

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

## REQUIRED ELEMENTS OF A LOCAL PLAN

1. **Policies for Mitigation Strategies:** Plan for incorporating eight different mitigation strategies included in current CDC guidance.
2. **Continuity of Services:** Plan to address academic and non-academic services for students and staff.
3. **Periodic Review:** Review at least every 6 months through September 30, 2023 and revise plan as appropriate.
4. **Public Input:** Seek public input and incorporate revisions as necessary.

DEADLINE: June 24, 2021

DIRECTIONS: Post the plan to the school or district website and then email that link (URL) to: [continuityplan@education.ohio.gov](mailto:continuityplan@education.ohio.gov)

RESOURCES:

[ODE American Rescue Plan: Safe Return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plans](#)

[CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention](#)

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## **POLICIES FOR INCORPORATING MITIGATION STRATEGIES**

Describe to what extent the following policies have been adopted to incorporate the following [CDC Mitigation Strategies](#) and provide a description of any policies being implemented:

- Universal and correct wearing of masks
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining health facilities, including improving ventilation
- Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state and local health departments
- Diagnostic and screening testing
- Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and eligible students
- Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

In preparation for the 2021-22 School year East Preparatory Academy will implement the following policies for the safety of our students and staff:

- Students and staff will be required to wear mask upon entering the building. Mask should securely cover the mouth and nose and must be worn all day with the exception of meal times and medical conditions that require mask breaks and/or no mask.
- According to the CDC guidelines students will remain at least 3 ft. distance with mask on. In common areas such as the cafeteria where masks are removed temporarily, students and staff will remain at 6ft. apart.
- Hand sanitizing stations are situated throughout the building as well as in each classroom. There will be scheduled times a day of scheduled soap/water handwashing. Staff and students coughing or sneezing are expected to cover their nose and mouths to reduce risk of respiratory droplets from spreading.
- Classroom and office doors and windows will be open and ceiling fans on to provide room ventilation. If doors need to be closed for any reason, windows will remain open.
- Any staff/ student exhibiting COVID symptoms will be placed into the designated isolation area until they are picked up by authorized pick up person. Staff will immediately leave the premises. Areas and contact people where the ill staff/student was will be identified and proper cleaning will occur.
- Diagnostic and screening test kits are available at the school. Staff can conduct their own test and students can be tested by a designated staff member with parent permission. Anyone choosing to be tested at a different location must share written results with the school.
- Vaccination locations will be available for families and staff as provided by the CDPH.
- Any student with disabilities will be accommodated with health and safety precautions according to their disability.

## **PLAN TO ADDRESS CONTINUITY OF ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC SERVICES**

Describe how you will address continuity of services for students and staff, where needed, in the following areas:

1. Academic Services
  2. Social-Emotional
  3. Mental Health
  4. Health
  5. Food
- Academic Services will be maintained either hybrid or remote by providing the teaching staff with the technology and resources needful to teach their students grade level standards. Students will be provided technology devices suitable for connecting with their teacher.

- Students Social and emotional wellness will be addressed by our Healthy Eagles team that will provide interactive classes as well as wellness topics for discussion.
- Students mental health status will be closely monitored through conversations, interactive discussions, and the student conversation text that is monitored by staff. Students may be referred to a collaborating agency that assists students with coping skills with parental consent.
- Student and staff health will be assessed by temperature checks upon entering the building as well as visual observation of wellness.
- Students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunches.

## PERIODIC REVIEW

1. Describe how you will conduct a review of your plan at least every 6 months.
2. Describe how you will revise the plan as appropriate.
  - Plans and school operational policies will be reviewed every 6 months to see if any changes or updates are necessary to be in compliance with CDC guidelines.
  - Upon review of our school's policies and procedures revisions will be made to be in compliance with the CDC. Families will be notified of changes and our website updated.

## PUBLIC INPUT

1. Describe how you will seek public input.
2. Describe how you will take public input into account when making revisions.
3. *Review Period:* What revisions were made and why?
  - We will seek public input via parental surveys.
  - Survey input from our families will be carefully viewed as revisions to our policies and procedures are being reviewed and revised to better serve our families.
  - We have revised our social distancing from 6 feet to 3 feet with the exception of the cafeteria according to the new CDC guidelines.