

LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services

This document is intended to meet the federal statutory requirement that, within 30 days of receiving ARP ESSER LEA allocation (anticipated May 24th), an LEA shall publish an LEA Plan on the Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services, which is often called a “school district reopening plan.”

Note, if an LEA developed a plan before *The American Rescue Plan Act* (ARPA) was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements below, then the LEA must revise its plan no later than six months after receiving ARP ESSER funds

For further context, please reference ARPA (<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text>) or the Interim Final Requirements of ARP ESSER (<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-04-22/pdf/2021-08359.pdf>).

I. General Information

1. LEA Name: Seabrook School District
2. Date of Publication: August 5, 2020; August 17, 2021

II. Transparency and Accessibility

1. This plan for the safe return to in-person instruction and continuity of services was published and made publicly available online here:
Description: -
https://www.sau21.org/covid19
2. Before making the plan publicly available, the LEA sought public comment on the plan and took such comments into account in the development of the plan (please check one).
Yes: Somewhat: No:
Description: A draft plan was shared with the community on August 2nd, 2021 and feedback was requested. The plan and feedback were then discussed at a public school board meeting, following public input, on August 10th and 17th and adopted by the board.
3. The plan is in an understandable and uniform format (please check one):
Yes: Somewhat: No:
Description: The plan was published in PPT with links to supporting documents and revisions to the plan were posted.
4. The plan, to the extent practicable, is written in a language that parents can understand or, if not practicable, orally translated (please check one):
Yes: Somewhat: No:
Description: _____
5. The plan, upon request by a parent who is an individual with a disability, is provided in an alternative format accessible to that parent (please check one):
Yes: Somewhat: No:
Description: If a request is received, we will provide an alternative accessible format.

III. Health and Safety

1. How the LEA will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff:

Description during SY20-21: ___ Per the reopening plan, adhering to CDC guidelines and DHHS guidance to provide proper social distancing, cohorts, mask wearing, cleaning procedures, ventilation, etc. _____

Description during SY21-22: _ We are following all CDC and DHHS guidelines with the exception of optional mask wearing during periods of high transmission.

2. The LEA’s adoption of the following CDC health and safety strategies are described below: (Note federal regulation on this plan requires such reporting, but does not require adoption of CDC safety recommendations. The NH DOE recognizes schools will implement localized safety measures based on the guidance provided by the CDC, NH Public Health, and local public health officials.)

- a. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: Masks were required of all students, staff, and visitors in 2020-2021. In 2021-2022, masks are required for staff and visitors during periods of high community transmission but are optional for students unless the board enacts temporary masking requirements for students.

- b. Physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding and modifying facilities):

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: In accordance with NH DHHS guidelines for 20-21 and 21-22.

- c. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: _classrooms and common areas are equipped with handwashing/sanitizing stations. Reminders for respiratory etiquette are posted in numerous locations.

- d. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: __ We are following CDC and DHHS guidance with respect to cleaning, sanitizing, and disinfecting facilities and have taken steps to improve ventilation.

- e. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, and/or Tribal health departments:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: _ We are complying with NH DHHS requirements.

- f. Diagnostic and screening testing:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: _ We have complied with DHHS guidelines for diagnostic and screening testing, including diagnostic testing of symptomatic individuals and routine asymptomatic screening was initiated for the 2021-2022 school year.

g. Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:
 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: Vaccination clinics for staff and 16-18 year-old students were held in 20-21 and clinics for 5-11 year olds have been held in 2021-2022. We will continue to communicate any relevant vaccine information to the community.

h. Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies:

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:
 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: Accommodations for children with disabilities under special education and Section 504 have been provided and will continue to be provided in accordance with the law.

i. Coordination with state and local health officials (please check one):

During SY20-21 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:
 During SY21-22 (check one): Yes: Somewhat: No:

Description of both SYs: We have coordinated with state and local health officials for contact tracing, testing, clinics, etc. and plan to continue to do so through the 2021-2022 school year.

IV. Continuity of Services

1. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student academic needs:

Description during SY20-21: The district offered a remote learning academy which also provided space for increased levels of in-person learning.

Description during SY21-22: The district has been fully open for in-person instruction and has offered remote support for students out of school for longer than 5 days due to quarantine/isolation requirements. We also offered academic recovery opportunities in a variety of subjects during the summer of 2021.

2. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing student social, emotional, mental, and other health needs, which may include student health and food services:

Description during SY20-21: Free meal service and delivery was maintained for all students throughout the school year and summer. Advisory models were maintained and/or expanded fostering a connection between staff and students and among students.

Description during SY21-22: Several summer programs were offered that were designed to foster connectedness between students. The advisory model and responsive classroom models continue. The district has invested funds in expanded social work and social-emotional support to students.

3. The LEA has provided continuity of services in addressing staff social, emotional, mental, and other health needs:

Description during SY20-21: The district created connections with UNH and Keene State to establish support for all students and staff. Additionally, the SAU established a Crisis Response Team allowing for team members to address staff and community crises when needed. The district also has a robust EAP which is offered to all employees.

Description during SY21-22: The EAP program remains in place, and the district will continue its professional development activities related to social and emotional connectedness and well-being.

V. Plan Review

1. The LEA will meet the federal regulatory requirement to review and, as appropriate, revise its Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at least every six months through September 30, 2023 (the award period including the Tydings period). (Note an LEA that developed a plan before ARPA was enacted on 03/11/2021 that complied with the federal statutory requirements for public posting and comments but does not meet all of the requirements above must revise its plan no later than six months after the LEA receives LEA ESSER funds.)

Yes: No:

Description: The plan was revised in August of 2021 and is reviewed at each monthly school board meeting.

2. In doing so, the LEA will meet the federal statutory requirement to seek public input and take such input into account in determining whether to revise the plan and, if revisions are determined necessary, on the revisions it makes to its plan.

Yes: No:

Description: Public input is accepted at each school board meeting and considered in deliberations regarding the plan. Members of the public and staff are also able to share written input with the Board and administration at any time for consideration.

3. In doing so, the LEA will also meet the federal regulatory requirement to address CDC safety recommendations and, if the CDC has updated its safety recommendations at the time the LEA is revising its plan, each of the updated CDC safety recommendations.

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Yes: No:

Description: CDC/DHHS guidance is reviewed at every monthly school board meeting.

VI. Authorization

LEA Superintendent's Signature:



Date:

12/22/21