

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
- Social distancing
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Cleaning and maintaining 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, The school is committed to providing students, staff, and visitors with a safe and healthy environment. In order to maintain a healthy environment, the school will review guidance provided by the Ohio State Health Department, Ohio Department of Education, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local health departments and other entities (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Guiding Entities”). The school is planning to be open for in-person learning for the 2022-2023 school year and beyond.~~

Orchard Park Academy will implement the following policies for the safety of our students and staff:

- ~~• Students and unvaccinated staff will be required to wear masks upon entering the building. Mask should securely cover the mouth and nose and must be worn all day with the exception of mealtimes and medical conditions that require mask breaks and/or no mask~~The school will follow its Face Covering Policy based on the Guiding Entities’ recommendations and requirements.
- ~~• 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~~Physical Distancing will be encouraged by all students and staff. When necessary, the school may determine the student capacity of areas of the building and implement restrictions based on the Guiding Entities recommendations.
- 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, where available, to provide room ventilation. If doors need to be closed for any reason, windows will remain open when weather permits.
- 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 may be ~~are~~ available at the school. If tests are available, Staff 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 needed to teach their students grade level standards. Students and students~~ will be provided technology devices suitable for connecting with their teacher
 - Students' social and emotional wellness will be addressed by our SEL 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.~~
 - Opportunities for public comment will be provided upon any revision to this Plan.

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 and opportunities for public comment at Board meetings.
 - 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.~~