

Hope Township School District American Rescue Plan

ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief)

Reopening Plan

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PURPOSE

We will support our school by implementing, to the greatest extent practicable, prevention and mitigation policies in line with the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for the reopening and operation of our school facilities to effectively maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff;

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Reason for the Plan

Every school in the state that has received federal ESSER funding is required to complete and modify this plan as necessary as part of the funding criteria entering the 2021-2022 school year.

It is our mission and responsibility to continue to provide a welcoming and safe environment for all of our students and staff members during the ongoing global COVID pandemic.

What is required in the Plan and the Timeline for the Plan

- 8 items that center on “Maintaining Health and Safety” that will be discussed further in the presentation
- How we will ensure the continuation of services.

Let's learn more and discuss the 8 items!

1. Universal and correct wearing of masks

Masks will be worn by all students and staff on the bus and while on school grounds (inside the building) during school hours in accordance with the Governor's Executive order #251 issued on August 6, 2021

The following guidance will be taught and implemented for universal and correct wearing of masks as necessary:

- Make sure your mask fits snugly against your face
- Pick a mask with layers to keep your respiratory droplets in and others' out
- Check that the mask fits snugly over your nose, mouth, and chin
- Make sure you can see and breathe easily

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

- The district will follow all current guidance from the NJDOH and CDC. Currently 3 feet of separation is RECOMMENDED
- Students and staff will be encouraged to keep at least three feet of separation from each other.
- All of our students will return to school in-person as ordered by the Governor. Virtual learning will not be offered, once again by the Governor's order.

3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

- Students and staff will continue to be reminded to cover their mouth and nose with a tissue when they cough or sneeze and to throw used tissues in the trash
- Staff members and the school nurse will demonstrate and model the proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette practices as well
- Visual signs and posters will continue be displayed throughout the school building to promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette

4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

- High-touch surfaces and high traffic areas will be cleaned daily
- Classroom garbage cans will be emptied multiple times a day by the custodial team
- Classrooms and common areas will be cleaned and sanitized daily by the custodial staff
- The electrostatic sprayer will continue to be used nightly after the students and staff have vacated the building for the evening
- The head custodian/facilities manager, school nurse and CSA will continue to review and update the cleaning plan as necessary
- HVAC settings will maximize ventilation. Filters will be changed every 3 to 6 months
- Windows and doors will be opened as appropriate to improve ventilation
- **Classes will be encouraged to go outside to utilize our learning spaces**
- Students will have daily outside recess and PE class weather permitting

5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments

The school nurse will continue to work with the WCDOH to ensure that all of the current guidance in regards to contact tracing, isolation and quarantine are being followed within our district.

The CSA will continue to participate in county superintendent roundtable meetings where a member of the health department is always available to give current updates and provide guidance

6. Diagnostic and screening testing

- A viral or antibody test will be required by a student or staff member at the request of the school nurse to return to school after testing positive
- Locally, we will continue with temporal checks and daily check-ins conducted by our school nurse and appropriately trained staff
- We will continue to rely on our parents/guardians to keep their children home from school if ill or not feeling well

7. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

- All teachers and school staff members vaccination status will be verified with proof of their vaccination card. This information will be stored confidentially in the school nurse's office
- The district will continue to provide our staff with information on where and how to get vaccinated locally **as all non-vaccinated teachers and staff members will be required to be fully vaccinated by October 18, 2021 as per the Governor's order.**
- **All non-vaccinated teachers and school staff will be subject to at least weekly testing as per the Governor's order**
- Information will be made available for our student population that meets the current age criteria to be vaccinated as well

8. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

- All children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies will be provided the appropriate accommodations as identified in their IEP or Section 504 health plan
- Consultations will take place with the CSA, school nurse, CST, parent/guardian and Section 504 coordinator, as appropriate, to ensure that all health and safety policies are being met and updated

Ensuring Continuation of Services

- ESY, Summer Academic Skills Camp and Project Based learning camps have been offered this summer. This gave every student the opportunity to continue their education over the summer months at no cost to families or the district
- SEL will continue to be organically implemented into our curricular lessons
- Positive school wide themes will continue to boost student and staff morale
- The school guidance counselor and other members of the CST will continue to be available to assist any student or staff needs as they arise
- MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Supports) and wraparound supports will also continue to be offered as needed or deemed necessary

THE END

QUESTIONS?

THOUGHTS?

CONTRIBUTIONS to the PLAN?