



LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Pursuant to the Federal American Rescue Plan Act, Section 2001(i) Template: LEA Plan for Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

LEA Name: Hanover Township Public Schools

Date: 12/13/2022

1. Maintaining Health and Safety

For each mitigation strategy listed below (A–H), 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.

- A. Universal and correct wearing of masks**
The universal and correct wearing of masks is optional for all students/staff and visitors in all buildings, buses, etc.
- B. Physical distancing (e.g., including use of cohorts/podding)**
Physical distancing for students/staff and visitors has been significantly relaxed and will be implemented/accommodated on an as needed basis.
- C. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette :**
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette practices remain in place. Signage, hand sanitizer and portable hand sanitizing stations appear throughout our buildings. Students and staff are encouraged to wash hands and cover their coughs etc.
- D. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.**
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities remains in place via the cleaning and disinfecting schedules. This includes routine clearing and disinfection of surfaces and objects that are frequently touched, sanitizing bathrooms, and nurses offices. All HVAC units are now equipped with bipolar ionization units and will continue to be cleaned and maintained along with scheduled filter replacements throughout the year.

E. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal Health Departments

It is recommended that individuals (staff and students) who test positive for COVID-19 should be isolated for five (5) days. Symptoms must be improved, and individuals must remain fever free for 24 hours (without fever reducing medication) prior to returning to school. Household members of an individual who test positive do not need to quarantine. Students and staff who have symptoms of illness (fever, heavy cough, nausea, etc.), should stay home from school and consult with their healthcare provider as needed.

F. Diagnostic and screening testing

Diagnostic and screening testing is not required. Individuals may contact their healthcare provider on an as needed basis.

G. Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible

The district does not provide vaccinations to educators, staff and students. Individuals may contact their health care provider for these resources on an as needed basis.

H. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies

Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies will be addressed on a case by case basis by the child study team and school nurses.

2. Ensuring Continuity of Services

A. Describe how the LEA will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to services to address students' academic needs and students' and staff's social, emotional, mental health, and other needs, which may include student health and food services. (1000 character limit)

The district will be returning to pre-COVID procedures for student absences and will no longer provide remote/virtual instruction for COVID related absences. Assignments will be provided via Google Classroom and/or teacher provided materials. A multi-tiered system of support and wrap-around services have been established to ensure that students receive academic and counseling support throughout the year. The technology department has an established screening process to identify connectivity needs for students. Students identified as eligible for free and reduced meals are offered daily lunch at each school.

3. Public Comment

A. 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.

Note, the ARP requires that LEAs seek public comment for each 60-day revision to the plan. (1000 character limit).

The plan was reviewed and discussed within the Hanover Township Board of Education Committees and with the Hanover Township Education Association. It was presented at PTA Advisory Council and follows the guidance communicated via the September 2022 opening of schools letter sent to all parents. It was included as an agenda item at the December 13th Board of Education meeting, at which time the public was invited to comment.

B. 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. (1000 character limit).

The plan will be posted to the homepage of our district website which provides an opportunity for parents to be able to translate the document into a language of their choice. Upon request, we will make the necessary accommodations so that parents/guardians are able to access the document and provide assistance as needed.

C. Briefly describe any guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities the LEA will make available to its schools.

Guidance professional learning and technical assistance opportunities will be made available through the numerous professional development opportunities through the 2022-2023 school year.

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

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