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

Section 2001(i)(1) of the ARP Act requires each local educational agency (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 Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. In New Mexico, districts and state-chartered charter schools are LEAs.

This is a federal requirement and is not the same as the past state requirement for LEAs to submit Reentry Plans.

Pursuant to ARP requirements, LEAs must post on their website a fully compliant Plan for Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services by **December 24, 2021.**

This is the template we are providing for you to complete the ARP ESSER Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services. The template incorporates the federally-required components of this plan.

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PED hopes this template will allow LEAs to efficiently and effectively plan and to easily post their LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services on their websites as required by the ARP Act.

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| The 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 Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services** **through September 30, 2023** | |
| **Date of Revision** |  |

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| **District ID** | **County** | **LEA NAME** |
|  | Sandoval | Walatowa High Charter School |

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| 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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**  <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html> | | |
| **CDC Safety Recommendations** | **Has the LEA Adopted a Policy?**  **(Y/N)** | **Describe LEA Policy:** |
| Universal and correct wearing of masks | Yes | Everyone attending WHCS is mandated to wear a mask |
| Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding) | Yes | All classrooms are set up to allow for 6ft social distancing. Maximum class size is 7 -9 students per class. |
| Handwashing and respiratory etiquette | Yes | Handwashing and respiratory etiquette is maintained and supervised throughout the school day. |
| Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation | Yes | Classrooms are cleaned after each class and at the end of the day. |
| Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments | yes | Temperature checks are performed in regular intervals. Contact tracing is reported to the school by the tribal covid representative. Students who have been in contact with covid are mandated to isolate and quarantine |
| Diagnostic and screening testing | Yes | Covid testing is available to all community members. Staff voluntarily undergo testing in regular intervals. |
| Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities | Yes | Covid testing is available to all community members. |
| Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies | Yes | Accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies are addressed as needed. *Students with special needs will receive all feasible supports and accommodations that can be delivered while maintaining safe social-distancing. School districts must continue to support the transition of children from early intervention into preschool special education. Schools offering behavioral health services will remain open for that purpose.* |
| Coordination with State and local health officials | Yes | WHCS collaborates with State and local and tribal officials in an ongoing manner. |

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| 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 | |
| **How the LEA will Ensure Continuity of Services?** | |
| Continuity of services is being provided via the school’s hybrid learning model. Health and food services are being provided in conjunction with the Pueblos Tribal Dept. | |
| **How will the LEA address Students’:** | |
| Academic Needs? | Student assessments are routinely performed. Student achievement gaps are identified. Supplemental reading programs and math programs have been integrated into the school’s curriculum. Student tutoring is available each da. |
| Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs? | SEL needs are being assessed in regular intervals, counseling sessions are integrated within the school’s curriculum. |
| Other Needs (which may include student health and food services)? | N/A |
| **How will the LEA address Staff:** | |
| Social, Emotional and Mental Health Needs? | Behavioral Counselor on site. WHCS collaborates with tribal behavioral health centers |
| Other Needs? |  |

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| **Public Input** | |
| Describe the process used to seek public input, and how that input was taken into account in the revision of the plan. | Phone , Email and Community Outreach |
| **Understandable and Uniform Format** | |
| Describe the process by which the LEA will, to the extent practicable, present the plan 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, describe the process for orally translating the plan for such parents. | Tribal liaison communicates with community members who have limited English proficiency |
| Describe the process by which a parent who is an individual with a disability as defined by the ADA, will be provided a version of the plan in an alternative format accessible to that parent. | Individuals with a disability are provided alternative formats such as visualization, text interpreter, tribal outreach/behavioral health. |

[**U.S. Department of Education Interim Final Rule (IFR)**](https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf)

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

**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 –**

1. 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:
2. Universal and correct wearing of masks.
3. Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).
4. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.
5. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.
6. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.
7. Diagnostic and screening testing.
8. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.
9. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.
10. Coordination with State and local health officials.
11. 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.
12. During the period of the ARP ESSER award established in section 2001(a) of the ARP Act, an LEA must
    1. 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.
    2. In determining whether revisions are necessary, and in making any revisions, the LEA must seek public input and take such input into account.
    3. 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.
13. 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).
14. 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—
    1. In an understandable and uniform format;
    2. 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
    3. 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.

**The IFR and ARP statute, along with other helpful resources, are located here:**

April 2021 IFR: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>

ARP Act text: <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319enr.pdf>

ED COVID-19 Handbook Volume I: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening.pdf>

ED COVID-19 Handbook Volume II: <https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening-2.pdf>

ESEA Evidence-Based Guidance: <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/07/guidanceuseseinvestment.pdf>

ED FAQs for ESSER and Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER): <https://oese.ed.gov/files/2021/05/ESSER.GEER_.FAQs_5.26.21_745AM_FINALb0cd6833f6f46e03ba2d97d30aff953260028045f9ef3b18ea602db4b32b1d99.pdf>