

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

For further context, please reference ARPA (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>) or the Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>).

I. General Information

1. LEA Name: Hampton School District, SAU 90
2. Date of Publication: December 20, 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: Ongoing communication with stakeholders at our monthly school board meeting. This is a standing agenda item. Final plan has been posted on our website.
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: School Board Meeting December 14
3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description: It is on our website in a powerpoint format.
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: The plan is written clearly in understanding format.
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: We are always available to assist families, answer questions, or provide more information.

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: Following CDC Guidelines with masking, social distancing (6 feet), cleaning/sanitizing, hygiene, and screeners.

Description during SY21-22: Following CDC Guidelines with masking, social distancing (3 feet), cleaning/sanitizing, hygiene, and screeners.

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: When we are in the red zone masks are required, when we are in the yellow zone masks are recommended, and when we are in the green zone masks are optional.

- 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: Physical distancing to the greatest extent possible. This year, students are 3 feet apart and when eating 6 feet apart. We encourage the use of cohorts, pod Lunch continues to be in the classroom except at the middle school where there is more space.

- 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: Before and after lunch, snacks, bathroom use. Before and after recess.

- 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: In-depth cleaning and improvement of ventilation.

- 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: As required by CDC/DHHS

- 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: This year, the screeners are required but this is on an honor system. Parents and staff should refrain from entering the school if they are sick.

- 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: All staff and students have been offered vaccines through Hampton Fire and Rescue.

- 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: All students will receive appropriate accommodations in accordance with IEPs. Due to high numbers of

COVID-19 in December, Students medically compromised were offered a remote option 8 days prior to the break and 10 days following the break

- i. Coordination with state and local health officials (please check one):

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐

Description of both SYs: We continue to work with state and local officials, including DHHS, NH DOE, etc.

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:

Description during SY20-21: All students received a free and appropriate education.

Description during SY21-22: All students will continue to receive a free and appropriate education.

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 partnered with our Outreach Worker, school nurses, and mental health team to ensure all needs are being met.

Description during SY21-22: We will continue to partner with our Outreach Worker, school nurses, and mental health team to ensure all needs continue to be met.

3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:

Description during SY20-21: We have continued to work with our staff, school nurses, and mental health team to ensure we are addressing staff' social, emotional, mental, and other health needs

Description during SY21-22: We continue to work with our staff, school nurses, and mental health team to ensure we are addressing staff' social, emotional, mental, and other health needs. Additionally we are working with Consultant Mike Anderson on SEL in the classroom.

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 continue to seek out feedback from our stakeholders on a monthly basis. This is a standing agenda item on our school board report. Parents and the community are invited for public comment.

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 are making changes as needed. For example, when parents requested support for our medically fragile students, we offered a remote option so that these students could participate and have access just before the holiday break and after the break when cases were high.

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: ☐

Description: Just as we add layers for protection with the remote option, we are hoping that as transmission numbers decline, we can reduce layers of protection. All of this is guided by our plans and transmission numbers. Our first priority is in-person learning.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent's Signature:

Date:

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12/21/2021