

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

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

Masks: The wearing of facial coverings (masks) for student, staff, and the public is voluntary, but is recommended for those who have elevated health risks or have not been vaccinated. If state or local health orders change during a time of elevated communicable disease community spread, the superintendent may require the correct use of facial coverings in accordance with Board Policy 8450.01

Physical Distancing: The district will use a 3-foot physical distance protocol throughout the district, when practical. Signage reminds people of the importance of physical distancing.

Handwashing: In accordance with CDC guidelines, staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to frequently wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizer is provided in every classroom, office and common area and handwashing signs are placed throughout the facilities. Parents may contact the building offices if their student would like their own hand sanitizer to carry with them each day.

Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities: The district utilizes fogging machines throughout the facilities and on buses. Common areas are also disinfected between groups and throughout the day. Staff and student training is provided to ensure adherence to the safety protocols. Signage and public announcements are used to inform the community of the expectations. When practical, buses will open vents or open windows to increase outside air flow.

Contact Tracing, Isolation, and Quarantine: Visitor access is limited. Anyone experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is not permitted on school grounds. All visitors must enter through a buzzer door system at the main office of the building where they will verify that they are not experiencing illness symptoms.

Vaccination Efforts: The district collaborated with the Portage County Health Department and Akron Children's Hospital during the 2020-2021 school year to provide vaccinations to staff and eligible students. The district will continue to partner with local officials to provide vaccination opportunities for staff, students and the community.

Accommodations: The district will provide health and safety accommodations in accordance with students' Individual Education Plans. The district will make every effort to collaborate with families regarding individual special needs. Various forms of communication are available to facilitate this process, including, but not limited to: email, U.S mail, text messaging, Remind App, Google Classroom, phone calls, Zoom meetings, and physically distanced face-to-face meetings.

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

Continuity of Services: The district plans to continue full in-person learning moving forward. In the event of school closure due to the pandemic, the district will pivot to remote instruction.

Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs: The district utilizes Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) K-12. School counselors have provided age appropriate and grade appropriate teaching resources for social, emotional and mental health related classroom based instruction and will continue this in the 2021-2022 school year. The district partners with Children's Advantage for on-site social, emotional and mental health services. The district hired an additional counselor in the summer of 2021 to provide additional support to students. The district employs three full time counselors.

Student Health: The district has a strong relationship and partnership with Akron Children's Hospital through which school health services are provided. A full time RN is assigned to the district along with a school health aide. In partnership with Akron Children's Hospital, all students have full-access to a virtual health clinic during school hours. Virtual visits are facilitated by the district nurse and patients see a licensed physician. The district partners with University Hospitals for an athletic trainer to support student health during extra-curricular sporting events. The trainer assists in the assessment, identification, and assessment of illness.

Food: All students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year through the USDA. If school is closed due to a pandemic, the district will provide meals at various locations around town for students while at home learning.

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.

Plan Review: This plan was developed in June 2021. The district will continue to assess and adjust procedures in accordance with state and local guidelines. The plan will be reviewed at least semi-annually. This document will be posted on the district COVID19 page of the website.

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?

Public Input: If you have questions or comments regarding the plan, please email lhankins@windham-schools.org These questions and comments will be reviewed at each revision taking into account what needs to be updated for the good of the school community.