
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.

Support for Schools: Describe how the LEA will support its schools in safely returning to in-person instruction and sustaining safe operation. This description must include:

For each mitigation strategy listed below, 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.

LEA Response Table

1) Universal and correct wearing of masks

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Norwood Public School will comply with all mandates and consider all recommendations 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 masks at all times, unless exempted as per Executive order 251. 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.

2) Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)

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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
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appropriate. Students will remain in grade level cohorts for lunch with modified seating to maximize distance between students. Student seating will be marked with decals to reinforce proper spacing. 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 utilized 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 and 22-23 school years.

3) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette

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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 hand soap 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 aftersnack, physical activity, sharing materials, use of the bathroom, and as needed for coughing and sneezing. Norwood Public School will consider all recommendations and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2022-23 school year.

4) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

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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 mandates and consider all recommendations provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the

2021-22.

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

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The school will rely on the guidance department, school nurse, and building administration 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 mandates and consider all recommendations provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year as well as any updates for the 22-23 school year.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

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Students and staff will complete an online form attesting to daily at-home screening at the beginning of the school year. Students will have daily temperature screenings before entering school. 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.

7) Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

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Norwood Public School will comply with all mandates from the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 2021-22 school year. All conditions outlined in Executive Order 253 will be followed. Families will be encouraged to speak with their pediatricians and family doctor's about vaccinations. An opportunity to receive the vaccine was provided to the community at Norwood Day in September, 2021.

8) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies

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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. 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. If modifications for individual student health and safety are needed, they will be implemented and facilitated based on recommendations from the school nurse and the health of students will be considered.

Safe Return Plan Updated

Safe Return Plan text and assurances must be agreed to every six months.

Date Plan Updated

Describe how the LEA 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. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

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. Grant funding students will be provided Tier 2 &3 mental health supports to aide in the transition back to school and help acclimate back to in-person education.

Describe how the LEA sought public comment on its plan, and how it took those public comment into account in the development of its plan. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

The Safe Return to School Committee which includes staff, Board of Education, and parents, met in the summer to review our reopening plan. The Safe Reopening to Instruction Plan will be available on the district website and all safety procedures will be shared via email. There was an opportunity for the community to share 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. ESSER III-ESSER committee met as a team to discuss appropriate allocation of funding to ensure all appropriate measures for student in-person learning.

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. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

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. Building administration will be available to meet with parents to review the plan as needed.

Briefly describe any guidance, professional learning, and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools. ([count] of 1000 maximum characters used)

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. ESSER III- Utilizing funds allocated through this grant, Norwood Public School will be provided professional learning opportunities to teachers to address learning loss in the areas of language arts, Science/STEM and social studies. Additionally professional development will be provided in mental health and social emotional learning. Both in person and online trainings will be facilitated.

Provide current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.

<https://www.wearenorwood.org/>

By checking this box and saving the page, the applicant hereby certifies that they will assure that the information contained in the Safe Return to School plans will be updated within this system every 6 months during this grant project period.

Assurances Fully Agreed to By:

Kevin Ulmer