

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: Mountain Village Charter School of Plymouth (MVCS)
2. Date of Publication: August 15, 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: The original plan, now under revision, was published August 15, 2020, after an extensive public input process. It is available on the MVCS website: <https://www.mountainvillagecharterschool.org/covid19>
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: Public announcements via email, board minutes and social media, public advisory board composed of parents, medical professionals, staff and others. Held two public comment periods in person and via zoom.
3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
Yes: ☒ Somewhat: ☐ No: ☐
Description: The plan follows the template provided by the state DOE
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 in English, the dominant language of all of our families. However, the LEA is ready to provide oral translation for any family that needs it.
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: The plan can be provided as a recorded sound file for the visually impaired.

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: Indoor ventilation improvements; Indoor air filtration systems; Universal masking; Daily facility cleanings; Physical distancing with classroom cohorts and workspace spacing; Prioritized outdoor instruction; Proper hygiene with handwashing stations; Daily health screenings

Description during SY21-22: Indoor ventilation improvements; Indoor air filtration systems; Prioritized outdoor instruction; Proper hygiene with handwashing stations;

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: SY20-21: Universal Masking SY21-22: No masking except in specific circumstances

- 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: SY20-21: Cohorting, classroom reorganizations, deliberate spacing plans; SY21-22: None

- 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: SY20-21: Handwashing stations, sanitizer stations, classroom education; SY21-22: Same

- 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: SY20-21: emphasize outdoor teaching spaces, increased indoor ventilation, air purification machines in all classrooms, daily professional facility cleanings; SY21-22: Same as previous year, except decreased professional cleanings to 2x/week

- 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: SY20-21: Follow all NH DHHS Guidelines regarding contact tracing, isolation and quarantine; SY21-22: Same

- 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: SY20-21: Daily health questionnaire for all students, temperature checks upon arrival; SY21-22: None

- 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: SY20-21: School facilitated connection for staff to local health authority for vaccinations, and promoted vaccination opportunity for students of eligible age; SY21-22: Same

- 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: SY20-21: MVCS provided all required and appropriate accommodations for children with documented disabilities; SY21-22: Same

- 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: SY20-21: MVCS coordinated with NH DHHS and DOE and carefully read all public health bulletins; SY21-22: Same

IV. Continuity of Services

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

Description during SY20-21: MVCS provided in-person instruction for all students whose families chose this (92.3%), and provided referrals to VLACS for those who wanted a remote option (7.7%). There was zero disruption of services in SY20-21.

Description during SY21-22: MVCS will provide in-person instruction for all students in SY21-22

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: All MVCS student support programs operated normally in the 20-21 SY

Description during SY21-22: All MVCS student support programs will operated normally in the 21-22 SY

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

Description during SY20-21: All MVCS Staff support resources remained in place or were enhanced during the 20-21 SY

Description during SY21-22: All MVCS Staff support resources will remain in place at the current level during the 20-21 SY

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: The LEA will hold public comment periods for this plan in conjunction with its monthly school board meeting at least twice in 2021, and twice prior to September 30, 2023

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 LEA will convene a special advisory board during the summer of 2021, and will also hold at least two public comment sessions in this same time.

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 LEA will remain informed of all CDC safety recommendations and reconsider its plan in light of these when they are updated.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent's Signature:

Anna (Katy) Gault

Date:

6/8/2021