**plan for Safe Return to in-Person instruction**

**and continuity of services plan**

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| **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 **REVISED October 31, 2022**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](http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/American-Rescue-Plan-Safe-Return-to-In-person-Ins)[CDC Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html#anchor_1616080084165)  |

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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](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html#anchor_1616080084165) 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

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For the 2022-23 school year, Orchard Park Academy will implement the following policies for the safety of our students and staff:

* Students and staff will be allowed, but not mandated to wear masks upon entering the building. Masks should securely cover the mouth and nose and may be worn all day with the exception of mealtimes and medical conditions that require mask breaks and/or no mask.
* According to the CDC guidelines students will remain at least at a 3 ft. distance.
* 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 or students who suspect they have Covid will be asked to test. Students and staff who are positive for Covid should remain home until they have a negative test result.
* The school will still be vigorously cleaned, including with disinfectant and the foggers.
* 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.
* Any student with disabilities will be accommodated with health and safety precautions according to their disability.

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| **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
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For the 2022-2023 school year, Orchard Park Academy will implement the following:

**Academic Services** will take place with full time in person instruction. Each student has access to technology in school and at home. This year, we purchased the personalized pathway from iReady for math. This will assist us as we further differentiate instruction. In ELA, we continue with the LLI Intervention Program, as well as small, guided reading groups. Our One Plan Goals focus on K-3 literacy and social emotional learning. We also offer tutoring.

**Social-Emotional Learning** is available in many forms. We have a Dean of Students who leads SEL lessons from Second Step. We also address themes throughout the year i.e. safety, bullying, peer relationships. Our teachers ensure that the SEL standards are taught in order to fulfill the promise of Ohio’s Whole Child Framework. Our classrooms start the day with Morning Meeting, as part of our implementation of Responsive Classroom.

**Mental and Physical Health Wellness Checks** will be performed formally and informally as we talk with students, observe students interacting with each other, and talk with parents who present us with issues. We also collaborate with outside agencies. Screening checks are done by an outside agency.

**Food** is provided for all students, breakfast and lunch.

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| **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.
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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.

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| **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.
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