

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: _____ Kreiva Academy Public Charter School _____
2. Date of Publication: _____ January 21, 2022 _____

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: _____ available on school 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:
Description: ____ Family and student surveys were gathered throughout SY 2020-2021 and families have provided continued/ongoing feedback during 2021-2022
3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
Yes:
Description: ____ The plan is in a simple 4 page format that was a slimmed down version of our 2020-2021 reopening plan. A simple matrix is used to guide decision making.
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:
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: In the event a translation is needed one will be provided

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: screening, social distancing, cohorting, contact tracing, enhanced cleaning, modified schedules, improved ventilation, outdoor breaks

Description during SY21-22: improved ventilation, classroom spacing and reduced class rosters, outdoor breaks, contact tracing when necessary, PSA's reminding parents of symptoms of Covid and keeping children at home when/if symptomatic

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 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes

Description of both SYs: SY 2020-21 masks were required indoors, SY 2021-22 masks are required indoors.

- b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying facilities):

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes During SY21-22 (check one): Yes

SY 20-21- social distancing, cohorts, reduced class sizes, facilities changes were all in use
SY 2021-22- reduction of size of class rosters, classroom seating spaced to facilitate 3 foot social distancing, lunch in classrooms with smaller groups versus cafeteria during periods of substantial community transmission.

- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes During SY21-22 (check one): Yes

Description of both SYs: Both years- Hand sanitizing stations outside of each classroom, cover mouth in elbow when coughing or sneezing

- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes During SY21-22 (check one): Yes

Description of both SYs: Both years- Portable air filtration units were placed in every classroom, windows and doors were opened to improve air flow.

- 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 During SY21-22 (check one): Somewhat

Description of both SYs: SY 2020-21- Strict contact tracing in coordination with NH HHS used throughout the SY. SY 2021-2022- Contact tracing will occur but there will no longer be school based quarantine requirements.

- f. Diagnostic and screening testing:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes During SY21-22 (check one): Yes

Description of both SYs: SY2020-21- temps and questionnaire used SY 2021-2022 temps and questionnaire used, Binax testing available to students and staff with consent on file

- g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:

During SY20-21 (check one): No: During SY21-22 Yes, hosted an onsite vaccination clinic in August 2021

Description of both SYs: Vaccinations were not provided but were encouraged through the use of social media and email.

h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes During SY21-22 (check one): Yes:

Description of both SYs: both SY's Accommodations are made for any student's health and safety needs with medical documentation.

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

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes During SY21-22 (check one): Yes

Description of both SYs: SY 2020-2021 Through weekly meetings, public health announcements and guidance as well as direct coordination with NH HHS. SY 2021-22 continue to receive guidance and direction from NH HHS.

IV. Continuity of Services

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

During SY20-21: During online phase student services were provided through remote means, once school operated in Hybrid mode, students could receive services either online or in person.

Description during SY21-22: Students will receive services in person unless an occurrence of uncontrolled community transmission, Emergency Order Declared by Governor, or Staff Shortage. If any of these conditions necessitate a shift from in-person instruction, remote learning will be offered in a targeted manner and be only for a limited amount of time until conditions improve so that in-person instruction can resume.

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: School counselor on staff, meeting virtually throughout the year, school staff helping families navigate social services. Partnership with United Way for Weekend Bag of food.

Description during SY21-22: School counselor on staff, meeting in person throughout the year, school staff helping families navigate social services. Partnership with United Way for Weekend Bag of food.

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

Description during SY20-21: Time provided to staff to meet personal health needs, flexibility with working remotely when possible, referrals to support services, open communication

Description during SY21-22: Time provided to staff to meet personal health needs, referrals to support services, open communication

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

Description: Reopening Plan will be emailed to community and remain posted for feedback. Plan will be

reviewed the 2nd week of August and approved at the Aug 11 Board meeting and any shifts to mode of instruction will be reviewed by the Kreiva Board of Trustees.

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.

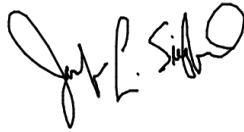
Yes: Description: through posting the plan on the Kreiva website for public feedback and public board meetings

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: Description: Kreiva will continue to use the latest guidance from CDC and NH HHS in its decision making process in relation to Covid.

VI. Authorization



LEA Superintendent's Signature: Date: 1/21/22

VIII. Appendices

Appendix A. ARPA Statutory Excerpt

“(i) 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.

(3) PREVIOUS PLANS.—If a local educational agency has developed a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction before the date of enactment of this Act that meets the requirements described in paragraphs (1) and (2), such plan shall be deemed to satisfy the requirements under this subsection.”

Appendix B. Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER Excerpt

“(3) *LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services.*

(a) An LEA must describe in its plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services—

(i) how it 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:

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks.

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (*e.g.*, use of cohorts/ podding).

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

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

(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

(ii) how it 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.

(b) (i) During the period of the ARP ESSER award established in section 2001(a) of the ARP Act, an LEA must regularly, but no less frequently than every six months (taking into consideration the timing of significant changes to CDC guidance on reopening schools), review and, as appropriate, revise its plan for the safe return to in person instruction and continuity of services.

(ii) In determining whether revisions are necessary, and in making any revisions, the LEA must seek public input and take such input into account.

(iii) If at the time the LEA revises its plan the CDC has updated its guidance on reopening schools, the revised plan must address the extent to which the LEA has adopted policies, and describe any such policies, for each of the updated safety recommendations.

(c) If an LEA developed a plan prior to enactment of the ARP Act that meets the statutory requirements of section 2001(i)(1) and (2) of the ARP Act but does not address all the requirements in paragraph (a), the LEA must, pursuant to paragraph (b), revise and post its plan no later than six months after receiving its ARP ESSER funds to meet the requirements in paragraph (a).

(d) An LEA's plan under section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services must be—

(i) In an understandable and uniform format;

(ii) To the extent practicable, written in a language that parents can understand or, if it is not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, be orally translated for such parent; and

(iii) Upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent.”