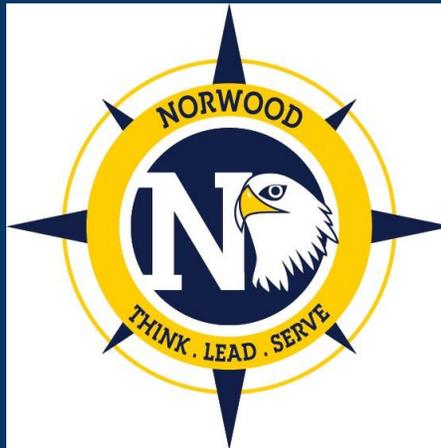


# NORWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOL

PLAN FOR SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION  
AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICES



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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## Norwood Public School

# Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(i)

### Introduction and Background

As announced in the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE)'s [April 28, 2021 broadcast](#), in March 2021 President Biden signed the Federal [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Act](#), Public Law 117-2, into law. The ARP Act provides an additional \$122 billion in Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) to States and school districts to help safely reopen, sustain the safe operation of schools, and address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the nation's students. As with the previous ESSER funds available under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA), the purpose of the additional funding is to support local educational agencies (LEAs) in preparing for and responding to the impacts of COVID-19 on educators, students, and families. Additional information on ARP ESSER may be found in the NJDOE's [funding comparison fact sheet](#).

Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires each LEA that receives ARP ESSER funds to develop and make publicly available on the LEA's website, no later than 30 days after receiving ARP ESSER funds, a plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools (Safe Return Plan) A Safe Return Plan is required of all fund recipients, including those that have already returned to in-person instruction. Section 2001(i)(2) of the ARP Act further requires that the LEA seek public comment on the Safe Return Plan and take those comments into account in finalization of the Safe Return Plan. Under the interim final requirements published in [Volume 86, No. 76 of the Federal Register](#) by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE), an LEA must periodically, but no less frequently than every six months through September 30, 2023, review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return Plan.

Pursuant to those requirements, **LEAs must submit to the NJDOE and post on their website their Safe Return Plans by June 24, 2021.** The NJDOE intends to make LEA ARP ESSER Fund applications available in EWEG on May 24, 2021 and LEAs will submit their Safe Return Plans to the NJDOE via EWEG. To assist LEAs with the development of their Safe Return Plans, the NJDOE is providing the following template.

This template incorporates the federally-required components of the Safe Return Plan. The questions in the template below will be included in the LEA ARP ESSER Fund application in EWEG. LEAs will submit responses to the questions within the LEA ARP ESSER Fund application in EWEG by June 24, 2021. The NJDOE hopes that this template will allow LEAs to effectively plan for that submission and to easily post the information to their websites as required by the ARP Act.

Note that on May 17, 2021, Governor Murphy [announced](#) that upon the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year, portions of Executive Order 175 allowing remote learning will be rescinded, meaning that schools will be required to provide full-day, in-person instruction, as they were prior to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. The NJDOE and New Jersey Department of Health will share additional information regarding State requirements or guidance for health and safety protocols for the 2021-2022 school year as it becomes available.

## Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

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**LEA Name: Norwood Public School**

**Date (06/08/2021):**

**Date Revised (mm/dd/yyyy):**

### 1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), please describe how the LEA 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.

Universal and correct wearing of masks **753**

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year. Currently, all staff and students will be expected to wear face masks in compliance with current Federal, State, and Local guidelines. All students and staff will be expected to wear them at all times, unless exempt due to personal health needs (medical documentation will be required). Students and staff would also be able to elect to wear face shields in addition to facemasks. Reminders for following face covering guidelines will be reinforced through email and signage to staff, and through cues and signage for students and any community visitors.

Physical Distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding) 878

Physical Distancing guidelines will reflect Federal, State, and Local guidance. Students and staff will be expected to maintain social distancing requirements at all times and in all areas of the school, as appropriate. Students will remain in grade level cohorts for lunch and one-way hallways will remain in place to facilitate movement in the building.

The use and sharing of equipment and supplies will remain limited. Should materials be shared, the equipment or supplies will be cleaned or disinfected between usage.

A waiting area for the Health Office will continue to be employed as well as limiting the amount of students allowed to use restroom facilities at one time.

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette 833

Sanitation stations will be provided across the building and in every classroom with additional stations at exits and entrances, outside restroom, cafeteria, APR, and gym. All sinks will be supplied with paper towels and handsoap for effective cleaning. Soap dispensers and hand dryers are available in all sink locations. Cues and signage will be used as reminders for hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette and are posted in classrooms, hallways, and bathrooms. Students are expected to wash hands frequently including after snack, physical activity, sharing materials, use of the bathroom, and as needed for coughing and sneezing.

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation 985

The custodial team will continue regular daily cleaning practices of nightly sanitizing/disinfecting of all areas; sanitizing/disinfecting areas during the day as needed and as frequently as possible; and routine cleaning/sanitizing of bathrooms will occur throughout the day. The custodial team will use electrostatic sprayers to efficiently and effectively sanitize and disinfect all public areas.

Windows will remain open to provide air circulation in conjunction with mechanical ventilation. Classroom unit ventilators, fans and central air conditioning systems will circulate air and will be adjusted to bring as much fresh air as practical into the building. Air filters will be reviewed and replaced as needed and mechanical ventilation will be utilized in all windowless classrooms.

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, Local, Territorial, or Tribal Health Departments 500

The school will rely on the guidance department and school nurse to facilitate contact tracing and contact families in conjunction with the Bergen County Health Department. Quarantine will be required for all staff and students exposed to COVID-19 following the latest guidelines and public health directives

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

F. Diagnostic and screening testing 734

Students and staff will complete an online daily health screen through Realtime prior to arrival each day. Results will be monitored by the school nurse. Any student or staff member who has not completed the screening will be evaluated by the nurse and have their temperature taken.

Students will be visually screened by staff before entering the school and throughout the day. Any student exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be safely and respectfully isolated from others and the nurse will be immediately informed to take next steps.

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies 789

The Child Study Team will review all IEPs and 504s to ensure that required modifications and accommodations are delivered in a manner that follows the current health and safety guidelines. IEP teams continue to monitor student progress and assess growth by collecting data and completing goals and objectives within each IEP. Interventions will be time sensitive and the effectiveness will be reviewed by the team to see if an adjustment is warranted. Health and safety will be addressed and monitored through consultation with teachers, related service providers, and the Child Study Team.

Norwood Public School will comply with all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year.

## 2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

A. Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to, services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (1000 Character limit) 824

Norwood Public School ensures a continuity of services for the 2021-22 school year. Student progress will be assessed and monitored by Linkit! benchmark assessments in September, January, and June for grades K-8 in math and ELA. Data will be used by staff to address learning needs for enrichment and/or acceleration and for the differentiation of materials and instruction. Digital tools such as Zoom, Google Suite, and Seesaw will

continue to provide opportunities for connectivity and the sharing of learning materials. Social-emotional needs will be addressed through the use of PASS to survey and provide individualized lessons and support as well as through responsive classroom, advisory, and our guidance staff. Student support and intervention services under MTSS will continue to service students as needed.

### 3. Public Comment

A. Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comments into account in the development of its plan. Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan. (1000 character limit) 508

The Safe Return to School Committee which includes staff, Board of Education, and parents, met on June 16, 2021. The Safe Reopening to Instruction Plan will be available on the district website and will be shared with the community via Constant Contact. There will be an opportunity for the community to provide written feedback through a parent survey. The plan will be translated into Korean and Spanish and posted on the school website, and is translatable into multiple languages through Google Docs.

B. Describe how the LEA ensured that the plan is in an understandable and uniform format; is to the extent practicable written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable to provide written translations to a parent with limited English proficiency, will be orally translated for such

a parent; and upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent. (1000 character limit) 310

C. Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. The school will provide student, teacher and parent workshops in the beginning of the year and throughout the school year. 123

The Norwood Public School Safe Reopening Plan will be posted on the school's website and will be available in Korean and Spanish and is translatable into multiple languages through Google Docs. Individuals with disabilities will be able to access the plan on the website with personal assistive technology.