LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This document is intended to meet the federal statutory requirement that, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER LEA allocation (anticipated May 24th), an LEA shall publish an LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services, which is often called a “school district reopening plan.”

Note, if an LEA developed a plan before The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements below, then the LEA must revise its plan no later than six months after receiving ARP ESSER funds.


I. General Information

1. LEA Name: Croydon School District

2. Date of Publication: June 2, 2021

II. Transparency and Accessibility

1. This plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services was published and made publicly available online here:
Description: Class DoJo, Croydon School District. Croydon School district Web Site

2. Before making the plan publicly available, the LEA sought public comment on the plan and took such comments into account in the development of the plan (please check one).
Yes: 
Somewhat: 
No: 
Description: Continual discussions have taken place with our Parent Teacher Organization and through Class DoJo.

3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
Yes: 
Somewhat: 
No: 
Description: It is a written revision of our ongoing plan. Our school has been in full-time person to person operation throughout the 2020-2021 school year.

4. The plan, to the extent practicable, is written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated (please check one):
Yes: 
Somewhat: 
No: 
Description: Basic English. We do not have any other languages present at our school.

5. The plan, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, is provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent (please check one):
Yes: 
Somewhat: 
No: 
Description: Absolutely. We will read it, print in large print, etc., as needed.
III. Health and Safety

1. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff:

Description during SY20-21: We have follow all HHS and CDC guidelines as well as recommendations from the Department of Education.

Description during SY21-22: We will continue to follow all recommendations from HHS and the CDC as well as all recommendations from our State Department of Education.

2. The LEA’s adoption of the following CDC health and safety strategies are described below:
(Note federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.)

a. Universal and correct wearing of masks:
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - Description of both SYs: Masks are worn when individuals are within 6 feet of each other and in a confined space. This is the same in both years.

b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying facilities):
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - Description of both SYs: All instructional desks and work areas are physically separated by 6 feet. We will continue this as long as it is recommended.

c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - Description of both SYs: Students and staff were instructed in proper handwashing and will be again in 2021. Each desk has sanitizer present. Facemasks are worn when close to ano

d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: □ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☑
   - During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: □ Somewhat: ☑ No: ☑
   - Description of both SYs: This area is difficult, but we have opened windows, used air purifiers, purchase n95-13 filters. Our two buildings are very old and this is an area where we

e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, and/or Tribal health departments:
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - Description of both SYs: We meet all requests and requirements. We did not have any incidents to contact trace this past year.

f. Diagnostic and screening testing:
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☑ Somewhat: □ No: □
   - Description of both SYs: Students and staff with symptoms or who were in close contact were required to get tested and quarantine this past year. This will continue into 2021-2022.

g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:
   - During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: □ Somewhat: ☑ No: □
During SY21-22 (check one):  Yes: ☐  Somewhat: ☑  No: ☐
Description of both SYs:  
We provided our staff the opportunity to participate in a community event for school personnel. Our students are too young to be vaccinated.

h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:
During SY20-21 (check one):  Yes: ☑  Somewhat: ☐  No: ☐
During SY21-22 (check one):  Yes: ☑  Somewhat: ☐  No: ☐
Description of both SYs:  We have existing policies but they need and will be reviewed.

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
Description during SY20-21:  We developed remote capability for students who were not able to attend school. We are very small with lots of space and were able to safely keep our school open.
Description during SY21-22:  We will continue to keep our school open for person to person instruction and provide remote instruction opportunities for anyone not attending.

2. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student social, emotional, mental, and other health needs, which may include student health and food services:
Description during SY20-21:  We have used the "Choose Love" curriculum for SEL support. We purchase lunches for all of our students and arranged to deliver food to a family with a need.
Description during SY21-22:  We will continue to support children and families with the Choose Love curriculum for SEL learning and assist families in finding food and shelter resources as needed.

3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:
Description during SY20-21:  Yes, we have continually communicated both to staff and families about our services and abilities to help if needed. We were able to keep our school open.
Description during SY21-22:  We will continue to communicate on a regular basis with our families and provide assistance to get referrals to agencies as needed if needed.

V. Plan Review

1. The LEA will meet the federal regulatory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 30, 2023 (the award period including the Tydings period). (Note an LEA that developed a plan before ARPA was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements above must revise its plan no later than six months after the LEA receives LEA ESSER funds.)
Yes: ☐  No: ☐
Description:  We are currently in the review process.
2. In doing so, the LEA will meet the federal statutory requirement to seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan.

Yes: ☐  No: ☐

Description: We continually communicate with the Parent Teacher Organization and obtain input and support as well as directly request input through regular principal / family communications.

3. In doing so, the LEA will also meet the federal regulatory requirement to address CDC safety recommendations and, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated CDC safety recommendations. (Note federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.) Yes: ☐  No: ☐

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Description: We monitor these sources of regulations constantly and update our practice accordingly.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent’s Signature:  

Date:  

June 18, 2021