

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: Madison School District
2. Date of Publication: 8.3.2020

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: Yes on our school website: www.madison.k12.nh.us
The proposed plan was sent to all parents via Blackboard Connect contact system on 7.29.2020 with an invitation to the board meeting for its discussion.
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: A survey was sent to all parents and staff on May 28.
3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
 Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
 Description: Available on Google Drive and also emailed as a pdf.
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: _____
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 have not had this request, but are able to accomodate any such requests.

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: Refer to Re-Entry Plan for details. Madison School District complied with all NH DHHS guidelines.

Description during SY21-22: We will use similar strategies listed above, some restrictions may be relaxed based on guidance from NH DHHS and school community surveys/input.

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: 20-21 we required face masks when less than 6 feet of physical distancing. Alternatives were allowed based on medical documentation.

21-22 We will continue to monitor guidance and will work with our task force in the summer to develop a plan for approval from school board in Aug. 2021.

- 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:

21-22 We will continue to monitor guidance and will work with our task force in the summer to develop a plan for approval from school board in Aug. 2021.

- 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:

21-22 We will continue to monitor guidance and will work with our task force in the summer to develop a plan for approval from school board in Aug. 2021.

- 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: 21-22 We will continue to monitor guidance and will work with our task force in the summer to develop a plan for approval from school board in Aug. 2021.

We expect in 21-22 to upgrade our older HVAC systems so that they can be more efficient and improve ventilation in our frequently occupied areas.

- 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 anticipate doing the same thing in 21-22 following NH DHHS guidelines.

- 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: 20-21: We asked parents to screen at home. Staff self-screened and reported it in a Google Form.

When a staff member or student was symptomatic either at home or at school, they were excluded from school until a negative COVID test or a doctor's note was provided.

- 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: 21-22 SAU 13 coordinated a staff vaccine clinic that was offered to staff. We used one of our Governor's Days so that staff were available for vaccination.
 SAU 13 also coordinated a student vaccination clinic for those who were 12 and older. We anticipate in 21-22 we will follow the guidance of NH DHHS and do what we can to support the health of our staff and students.

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: _____

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: _____

IV. Continuity of Services

- The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:
 Description during SY20-21: School has been open to full-time in-person learning since Aug. 2020. A remote option was available. We increased our RTI support, provided before/after school tutoring.
 Description during SY21-22: We will add a classroom teacher to reduce class sizes, continue with a full-time RTI teacher, continue to provide tutoring services.
- 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: Meals were delivered in the Spring 2020. Our school counselor has taken a lead role in providing instruction in the fall to support students. She meets regularly with students individually and in small groups to provide additional support. We contracted with a social worker 1 day/week to provide additional support to students and families. End 68 Hours of Hunger food bags were given to students each week.
 Description during SY21-22: We anticipate similar strategies as stated above and will increase our student support position to full-time to provide additional support to students.
- The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:
 Description during SY20-21: Staff were provided common planning time on Tuesday afternoons, a personalized PLC for teaching staff was offered, flexibility to work from home when appropriate was offered to staff.
 Description during SY21-22: We will continue to assess the needs of our staff and provide supports including Responsive Classroom training and instructional coaching support.

V. Plan Review

- 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: The plan is reviewed and discussed at each monthly school board meeting. Any changes that need to be made based on NH DHHS guidance is presented at these meetings.

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: The monthly school board meetings have public comments on the agenda to listen to stakeholder concerns. The parents and staff are able to communicate with the building principal to share any concerns as well. The task force will conduct additional surveys this summer as the re-entry plan is modified to reflect current guidance and COVID regional status.

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: The task force presents and discusses all updates from CDC and NH DHHS. Any proposed changes are brought to the school board for approval.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent's Signature:

Meredith Wood

Date:

6/3/21