

Applicant: 03 3740 Norwood - Bergen
Application: ARP Safe Return Plan - 00-
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Project Period: 9/1/2021 - 8/31/2022

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 2023-24 school year. Currently, all staff and students are not expected to wear face masks unless they test positive for COVID and return to the school building after 5 days. If so they must maintain strict masking for the 6-10 day period after testing positive as per CDC, NJDOH, and NJDOE guidance and recommendations.

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 as per CDC and NJDOE recommendations if our area reaches a level where the infection rates return to a level requiring this measure. The use and sharing of equipment and supplies will be permitted. Should materials be shared, the equipment or supplies will be cleaned or disinfected accordingly. Norwood Public School will consider all updated directions and guidelines that will be provided by the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health for the 23-24 school year.

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 restrooms, 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 after snack, physical activity, sharing materials, use of the bathroom, and after 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 school year.

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. Following the latest guidelines and public health directives, quarantine may be required for all staff and students exposed to COVID-19 .

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 23-24 school year.

6) Diagnostic and screening testing

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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 2023-24 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 2023-24 school year. 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. We will continue to provide any updated information to staff any families regarding vaccinations for 2023-24.

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.