout the school year. Students and staff will continue to be encouraged to stay home when sick.

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

The school district will continue to clean and disinfect the school facilities with the most sustainable effective EPA approved cleaning/disinfection products available for the task.

The school district will continue to maintain its ventilation systems, including filter replacement schedule, to maximize available fresh air supplies within the buildings. The school district will continue to investigate promising technologies for improvement and will continue to invest in updating HVAC equipment.

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)

With the expiration of the Executive Orders the school district will follow any statutory requirements regarding contact tracing or quarantining that are in effect during the 2021-2022 school year. In the absence of statutory requirements, contact tracing and school mandated quarantining will not occur.

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

The school district will continue to direct staff and parents of students toward local health providers for any health screening needs.

The school district joined the New Jersey Department of Health Consortium through which unvaccinated employees are tested weekly.

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

The school district has partnered with the Ocean County Department of Health to host a community vaccination site in the Middle School. Any staff, student and/or community members who desire to be vaccinated can obtain a vaccination and/or booster at this site.

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

The District will continue to provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities who are medically fragile students and/or students with physical or health impairments. The District will continue to communicate frequently with individual families of students with significant medical risk factors to determine if additional precautions or unique measures are necessary prior to a student's safe return to school in-person.